

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2007

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips, Comm. Jack Lerner & Comm. George Holleman

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

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillips. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the minutes from the June 19th, 2007 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Alexander County Register of Deeds, Ben Hines spoke before the Town Board. He asked the board to consider placing a monument at Matheson Park honoring Carl Matheson Jr. since he recently passed away. Mayor Barriger also spoke in favor of honoring the contributions made by Carl Matheson to the citizens of the town and Alexander County.

Karen Bowles spoke before the board regarding the noise problems in town. She states that she's committed to getting a bill passed setting standards for noise levels. She's contacting local, state and federal officials seeking help.

NC House Representative Ray Warren gave an update on the accomplishments of the NC House in the last several months. They include the following:

- 13.2 million to add a 250 bed wing to the medium security prison adding approx. 65 jobs to our county
- \$756,000 for new judges and DA's in our area
- \$750,000 to the Sheriff's Assoc. to help with illegal aliens
- 1.2 million for start up funding to get UNC satellite campus in Hickory, where students can get a 4 year degree close to home
- \$100,000 in research money trying to keep hosiery manufacturing here at home
- \$300,000 to the Catawba Science museum
- \$40,000 to build a turning lane at Sugar Loaf elementary school
- Working w/ NCDOT to speed up the Little River bridge replacement
- Raised teachers salary by 5% & all other's by 4%
- 100 million for sewer grant expansion & 8 million for farmland preservation
- Stiffer regulations for Inter Basin Transfers from water systems

NC House Representative Ray Warren also presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award to both Commissioner Bob Phillips and Mayor Guy Barriger, honoring them for their long years of both public and civil service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the request from Jarrett grading and hauling for an outside sewer connection for their property located at 1371 Hwy 90 West, provided that they properly deliver the waste to the town's system. They plan to construct several duplex units. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to direct the town clerk to investigate the sufficiency of 5 voluntary satellite petitions received. A public hearing is to be set for September 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Suitable water/sewer availability is to be investigated for all properties petitioning making sure no extra costs will be incurred by the town. Passed unanimously. See attachment A which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner approving the following budget amendments for FY 2006/07. Passed unanimously. See attachment B which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

General Fund

10.6200-1300	Parks – Utilities	\$ 550.00
10.5100-7400	Police Capital Outlay	\$23729.00
10.6200-7400	Recreation Capital Outlay	\$9793.00
10.3990-0100	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$34072.00

Enterprise Fund

30-8100-9001	Energy United/Newton Interconnect	\$2708.00
30.8100-7403	Transfer to Energy United Project	\$9749.00
30.3990-0100	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$12457.00

Commissioner Phillips recently returned from our sister city of Chechuleno Russia and he gave a brief update of his visit. He states that a new Church will be built and progress is being made in many areas where once resistance was met. Their sports program is going well in part due to help and equipment donated to them. It was a very productive visit and they will be returning again next July.

Town Manager, David Odom stated that the recent lightning storm damage did \$11,644.39 worth of damage to our telephone and computer systems. Insurance should cover most of the costs.

He also mentioned the need to update the contract between the town and Alexander Central Fire Dept. He suggested making the contract a perpetual one with is being re-visited annually at budget time. All board members agreed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to set the next meeting date for September 4th at 5:30. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk