

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2004

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm: Glenn P. Deal Sr., Comm. Bob Phillips, & Comm. George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Holleman gave the invocation and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the following changes to the agenda. Item 10.2 – Sidewalks was added to the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2004 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No citizens were present.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Deal to approve a budget amendment showing the loan proceeds from BB&T bank for new police cars totaling \$65,305.00 and a transfer of \$500.00 from Administration Capital to Town Council travel to balance the departments. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to proceed with Attorney Karen Brzykcy seeking further legal action against those who had not responded to the letters sent in regards to delinquent property taxes. A list of names of those who haven't responded will be present at the next regular board meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Deal to approve the revised Emergency Management Ordinance as attached. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Holleman inquired about the sidewalk going down 3rd Avenue by Matheson Park and where progress stood regarding installation. Town Manager David Odom stated that we are waiting on funding to complete the project. Commissioner Holleman also inquired about the NC DOT Enhancement project and where that project stood in regards to installation of new sidewalks. Mr.

Odom stated that several areas had been targeted but he was awaiting a final decision of priority. David also recommended that the contractor awarded the projects should be bonded and insured while working for the Town to insure the safety of all concerned. The Commissioners agreed to come up with their top three choices of areas in need of sidewalks and inform David of their choices before the next meeting and the item placed on the August agenda.

David Odom addressed the board stating that he had received a letter in the mail from Mr. David Daniels. Mr. Daniels has recently purchased the Levition Building on White Plains Church Road and was interested in hooking onto the Town's wastewater system. He has plans to put a manufacturing facility in the building which is currently served by its own septic tank system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to allow Mr. Daniels to hook on to the Town's wastewater system at no expense to the Town. Passed unanimously.

Management Report: Public Works Director, David Robinette

Public Works Report for July Meeting

- The yearly Water Consumer Confidence Report has been completed. Copies were sent to the NC Division of Water Quality, published in the local paper, and citizens were informed that they may pick up a copy at Town Hall.
- The Town has been under a monitoring plan by Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. So far we have received no violations.
- We have applied for and received a Division of Water Quality Laboratory Certification. This allows us to do our own testing at our wastewater treatment plant, instead of having to send our sample off to be tested. The certification will cost \$100.00 per year, but will save us hundreds of dollars due to not having to contract out for this particular service.
- Our annual performance report has been submitted and published in our local paper.
- We have completed a portion of the requirements of the Powell Bill Program for the year 2003-2004. More information will be required later on in the year.

Management Report: Chief of Police, Tony Jones

- Month of June 109 arrest/citations, 15 accidents, 35 assisted motorist, 69% cleared rate

Management Report: Town Manager, David Odom

- Williams Tree Service has been contracted to cut down rotten trees throughout Town.
- A request for annexation has been received from a large group of property owner's on Hammer Road. It will be placed on the agenda for the August meeting for the setting of a public hearing.
- Rita Chapman contacted me in regards to the fish dying in her fish pond. We took samples of the water and the water came back safe for human consumption.
- We are looking into negotiations to loop the water lines at Northwood Park to increase pressure and control the chlorine in the water better.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to set the next meeting on July 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to enter into closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11. Passed unanimously.

Closed session minutes:

Items discussed:

1. David Odom informed the Town Board that Public Works Director David Robinette had requested in writing at budget time a raise due to his increased responsibilities associated with the Public Works Director's position. Mr. Robinette stated that the additional money if approved could be paid from the Powell Bill fund since he administers that program. Mr. Odom recommended to the Town Board a one time bonus be paid from the Powell Bill fund. Commissioner Holleman spoke against the idea stating that it would be treating one employee differently than all the other employees and that he was opposed to the one time bonus.
2. Mr. Odom advised the Board that the NCDOT and other related state agencies are usually late with the utility payments. He waived a late payment fee for the NC Correctional Institute and wanted to inform the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to return to the regular session. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve awarding David Robinette a one-time bonus of \$2500.00 from the Powell Bill Fund. Passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk