

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2017

Present Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.
Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

Absent: Mayor George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Open Forum:

Representatives of the Western Piedmont Sister City Association of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments came before the town board to give a brief overview of their association. The association was started in 1992 and officially formed in 1993. The Sister City is Altenburg, Germany. That city was chosen because of the similarities between the two regions of German & Lutheran heritage. The goal is to develop ways communities can come together by educational, institutional, municipal, professional, technical and governmental projects. Current local government members include Alexander County, Morganton, Valdese, Catawba County, Hickory, Conover and Claremont. Each entity is represented by two members on the WPSCA board.

No other comments were made from citizens.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the following changes to the agenda. Add item 7a. Stikeleather Auto – outside sewer connection request. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the minutes from December 6th, 2016 regular meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to award the engineering contract for the 2015 WWTP Rehabilitation project to West Consultants PLLC. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to award the engineering contract for the 2015 Sewer Collection Rehabilitation project to West Consultants PLLC. The motion was passed unanimously.

The current Town Ordinances regarding Sunday alcohol sales which date back to 1943 prohibit Sunday sales. Due to the recent changes allowing alcohol sales in the county along with inside

the town limits, numerous town merchants have petitioned that the ordinances regulating Sunday alcohol sales be made consistent with county sales.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to set a public hearing for February 7th, 2017 for the purpose of considering changes to the Sunday alcohol sales as specified in the Town Ordinances. The motion was passed unanimously.

Stikeleather Auto sales located on Liledoun Road and Hwy 64 has petitioned the town for outside sewer hookup for their business location. Their septic system is failing. They will be responsible for meeting all requirements and boring under Liledoun. The motion was passed unanimously.

A budget work session will be scheduled January 25th, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the council chambers.

Public Works Director, David Robinette gave the standard written report.

Police Chief Dennis James said there were 30 citations issued, 20 arrests 30 accidents and 731 total calls in December 2016. Lt. Elder will be back to work very soon. The Old Fashioned Christmas Festival and the Christmas parade all went well with no significant problems.

Town Manager, David Odom stated that the bid opening for the resurfacing and sidewalk project on Industrial Blvd. will be opened in late January. The 2015 WWTP Rehab. And 2015 Sewer Collection Rehab. Projects will both be starting soon.

The next meeting will be on February 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk