

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2012

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.
Absent: Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt the agenda and to approve the January 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

A special recognition of retiring former Town Attorney's, Jerry Campbell and Richard Gwaltney was held. Each was presented a plaque and a key to the Town in honor of their years of service to the Town and citizens of the town and Alexander County.

No comments were heard in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a revised Resolution approving the merger of the Town ABC Board with the Catawba County ABC Board. The previous resolution will be rescinded and replaced with this Resolution adopted February 7, 2012. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the advertisement for requests for proposals on the engineering of the Milstead Woods project. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to accept the award of the grant from the NC Clean Water Trust Fund for the Millersville Sewer project and to proceed with the advertisement for bids for the project. A start date would be tentatively August 2012 unless bids are over budget. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the 2011-2012 audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates to perform the financial statement audit for \$14,900.00 plus additional bookkeeping costs as needed. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of purchasing additional Christmas lights or banners was postponed until the next meeting in order to obtain additional prices and options.

Lieutenant Bowman stated that there was not a monthly police due to computer problems.

David Robinette, Public Works Director mentioned that in December the WWTP & its collection system was inspected by the state. All was in order and no violations were noted. There have been improvements at the community garden for the upcoming season.

David Odom, Town Manager mentioned the rate increase recently approved for Duke Energy and noted that that will impact the town based on current usage an average of \$10,000.00 in additional costs each year. Alternative sources of energy are being explored such as solar and turbine sources.

Budget workshops should be scheduled in April in order to be on target for the up-coming year.

Mayor Holleman asked to get a volunteer group started in order to target some areas of Town that need cleaning up.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers. With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk