

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING**

May 2, 2023

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

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman.

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

Item 5a: Authorize Town staff to accept bids

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the minutes as presented from April 19<sup>h</sup> special called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the temporary street closure of 1<sup>st</sup> St. SW on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 8:00 am till 10:00 pm for the Juneteenth Celebration. It was also requested to temporarily close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW but that is a county street. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was opened regarding the properties for sale and the upset bid process. Per the N.C.G.S. 160A-269 the Town Clerk can open the bids, record the results, re-advertise and then report back to the Town Board with the results so that the upset process can be readvertised as soon as possible so there will be limited delays in the continued process.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the funding request from the Apple Blossom Festival for \$1,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve an agreement with the MAPS Group to conduct a classification and pay study along with a comprehensive personnel policy update for the Town for a cost of \$9,000.00. It has not been updated since 2010. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the adjustments of administrative staff for the Town. Aaron Wike was named Interim Town Manager and Finance Director at a salary of \$78,000.00 and Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk was also named Deputy Finance Director with a salary of \$73,011.64. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a Resolution declaring the following public works equipment as surplus. The items will be listed on GovDeals, a public on-line auction for sale. 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 Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a Resolution declaring the following police department vehicles as surplus. The items will be listed on GovDeals, a public on-line auction for sale. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

Staff Reports: Police Chief, Doug Bowman

He stated that Grover Bowman MHP continues to be a problem with numerous calls being dispatched to that location along with Matthew & Adrian Dr. in Taylorsville.

Town Manager/Public Utilities Manager: Aaron Wike

He mentioned that there were 2 overflows this past month with one being a 2800-gallon spill and the other at the landfill for 36,000 gallons. The problem had a plumbing problem and thought was fixed; however, the automatic toilets hung up and continued to run thus causing a high flow and the pump station couldn't keep up and overflowed. If penalties arise from the NOV, he will keep the Board advised. 2 budget transfers were made within the general fund of \$5,000 from administration to the building dept for \$5,000 and within W&S dept from water contingency to hydrant flow testing for \$11,900.00 for the fire department to perform the annual hydrant flow testing needed.

Lane Harrell owner of Hayday Investments, LLC came late to the Town Board meeting. He stated that prior to Mr. Odom's passing that they had verbally discussed getting the structures removed from Grover Bowman MHP; however, there is no written agreement. He asked for the Town Board to consider the verbal agreement that he and Mr. Odom discussed. The Town Board stated that they could not consider such because it involved using public funds on private property. Mr. Harrell will have to have the structures removed at his own expense.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday June 5th, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk