

TOWN BOARD MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING

April 19, 2023

Present Mayor George Holleman
 Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole
 Councilman Ronnie Robinette
 Councilman Jack Simms
 Councilwoman Kim Brown

The special meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 2:30 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the passing of Town Manager, David Odom.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to add the following items to the agenda.

Item 4a: Terracon Engineering Firm Information

Item 8a: Closed Session – Contractual per N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1)

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the minutes as presented from April 4th regular meeting, the closed session minutes from April 4th, 2023 and the budget workshop meeting minutes on April 11th, 2023. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to appoint Aaron Wike as Interim Town Manager and Finance Director effective immediately. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to appoint Town Clerk, Yolanda Prince as Deputy Finance Director effective immediately. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve writing a letter of interest to the Terracon Group. They are a consulting engineering services firm that helps write grants to provide help with brownfield sites across the state. There are currently \$1.5 billion dollars in grant funding available for help with cleanup of possibly the old hospital, Saunders road junkyard and Grover Bowman MHP. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the high bid from the latest bid openings for the properties as follows:

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36 & 46 N. Center Street. High bid of \$20,000.00 from Mayes Brothers.

The 10 day up-set bid process will begin with the advertisement on April 26, 2023, which is the next available advertisement opportunity and will continue until May 10, 2023 at 2:00pm when

the bids will be opened for all properties. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the request from Alexander EDC for Saturday street closures for upcoming events throughout the summer. It was stated to allow the county to handle the actual closing and putting up barricades on the street since their 911 personnel might be affected by the closing earlier on the Friday's before because of allowing the food vendors to set up earlier to be prepared. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the budget amendment of the Duke Energy rebate of \$67,500.00 due to the Solar Farm now being operational. This will be amended & added to the W&S dept. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve Monroe Panel as the new Town Attorney. His monthly retainer is \$650.00 and \$225.00 per hour. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to enter into closed session per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) to discuss personnel. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the town's personnel and staffing needs and salaries going forward and how to handle since the death of Town Manager, David Odom. The topic will be added to May's agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to exit closed session and return to the regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Simms stated that Mr. Kearney and Mr. Lindle handle their transactions between themselves and that Town Hall not be involved as the place for their monthly rental exchange.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 2nd, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk