TOWN OF WEDDINGTON SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010 - 1:00 P.M. MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Special Session at the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on June 24, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. with Mayor Nancy D. Anderson presiding.

Present: Mayor Nancy D. Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry, Councilmembers Werner

Thomisser, Robert Gilmartin and Jerry McKee, Attorney Anthony Fox and Town Planner

Jordan Cook

Absent: None

<u>Item No. 1. Open the Meeting.</u> Mayor Nancy D. Anderson called the June 24, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. There was a quorum.

<u>Item No. 2. Weddstock.</u> Sharon Sanders and Sue Fitch gave a presentation to the Town Council regarding an event that they were planning for the Town called "Weddstock". They explained that these types of events were being held in other communities and people in Weddington wanted a place to gather. Ms. Sanders advised that they had first asked Harris Teeter to host the event. After Harris Teeter declined allowing the event on their property, Mayor Anderson offered the Hunter Berry Farm to accommodate the four week concert series starting July 23. Ms. Sanders and Ms. Fitch discussed the following details of the event:

- Event Dates: July 23, July 30, August 6 and August 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Radio and Print ads are running now
- All Weddington businesses are invited to participate
- Food and alcohol are to be served
- Kids area to have outdoor movie, sports activities with local PTA's being involved
- Local artists to attend each week
- Kids First Charity would hold licenses for event activities including a \$1 million alcohol liability and \$1 million general liability policy
- Applicant asked that the Town help obtain the ABC Permit, contact Sheriff Ed Cathey to expedite this process and to contribute \$500 per event to sponsor the Kids Zone

The Planning Board will consider the Temporary Use Permit for the event at their meeting on June 28. There was discussion on how many temporary use permits are allowed per year per parcel. Town Planner Jordan Cook felt that all four events could be accommodated in the 45 day time frame that the permit is valid.

Mayor Anderson advised that this matter was before the Town Council because of the issue of whether to sell alcohol at the event. Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry questioned to what extent the Town is liable. Attorney Anthony Fox requested that the Town be named as an insured party on the insurance policies and Council asked that an additional rider be purchased by the Town.

Councilmember Werner Thomisser expressed his concern with the name of the event and felt that is was associated with Woodstock which portrayed drugs, anti-war sentiment, etc.

Councilmember Jerry McKee and Mayor Pro Tem Barry liked the idea of the event but expressed that they were uncomfortable with the idea of alcohol being served. Ms. Sanders advised that this was a family event but that alcohol was needed to compete with area events.

Mr. Scott Buzzard advised that there is \$3,500 in the Parks and Recreation budget.

Councilmember Robert Gilmartin moved to support Weddstock, contribute \$2,000 to the Kids Zone portion of the event and to purchase additional insurance coverage on behalf of the Town and to allow alcohol to be served at the event. The vote on the motion is as follows:

AYES: Councilmember Gilmartin and Mayor Pro Tem Barry

NAYS: Councilmembers Thomisser and McKee

Mayor Anderson voted in the affirmative; therefore the motion carried.

Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk

<u>Item No. 3. Adjournment.</u> Councilmember Gilmartin moved to adjourn the June 24, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting. All were in favor, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: NAYS:	Councilmembers Thomisser, Gilmartin, McKee and Mayor Pro Tem Gilmartin None
The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.	
Attest:	Nancy D. Anderson, Mayor
Allest.	