

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

January 8, 2008

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips, Comm. George Holleman,  
Comm. Jack Lerner, & Comm. Ronnie Robinette

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Paul Sink, Pastor of Taylorsville Presbyterian Church. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the following changes to the agenda. The addition of item 10b. Voluntary contiguous annexation petition request. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from the December 4th, 2007 regular meeting.

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Travis Hamlin spoke and expressed the encouragement he received from the Town Board's willingness to cooperate and work with each other for the better good of the Town.

Taylorsville Fire Dept. Chief Matt Jordan, Asst. Chief's Mickey Chapman and Johnny Gant addressed the Board with an overview of the Fire Dept.'s accomplishments of acquiring new and used equipment and the savings that were made over the last 24 months. 19 self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), 24 spare SCBA bottles, Wild land Firefighting PPE, 2006 Pierce Fire Engine, 1985 Emergency One Snorkel Aerial Apparatus, Towner 1, and a 1985 Grumman tanker truck. All of these items were either purchased used or through matching grants and saved \$1,165,800.00 if they would have had to be purchased new. The board thanked the fire dept. for all their efforts in both public safety and effective cost management of public funds.

Town Manager, David Odom brought before the Town Board the consideration of adopting a Resolution rewarding long-term employees upon retirement and to also allow current elected officials to obtain health insurance on the town's coverage. He stated that this would be a tangible gift based on longevity and that most cities and counties in NC have this benefit along with state and federal governments. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the adoption of a Resolution for long term employees upon retirement and to include current elected officials on the town's medical policy. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve a budget transfer from GF contingency to a new expense line item for professional development for \$4,000.00 in order to cover the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of education advancement for the Town Manager, David Odom. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Holleman to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the voluntary contiguous annexation petition received from Wade & Renee Keever for their duplex unit located at 237 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW. A public hearing will also be set for February 5, 2008 at 5:30. Passed unanimously.

See written Police Report for this month.

See written Public Works Report for this month.

Planner's Report: Jon Pilkinton stated that in 2007 36 zoning permits were issued. The planning board will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and will begin work on the land development plan for Taylorsville. He encouraged the Town Board to attend those meetings in order to be more informed on the process and development of the land development plan from beginning to end.

Manager's Report: David Odom

Town Manager David Odom reminded the board of the annual WPCOG meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> in Hickory. There will be a planned luncheon soon for Senator Steve Goss and NC House Representative Ray Warren. He also mentioned that Governor Easley is calling for a state wide issuance of water pricing based on consumption due to the drought. He also noted that the NC Dept. of Public Assistance reimbursed the town for expenses associated with the wind damages this past spring.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Robinette to release taxes totaling \$1744.70 for Midway Construction. These units were accidentally double billed. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger asked for the board to consider placing a picture of Carl Matheson in the Council Chambers honoring him for his donation of the land for Matheson Park and to also place a bronzed memorial at the park.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to set the next regular town board meeting for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. A work session is planned for Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk