



Regular Council - Minutes Monday, December 6, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Mulhollem
Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry
Council Member Bruton
Council Member Jackson
Council Member Purvis
Council Member Wilson

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Gordon, Town Administrator
Marcus Burrell, Town Attorney
Julie Maybee, Town Planner
Kim P. Batten, Finance Officer/Town Clerk
Joyce Lawhorn, Deputy Town Clerk

COUNCIL ABSENT:

GUEST PRESENT:

Teresa Romano, Planning Board/BOA Member

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:

a) Invocation

Mayor Mulhollem called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Jeffrey D. Barnes Council Chambers located at 14094 Buffalo Road, Archer Lodge, NC and declared a quorum present. Council Member Jackson offered the invocation.

b) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mulhollem led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

a) No additions or changes noted.

Moved by: Council Member Wilson

Seconded by: Council Member Jackson

Approved Agenda.

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3. OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

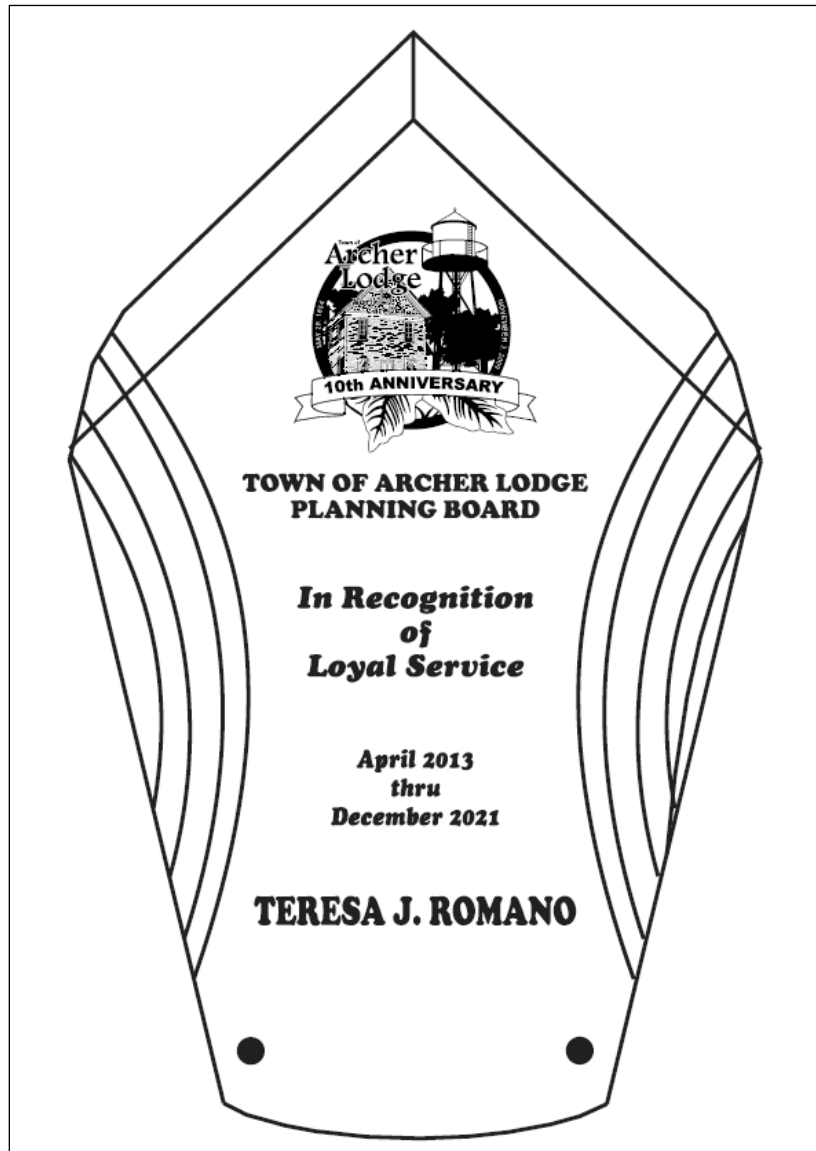
(Maximum of 30 minutes allowed; 3 minutes per person)

- a) Ms. Jill Homan of 111 Hart Wood Ct, Archer Lodge, NC congratulated the Town for putting on a spectacular Christmas Celebration with the parade and other activities. She shared a brief announcement of her candidacy for the NC Senate and that she lives in Archer Lodge. She noted that she would be honored to hear from the people when attending the Christmas Celebration Event after the meeting and noted that she would like to share a little about her background with them. Ms. Homan shared her website <https://www.jillhoman.com/> and thanked everyone for all of their work for the Town.**

4. **RECOGNITION:**

a) **Outgoing Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Member ~ Teresa J. Romano**

On behalf of the Archer Lodge Town Council Mayor Mulhollem expressed appreciation to Teresa Romano for her years of dedicated service to the Archer Lodge Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. Mayor Mulhollem presented her a Plaque of Appreciation and appears as follows:



Everyone applauded.

Council Member Jackson expressed appreciation to Ms. Romano for volunteering for a position on the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Planning Board and having her support while he was serving as Co-Chair during the early years of the incorporation of the Town. Ms. Romano shared that the best way to describe her experience serving is that "It has been a blast." Everyone Applauded.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

a) **Administration of Oath of Office for Town Council Member Teresa M. Bruton by Mayor Matthew B. Mulhollem**

Council Member Bruton was sworn in by Mayor Mulhollem with support of Mike Gordon, Town Administrator.

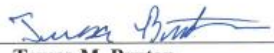
Ms. Bruton's Oath appears as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

OATH OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

I, **Teresa M. Bruton**, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, **Teresa M. Bruton**, do affirm that I will well and truly execute the duties of the Office of Town Council Member for the Town of Archer Lodge, North Carolina according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so, help me, God.


Teresa M. Bruton

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 6th day of December, 2021.


Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor
Town of Archer Lodge



b) Administration of Oath of Office for Town Council Member Mark B. Wilson by Deputy Clerk, Joyce P. Lawhorn

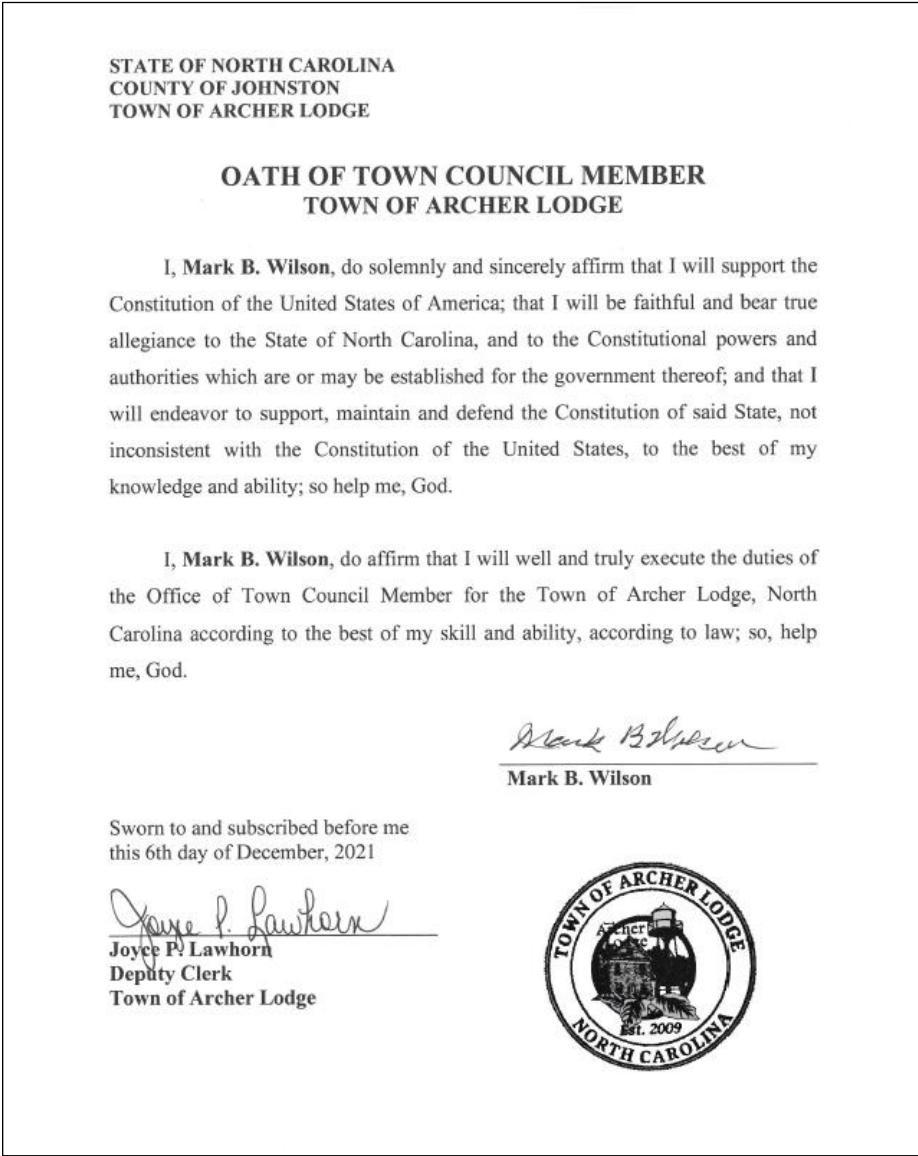
Council Member Wilson was sworn in by Joyce Lawhorn, Deputy Clerk with support of his wife Ms. Jane Wilson.

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Mr. Wilson's Oath appears as follows:



Ms. Lawhorn thanked Mr. Wilson for his many years of serving his country and the citizens of the Town of Archer Lodge. Everyone applauded.

c) **Comments from Newly Sworn Elected Officials**

- **Council Member Teresa M. Bruton**
- **Council Member Mark B. Wilson**

Teresa M. Bruton

Council Member Bruton shared that it had been a quick four years of serving on the Board. She reflected on the accomplishments of the Town, and she was proud to be a part of those accomplishments. She noted that everyone has been good to work with and expressed that the Town is small, but so powerful. She looks forward to what the Town can do in the next four years and appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Board.

She thanked Ms. Romano for her work on the Planning Board and reflected on the early years of the town when Ms. Romano served as Secretary when she was the Chair of the Planning Board and expressed that she was such a great supporter. Everyone applauded.

Mark B. Wilson

Council Member Wilson shared that he has lived and has been involved with the Town of Archer Lodge for 16+ years. He shared that it had been an honor to serve on the Board over the years and to have the opportunity to represent the Town on the Triangle J. Council of Governments Board. He thanked the citizens of Archer Lodge for voting

for him. He added that he looked forward to a time when more citizens would vote on local town elections. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone applauded.

- d) **Administration of Oath of Office for Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Member(s) by Mayor Matthew B. Mulhollem**
- **Terry Barnes**
 - **Chris V. Cipriani**
 - **John F. Oglesby**

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Members Terry Barnes, Chris Cipriani and John Oglesby was sworn in by Mayor Mulhollem.

Terry Barnes' Oath appears as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

OATH OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER AND
OATH OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

I, **A. Terry Barnes**, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, **A. Terry Barnes**, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the Office of Planning Board Member and Board of Adjustment Member for the Town of Archer Lodge, North Carolina according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so, help me, God.


A. Terry Barnes

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 6th day of December, 2021.


Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor
Town of Archer Lodge



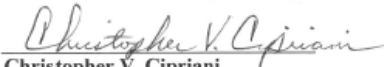
Chris Cipriani's Oath appears as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

OATH OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER AND
OATH OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

I, Christopher V. Cipriani, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Christopher V. Cipriani, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the Planning Board Member and Board of Adjustment Member for the Town of Archer Lodge, North Carolina according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so, help me, God.


Christopher V. Cipriani

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Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor
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John Oglesby's Oath appears as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

OATH OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER AND
OATH OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER
TOWN OF ARCHER LODGE

I, **John F. Oglesby**, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, **John F. Oglesby**, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the Office of Planning Board Member and Board of Adjustment Member for the Town of Archer Lodge, North Carolina according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so, help me, God.


John F. Oglesby

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 6th day of December, 2021.


Matthew B. Mulhollem
Mayor
Town of Archer Lodge



- e) **Comments from Newly Sworn Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Member(s)**
- **Terry Barnes**
 - **Chris V. Cipriani**
 - **John F. Oglesby**

Terry Barnes

Mr. Barnes shared that he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Planning Board/BOA once again. Everyone applauded.

Chris V. Cipriani

Mr. Cipriani shared that he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Planning Board/BOA and is looking forward to the first meeting. He added that he has always been a fair and reasonable person and has always tried to put himself in the other person's shoes and look at both sides of the fence. Everyone applauded.

John F. Oglesby

Mr. Oglesby shared he was honored and humbled to serve at the pleasure of the Town Council and promised as according to his oath to do the best he could and provide his skills to better plan for the town responsibly. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Romano's serving as a Vice Chair on the Planning Board/BOA and being supportive to him as Chair on the Board. Everyone applauded. Mr. Olgesby further offered the

following statement: "With respect and regret, I must leave the meeting at this time so that I may attend an event with his son."

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

a) **Discussion and Consideration of Nominating and Appointing Mayor Pro Tempore**

Mayor Mulhollem shared an overview of the duties of the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Mulhollem called for a motion.

Council Member Jackson confirmed with Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry that he would be willing to continue serving and in doing so, he nominated Mr. Castleberry to be reappointed. No further discussion.

Moved by Council Member Jackson

Seconded by: Council Member Bruton

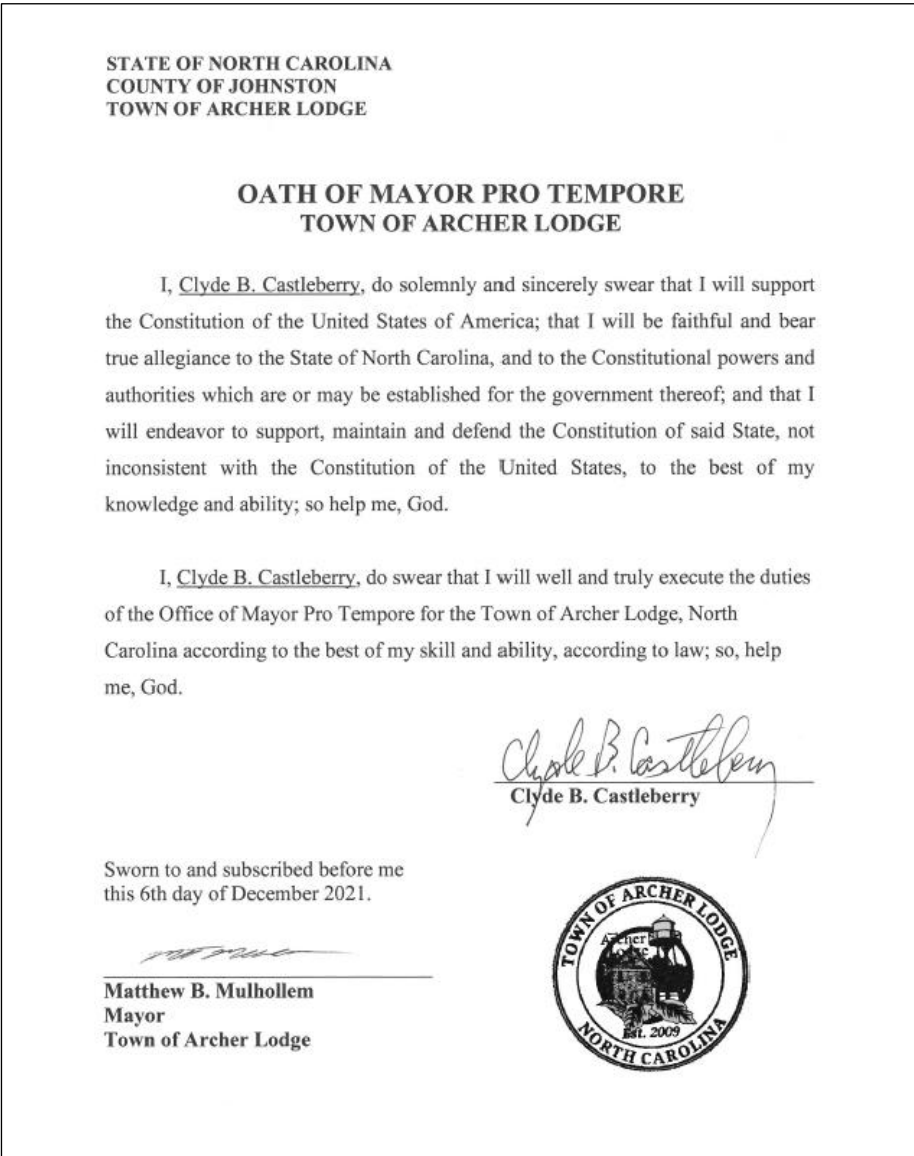
Reappointed Mayor Pro Tempore Clyde Castleberry.

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b) **Administration of Oath of Office of Mayor Pro Tempore by Mayor Matthew B. Mulhollem**

Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry was sworn in by Mayor Mulhollem.

Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry's Oath appears as follows:



7. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- a) Attorney Burrell shared that he hoped that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He added that he was looking forward to working with the Town in 2022.**
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8. FINANCIAL/TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

a) Interim Financial Reports for October 2021

Ms. Batten shared that the fiscal year is one third of the way through with month ending October 31, 2021. Revenues collected for the month in the General Fund was approximately \$75,250 which is roughly 29% of those anticipated and the expenditures for the month in the General Fund was approximately \$60,600 which is about 34% of those budgeted. Therefore, for the month revenues exceeded expenditures by \$14,500; however for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2021, expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately \$152,250. Ms. Batten noted that she was not concerned about the deficit as we are still early in the fiscal year.

The Capital Reserve Fund, Park Reserve Fund and the Public Safety Reserve Fund had investment earnings during the month totaling about \$378. The Park Reserve Fund received additional revenues due to the three-cents tax transfer of approximately \$6,250. There were no expenditures in either of these three funds during the month of October 31, 2021

Ms. Batten mentioned that there were no transactions in the Archer Lodge Town Park PARTF Project Fund during the month of October 31, 2021 and the operating budget was identical to the one shared for September 30, 2021.

The APRA Fund had additional investment earnings of roughly \$145 during the month of October 31, 2021 and no expenditures Ms. Batten mentioned.

In comparing the General Fund for October 2021 with October 2020, Ms. Batten noted that the revenues were higher by approximately \$7,400 in October 2021 and the expenditures were higher as well by roughly \$16,500 in October 2021. Expenditures exceeded revenues in both years, but October 2021 had a larger deficit of **<\$152,254>** which is \$9,050 higher than in October 2020. Nothing further was provided.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Mayor Mulhollem shared the following:

- Shared that there was a Grinch sighting at the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4, 2021, and it was Council Member Wilson singing in costume as the Grinch. He added that there was a wonderful attendance at the parade. He thanked everyone for attending.**
- He thanked Jeff and Lisa Barnes for donating the beautiful poinsettias in the Council Chamber.**

- Wished everyone a healthy and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REMARKS:
(non-agenda items)

- a) Council Member Wilson serenaded everyone with the Grinch Song and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone applauded.
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- b) Council Member Jackson informed that he was happy with the four-way stop signs at the intersection of Buffalo Road and Archer Lodge Road and feels that they are reducing the speed of traffic in the area. He reflected on the meaning of Christmas and not on presents but for the gift God gave to us and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
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- c) Council Member Bruton shared the following:
- She would like to see photos of the Grinch and mentioned that she heard that Council Member Wilson was outstanding in the parade.
 - Noted that she was unhappy with the four-way stop signs due to the backup of traffic being near the entrance to her home.
 - Shared that she hoped everyone would be able to enjoy their families and wished them a Merry Christmas.
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- d) Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry shared that he is a member of the Johnston County Economic Development Board and informed they would be donating country hams to some of the local businesses. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for their support for the Town.
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- e) Council Member Purvis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels. He reiterated Council Member Jackson's remarks regarding the real meaning of Christmas. He added that it is about what is in your heart and having compassion for the other person. He encouraged everyone to keep that in mind during the holiday season and in the new year.
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11. ADJOURNMENT:

- a) Having no further business, Mayor Mulhollem asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Moved by: Council Member Wilson

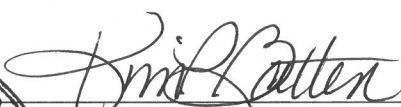
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Castleberry

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Matthew B. Mulhollem, Mayor




Kim P. Batten, Town Clerk