

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

April 1, 2008

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Mayor Pro Tempore, George Holleman

Comm. Jack Lerner, & Comm. Ronnie Robinette

Absent: Commissioner Bob Phillips

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

The invocation was given by Commissioner Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the following changes to the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Addition of Item 10A – Consideration and action for NC Rural Center WWTP upgrade Engineering contract. Addition of Item 14A – Staff Reports

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2008 regular meeting.

Open Forum:

Commissioner Holleman commented that he was in Birmingham Alabama recently. He noted that Jefferson County is the county that Birmingham is located in and that their accumulated waste water debt exceeds 3.2 billion. They will have to default on loans because of the excessive debt load and the inability to generate the needed revenue to offset the debt.

A motion was made by Comm. Robinette and seconded by Comm. Holleman to approve the advertising of the delinquent 2007 property taxes in the Taylorsville Times on April 9, 2008. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the adoption of a Resolution allowing participation in the NC Local Government Debt Setoff Program. Passed unanimously. See Attachment A, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman and seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the awarding the administration of the NC Rural Center project to the WPCOG to handle. The contract for administrative services for the project is not to exceed \$25,000.00. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commission Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve an agreement for the engineering services for the WWTP upgrade as part of the Craftmaster/NC Rural Center grant. The contract is between West & Associates and the Town of Taylorsville for \$41,900.00. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman and seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve setting the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 as Spring Litter Sweep in Taylorsville. Passed unanimously. See Attachment B, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

Town Manager, David Odom updated the Town Board the latest information received from Raleigh regarding Governor Easley's stance and proposed legislative plans to ease NC's drought problems. It is Raleigh's viewpoint that the most to use our water resources should have to bare the burden to paying the most. Therefore, he wants all water systems statewide to use stricter water conservation measures and become more efficient regarding leaks and for all systems to be interconnected. Based on this information and rising costs for the Town to purchase water from our providing source, the Town Board made a decision to raise water and sewer rates effective April 2, 2008. A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt the new rate schedule effective April 2, 2008. Passed unanimously. See Attachment C, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to call for a public hearing on May 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to hear discussion on the possibility of increasing the fees for business licenses in the town. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger stated he would like to see a joint endeavor by the town and county to encourage citizens to promote local business sales in here in our town and county instead of traveling outside to other towns.

David Robinette, Public Works Director updated the Board on activities within his department over the last month. Over 200 standard and 100 radio-read meters have been installed. The project for the WWTP in Hiddenite is underway. The water lines on 6<sup>th</sup> St. are almost complete. Approximately 200 foot of gravity sewer line needs to be installed behind Sam Brookshire's building in order to connect a new show room and body shop for Rod & Custom Rescuers to 6<sup>th</sup> St. A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the sewer extension. Passed unanimously.

Police Chief, Tony Jones stated that the department had recently been approved for 2 grants. One for tazers and one for overtime money for officers to work drug cases. He also presented Lieutenant Doug Bowman with his advanced law enforcement certificate. It is very difficult to obtain and no one else on the department has that distinction except Chief Jones.

With no more business, a motion was made by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Phillips to adjourn meeting. Passed unanimously

Adjourned at 7:30pm.

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Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk