

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
October 17, 2016
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 17, 2016.
Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Dave Kelley, Vice Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Joanne Clendaniel, Anthony Carroll & Diana Dolan-Beulah.

Staff: Town Manager Rebecca Greene, Town Clerk Amy Thomas and Chief Levi Brown.

Public: Aaron Gordy, Anita Yapsuga and Ronald Garcia.

Motion: Councilman Carroll made a motion to add the Abatement Request for 86 Ludlow Lane to the Agenda. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Abatement Request for 86 Ludlow Lane:

Rebecca stated that while doing the water bills we discovered that Mr. Garcia's usage was 92,000 gallons of water for the quarter. Ralph went to the house to let him know that he has a leak and Mr. Garcia fixed it right away. Councilman Carroll asked where the leak was and Mr. Garcia replied that it was a running toilet in his upstairs bathroom.

Motion: Councilman Carroll made a motion to approve the Abatement of \$270.81 for 86 Ludlow Lane. Councilman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley-yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga – yes; Councilmember Clendaniel –yes; Councilmember Carroll-yes and Councilmember Dolan-Beulah-yes.

Citizens Concerns:

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated that there is grass growing over the sidewalk on the Town's property down the street from his house. Rebecca stated that she will let Ralph and Josh know.

Discussion of Skateboard Ordinance:

Mr. Gordy wanted to touch base with Council in regards to the discussion at last month's meeting about adding a little caveat to the Ordinance. He also stated that he did some research on accidents involving skateboards in the Town and found nothing. Councilman Clendaniel stated that if the accidents were not reported you will not find anything and right now the Town is trying to prevent these accidents. She saw an incident where someone had a rope to a skateboard and he was being pulled with a truck. Councilwoman Clendaniel asked Councilmember Dolan-Beulah if she has witnessed any incidents in her area of Town. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah stated that skateboards are not an issue in her area but her son owns a long board and he would love to be able to use it in Town for transportation.

Rebecca stated that she spoke to the Attorney and he recommends amending the Ordinance and adding that it can be used for transportation and they must follow the Bicycle Law.

Mrs. Yapsuga stated that her street is very narrow and if a car is parked on the side of the road it is tight when another car is on the road. That is a concern if a young kid is riding on a skateboard and the driver cannot see the kids head if their between the parked cars. Mrs. Yapsuga stated that she sees young kids riding their bikes all the time without an adult. Mayor Kelley asked Chief Brown if there is an age limit for a kid that is out riding their bicycle by themselves and Chief Brown replied that he is not sure but will find out.

Mr. Gordy thanked Council for taking the time to consider his ideas. He also suggested to Council that he is willing to make a video or teach kids about the safety involving skateboards hoping that may limit accidents. Mrs. Yapsuga stated that she thought that would be a good idea.

Mayor Kelley stated that Mr. Gordy approached us about a year ago and we agreed to allow the use of skateboards for transportation temporarily. So far we have not had any reported incidents. Some Councilmembers have witnessed incidents and if they happen again Levi and the other Officers can address those issues.

Mayor Kelley asked the Councilmembers what their opinions were regarding this issue. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated that he doesn't think we should amend the Ordinance for one person. He stated that kids are always in the middle of the road and young kids are out by themselves. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah stated that she doesn't have an issue with it and thinks that we should amend the Ordinance. Councilmember Carroll stated that he has noticed a lot of kids using their skateboards for transportation and has never seen any incidents. Councilmember Clendaniel stated that she was on the fence about the issue. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated that he would like to have more time to discuss this issue. Rebecca asked if we tabled this tonight what more do we have to discuss and Vice-Mayor recommended that we don't table it and we address it tonight.

Motion: Councilman Carroll made a motion to amend the Ordinance and allow skateboarding for transportation use in Felton as long as they follow the Bicycle Laws. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley-yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga – no; Councilmember Clendaniel –no; Councilmember Carroll-yes and Councilmember Dolan-Beulah-yes.

Police Report:

Chief Brown presented the September police report. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated that the criminal investigation hours are up and Levi replied they have had a busy month. Chief Brown also stated that the patrol hours are up this month also because they had some money from a Grant that needed to be used.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the September 2016 Police Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Councilmember Clendaniel asked if we have been getting a lot of payments by credit card and Rebecca stated that we had about 11 last month and it is doing well. Vice-Mayor Yapasuga asked if the Stone yard will pick up and Rebecca replied no it will be slowing down because the project at the Air Force Base is completed.

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to accept the September 2016 budget report. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Vice - Mayor Yapsuga presented the September 12, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to accept the September 12, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of Abandon Vehicle Ordinance:

Rebecca stated that while enforcing this Ordinance we noticed some discrepancies. Guild and myself are reviewing this and making changes and will have the first reading next month.

Approval of the Holiday Schedule:

Motion: Councilmember Clendaniel made a motion to accept the 2017 Holiday Schedule. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Christmas Activity at Town Hall (Councilman Carroll):

Councilman Carroll stated that he has been concerned about the Town not having many activities at Town Hall for the residents. I talked to Mrs. Greene last week and she recommended setting up Town Hall for Christmas and allow the children to come in and have pictures with Santa. Then I mentioned about giving away a bicycle and Chief Brown stated that he would talk to the bank about donating one. Chief Brown stated that he has spoke to Shore Bank and they are willing to donate four bicycles.

Rebecca stated that we need to find out when the Odd Fellows have their Santa so we can do it on opposite nights. I would like to offer this for three nights in a row and have the Mayor and his wife or the Vice-Mayor and his wife dress up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus. We would then post the pictures on facebook and the website for the residents. Rebecca stated that she will purchase a Christmas themed backdrop and the Mr. and Mrs. Claus costumes, which will cost about \$200. Councilmember Carroll stated that we are also going to reach out to the businesses for donations. Rebecca stated that she will try and get some information from the Odd Fellows and talk about it next month.

Trick or Treat Date and Time:

Rebecca stated that Trick or Treating will be on Monday, October 31. The costume contest will start at 5:30pm and then Trick or Treating will begin at 6pm and she will need some judges for the contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm with a motion from Councilmember Clendaniel. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

Amy Thomas, Town Clerk

Date