

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2010

Present: Mayor Guy E. Barriger

Comm. George Holleman & Comm. Jack Lerner

Comm. Ronnie Robinette & Comm. Kenny Poole

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

The invocation was given by Jerry Twigg. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the May 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

No comments were made in open forum.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing for the presentation of the proposed FY 2010/2011 budget. The total budget presented will be \$3,013,870.00, which is a 1.7% decrease from the 2009/2010 FY budget. The tax rate will remain the same at .35 cents per \$100.00 valuation. The Town and Alexander County reached an agreement for the county to bill & collect town real and personal property taxes beginning with the 2010 tax year. There will be a 2% fee charged by the county; however, the town will benefit due to the high increase in the software support for the tax system that we will not have to pay now. The General fund totals \$1,531,620.00 and the W&S fund totals \$1,482,250.00. Expected GF revenues are down by 2.7% due to the continued recession. Billed utility revenues will increase slightly by a 5 cent per 1,000 gallon price increase for all customers and the environmental fee will increase \$3.00 per month each. A comprehensive personnel policy and pay study was conducted by the MAPS group in late winter and the results showed that the town employees are under paid compared to their peers in the same or similar positions. No COLA or raises were had in FY 2009/2010. Therefore, a 7.5% cola was recommended to bring town full time employees to slightly above the entry levels recommended by the study. To bring staff to the current scale recommended by the study, a 19.3% increase would be needed.

No public comments were made or further discussion was held and the public hearing was closed at 5:40 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the FY 2010/2011 budget as presented. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the second public hearing for the proposed route change for the NC Greenway Transportation schedule.

Mike Bradshaw with the NC Greenway Transportation System came before the Town Board to present a new shortened bus route. The new route will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from

10:00 am till 5:00 pm. The new schedule will be a combination of a shortened route and a on demand schedule. That means the rider will schedule a pick up for the next day. The new route will make a complete route circle every 30 minutes instead of every hour. There will be only approx. 30 stops on the proposed new route. There will be a free Friday in June. The new schedule will begin in July. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the engineering contract with Cavanaugh & Assoc. to conduct the Water Loss Audit and Water Leak Detection Project. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the project budget ordinance for the Water Loss Audit and Water Leak Detection Project in the amount of \$40,000.00. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the project budget ordinance for the Hiddenite Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$374,800.00. Passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the new HRA (health reimbursement agreement) for the medical deductible gap. This will be funded by the Town for the difference that the medical deductible has increased. Passed unanimously.

The revised personnel policy will be ready for discussion at the special called meeting on Thursday June 17th, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Poole to call for a special meeting on June 17th at 5:30 to discuss the new changes to the Town employee personnel policy and to award bids for the Hiddenite Sewer & the WWTP grit separator. Passed unanimously.

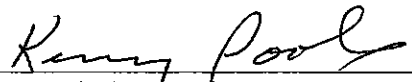
A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to enter into closed session to discuss economic development. Passed unanimously.

Strategies for the possibility of the rural health clinic were discussed.

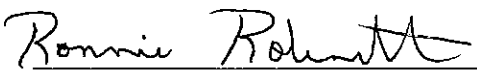
A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to exit closed session and return to regular session. Passed unanimously.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

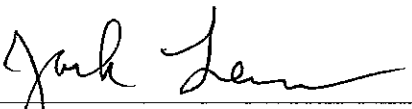
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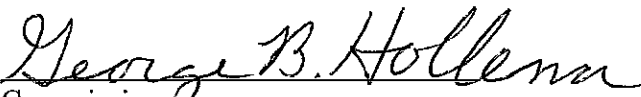
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Attest:

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk