

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2008

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Mayor Pro Tempore, 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 Commissioner Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Comm. Robinette, seconded by Comm. Holleman to approve the following changes to the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Addition of item 6a – Outside Sewer Requests

Addition of item 13a – Chamber of Commerce Funding Deletion Letter

Motion by Comm. Robinette, seconded by Comm. Holleman to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Poole to approve the minutes from the August 5th, 2008 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No comments from citizens were made.

Motion by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Robinette to grant permission allowing 2 outside sewer connections onto the town's wastewater system at the owner's sole expense including tap & impact fees. Brent & Tamara Coffee, located at 1830 NC Hwy 90 East and Tommy Hubbard located at Hwy 16 North, formerly the old Tommy Davis store across from Alexander Funeral Services, both requested outside sewer connections. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to adopt the proposed Project Budget Ordinance for the NC Rural Economic Development Center WWTP Plant Upgrade and Inflow/Infiltration Reduction Project in the amount of \$850,000.00. Passed Unanimously. See Attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Comm. Holleman seconded by Comm. Poole to a approve adopting a resolution affirming the water and sewer rates as set by the Town Board in April 2008 and again at budget adoption of the FY 2008/09 budget. Passed Unanimously. See Attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Comm. Poole, seconded by Comm. Holleman to approve the contract between the Town and West & Associates Engineering firm for the engineering contract for the NC Rural Center WWTP plant upgrade. Passed Unanimously. See Attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Town Manager, David Odom recommended that the sewer project for the Hiddenite school and surrounding community be delayed for a short time in order to seek grant funding from the clean water trust fund. He recommended that the engineering for the project be completed because that is a required part of any grant application and would be needed to apply for any future grants in order to complete the project. Proposed costs for the engineering of the project are not to exceed \$24,000.00. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve recognizing October 5th – 11th as National Long Term Care Residents Rights Week. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve recognizing September 20th – October 4th as Fall Litter Sweep in NC. Passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Councilman George Holleman brought up the need for the Town Board to meet with the Alexander County Chamber of Commerce's Board as soon as possible in order to discuss the current and future issues between the two boards. Mention was also made regarding restoring the funding of the Alexander County Animal Shelter. Commissioner Holleman made the motion to restore the funding and after discussion, no second was made and he then withdrew the motion in order to further discussion of the issues. Commissioner Holleman also spoke to Kathy McCurdy, who was present in the audience, and discussion was had regarding the possibility of forming an advisory committee for enhancing the downtown area.

Staff reports were in written form in order to save time.

Manager Odom stated that Carolina Paving was set to install 2 speed bumps on 6th St. NW. He stated that NC state law required that 10% of all sewer lines be inspected annually. He asked for Hydro Structures PA to come and inspect the critical areas such as the by-pass under Hwy 16. It is expected to cost approximately \$30,000.00 for the most critical areas in town to be inspected. A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the initial expense of \$30,000.00 for the sewer line inspection. Passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent the next meeting was set for October 7th, 2008 at 5:30 pm. Passed unanimously.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk