

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

May 24, 2022

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 5:30 p.m. The invitation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the May 3rd, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to open a public hearing on the voluntary contiguous annexation of a vacant lot located on 7th Street NW, Taylorsville owned by Jeffrey & Barbara Collamore. They plan to re-locate here and build a home on the property. They will purchase a water and sewer tap. All information has been reviewed by the Town Clerk and she has declared that all is sufficient for the voluntary contiguous annexation to proceed. No further comments were made and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to adopt the Ordinance approving the voluntary annexation of the vacant lot located on 7th Street NW, Taylorsville owned by Jeffrey & Barbara Collamore. 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 Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to open the public hearing for the 1st reading of the proposed budget for the FY 2022-2023. The total proposed budget totals \$4,920,261.00 and maintains a tax rate of .40 cents per \$100 valuation of property tax. The general fund budget totals \$2,438,950.00 and reflects a .9% increase over last fiscal year. There is a 5% COLA and a 6% performance bonus for all employees, both full and part time proposed due to their dedication and perseverance during the Covid-19 pandemic. No fund balance will be used to balance the budget. The only debt that general fund has is the lease for 3 police vehicles and 1 public works truck. The budget for the enterprise fund totals \$2,481,311.00 which is a slight decrease of 0.4% from last fiscal year's budget. There are 2 ongoing grant projects which will improve the public infrastructure. Due to the pandemic, adverse weather events and loss of revenue from the decrease of the inmate population, the enterprise fund has operated in the red over the last few years, and it is noted that a rate increase of \$10.00 per customer is proposed. Each customer will see an additional \$10.00 per month until such time as we return to a profitable position in the enterprise fund. Mayor Holleman noted that the condition of the back allies behind the storefronts along mainstreet were not good with lots of pot holes. He noted that those allies were not the town's responsibility but were privately owned and repairs would be the landowner's responsibilities. No other comments or discussion occurred. A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to close the public hearing.

NCDOT requested Municipal certification that the speed zone on SR 1605 South Center Street be 25MPH. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the speed limit has been 25MPH on South Center Street since February 5, 2008 when declared by Board action. Notification has been sent into NCDOT for documentation.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a budget amendment in order to receipt in reimbursement from the State for a radio grant awarded to the Taylorsville Police Department. 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 Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget transfer from W&S contingency to the Alexander Central fire department for hydrant flow testing in the amount of \$11,900.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget transfer within general fund in order to balance expense lines that are overspent within departments totaling \$24,913.00.00 The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, 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 change order for the solar project totaling \$19,568.00 in order to complete the project. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the amendment totaling \$43,100.00 from W&S fund balance to system maintenance for the repairs to the Lewittes pump station due to mechanical failure. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman
Chief Bowman was unable to be present.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike
Manager Wike mentioned the Lewittes pump station mechanical failure and the costs needed to make the necessary repairs and that a back-up is being rented until the pump can be rebuilt.

Town Manager Report: David Odom
Manager Odom noted that the Wash Room will open in late June, 2022. This will be the 2nd laundromat in town. It is owned and operated by Ann Alexander. He asked the Town Board to consider a similar 12month contract with Ms. Alexander like was agreed to between the Town and Happy Ours Coin Laundry. The information will be considered at the June 28, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to schedule the next regular meeting for June 28th, 2022 at 5:30 pm and to also schedule a public hearing for the 2nd reading of the proposed FY budget for 2022-2023. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no other business, a motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk