

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2012

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

The ACHS Ladies & Men's Varsity Basketball Teams were recognized by the Town Council for their accomplishments this year. The teams were presented with a plaque honoring their season's accomplishments and each team member was presented with a town pin and the coaches with town ball caps.

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

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

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a Resolution approving the application of a Renewable Energy Implementation Study project from the planning grants section at the NC Rural Economic Development Center to be conducted by Cavanaugh & Associated Engineering firm. The project will study the possibilities of alternative sources of energy that could be potentially located at the waste water treatment plant. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Terry Foxx, with the Alexander Rescue Squad gave an overview of the agency. He asked for funding consideration in the upcoming budget workshops for the next fiscal year.

Mark Stafford with the Central Alexander Fire Dept. gave an overview of the accomplishments of the volunteer staff on the department and their equipment status and future needs and desired goals. He also asked for consideration in the upcoming budget workshops. Commissioner Poole expressed his appreciation to both agencies for their accomplishments and for bringing the information to the council so they are better informed of the capabilities of both agencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the budget amendments for the GF:
\$122,058.14 from the ABC store inventory

\$71,611.64 from GF fund balance for final expenses on Town Hall & other buildings repairs
\$15,000.00 for additional Powell Bill expenses

The following were transfers within the approved budget:

\$52,600.00 within the W&S dept

\$7000.00 within the GF –Police dept to cover additional expenses

The amendments and transfers were passed unanimously.

A progress report was given on the USDA grant for the updated sewer pump stations and lines in association with the Dialysis center project.

The draft reading on the partnership agreement between the Town and Energy United by the Town Attorney was postponed.

Mike Byers, with the Police Dept. gave a standard monthly report.

David Robinette, Public works Director gave a written report. He noted that the state of NC had recently inspected the WWTP and it received a 4 rating which is exceptional. Most do not receive such a high rating. He also pointed out the mowing responsibilities of the streets dept. David Odom, Town Manager noted the rate increase from Duke Energy and what we could expect to see regarding our usage. Exploring alternative sources of energy could not come at a better time.

He also asked to consider a budget work session early afternoon of the regularly scheduled meeting date of May 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set a budget workshop for 12:00 noon on May 1, 2012 and then the regular meeting at 5:30 pm on May 1, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk