



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 13, 2020 at 9AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Special Meeting on July 13, 2020 was called to order at 9AM. Mayor
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order. All commissioners were physically
8 present.
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10 Manager Diane Miller, Admin Director /Deputy Finance Officer Tammy Cox, and several members of the Public
11 were present.
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13 The Agenda was for a one item review- “dangerous and wild animal” addition to General Ordinance in Chapter H.
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15 Manager Miller noted the impetus for the Special Meeting: Dr. Forbes with the USDA called Friday afternoon to ask
16 if we had any Ordinance that restricts Wild Animals from our Town Limits. Ms. Cox took the call shortly before
17 closing, as the Manager had others with development issues in her office. Immediately, Manager Miller called the
18 attorney, who forwarded the posted language. Notice of the meeting was properly posted and circulated, allowing a
19 48 hour notice. Apparently, wild animals can be kept in 3 other states along with North Carolina *unless* there is a
20 local Ordinance restricting them. Mgr Miller noted that our seasonal potential issues and the devastation caused
21 during hurricanes is more than enough reason for the Board to consider banning such activity, similarly to the fact
22 that we ban any heavy industrial uses near the water’s edge for the potential for dangerous consequences.
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24 Manager Miller presented the draft Ordinance sections, crafted by the attorney to be fit into Chapter H. Following
25 publication of the draft language, it was suggested to add the word “venomous” to the language, as well as to insert
26 “no longer than 7 days” as related to allowance for same to be in town temporarily as part of a travelling exhibit,
27 circus, etc. In addition, adding “within 24 hours” in the Penalties section for a limit to the period to have an animal
28 removed from the Town limits. There was no Public Comment. (Mr. McGuire mistakenly signed the comment
29 sheet).
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31 A MOTION from Mayor Pro Tempore White to accept the draft with noted corrections and a second by
32 Commissioner Barrow. 5-0.
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34 A copy of the accepted Ordinance is attached to these Minutes.
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36 Commissioner Simmons made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Barrow. Motion passed 5-0.
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38 Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM
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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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