

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2013

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.

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes as presented for the June 8, 2013 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Glenn Mays formally requested that the block of 1st Street SW and 2nd Street SW be blocked off on 7-4-13 from 9:30 am till 1:30 pm for the flag pole dedication ceremony at the Library in memory of Johnny Lackey. The entire community is invited. Refreshments will be provided. A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the temporary street closure of the corner of 1st Street SW and 2nd Street SW on July 4, 2013 from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to open the public hearing for discussion of the proposed FY budget. David Odom, Town Manager presented the proposed FY 2013-14 budget for the Town of Taylorsville. The budget totals \$3,354,165.00 (excluding pass thru grant projects) for all Town personnel expenses, operations, capital improvements, and debt service requirements. It reflects a 3.5% increase from the July 1, 2011 approved budget. The General Fund budget totals \$1,603,950 and is balanced with a property tax rate of 35 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed budget reflects an estimated 3.5% increase in revenue. The majority of the increase is to an improvement in sales tax revenue. As a word of caution this reflects increased cost of goods and provisions rather than a significant change in consumer spending. Citizens are not buying more, simply paying more. Real Property values are flat to receding due to forced sales and foreclosures. The budget for the Water & Sewer Fund totals \$1,689,400.00 an increase of 2.8%. This amount includes a 3.0% for residential rate increase due to ongoing water and sewer improvements, cost increases in wastewater treatment, system upgrades, and major replacement projects. The majority of our residential inside customers who use less than 5,000 gallons per month will see an average monthly increase of \$.25 cents per month High use accounts and outside sewer accounts will bear the majority of the proposed rate increase.

He also noted that the property revaluation will occur in 2015; however, the tax base is expected

to decline due to economic conditions and aging properties. He noted that 1cent on the town's tax rate will net approx. \$16,000 in revenue. 1 cent on the county's tax rate will net approx.. \$250,000.00 & 1 cent on Catawba county's tax rate nets approx.. 1 million. It should also be noted that the NC Legislature are proposing significant changes to franchise fee revenue and sales tax revenue which would directly affect the Town's revenue stream. If those changes are enacted, the Town will face serious decisions effecting future services such as Greenway transportation, zoning and planning and the recycling program. A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve and adopt the proposed FY 2013-14 budget as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to adopt a Resolution of award to Locke-Lane for the Water System Efficiency project between the Town and Energy United in the amount of \$895,886.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the project budget ordinance for the Water System Efficiency Project in the amount of \$1,475,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to re-bid the Millersville project and seek cost saving reductions on the scope of the project and to ask for time extensions from the other grant sources. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the contract for FY services from the WPCOG for the Town Planner and Greenway Transportation. The motion was passed unanimously. Copies for the annual contracts are on file in Town Hall.

The next regular meeting will be August 6, 2013 at 5:30 in the council chambers. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk