

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 3, 2009

Present: Mayor Guy 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 Commissioner Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Comm. Robinette and seconded by Comm. Poole to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Robinette and seconded by Comm. Poole to approve the December 2, 2008 regular and closed session minutes. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Poole and seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 regular and closed session minutes. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Kathryn McCurdy came before the Town Board to give a brief overview of the NC Main Street Conference held in Statesville NC recently. She attended a 1&1/2 day conference where numerous concepts and ideas were presented to help in revitalizing downtown areas. She stated that there are lots of resources of people and organizations to help with varying degrees of implementation. She mentioned that the Mayor of Salisbury mentioned that their main-street program has been ongoing for 15 years, so changes will not be fast but with strategic planning hopefully a plan can be established for Taylorsville. An informal information sharing meeting will be scheduled in the next weeks to look at possibilities for Taylorsville's downtown area.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a plan for both the Town of Taylorsville and Alexander County and serves the purpose of establishing a detailed plan of action in case of a federal disaster. It is a multi-jurisdictional plan and encompasses adjacent counties as well. It is an update of the 2003 plan, mainly for the purpose of correct contact information of emergency personnel.

Mayor Barriger opened a second public hearing for the purpose of discussion of the proposed Land Development Plan for the Town of Taylorsville. The last plan was developed and adopted in 1965. The plan establishes and identifies land use ideas including greenways, sidewalk enhancements and future development ideas for growth of Taylorsville and the surrounding county. Dennis Chapman asked if this plan would allow the zoning restrictions of property to be

changed or modified instead of following the rules under the zoning regulations already in effect for the town. The zoning rules still apply and the land development plan in no way modifies them.

Kathryn McCurdy questioned the document as to the length of time and personnel used to compile the plan and also the advertisement of the finished plan. She questioned the notices of the advertised public hearing for the adoption of the plan and suggested that a series of newspaper articles be written to better inform the general public to what's happening. Town Manager David Odom stated that when the Town of Taylorsville's Planning Board undertook the task of compiling a revised land development plan that it was in the paper and notices given. He also stated that the best way for the public to become better informed was to regularly attend the town board meetings and to also utilize the town's website and read the minutes of past meetings. No other comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Comm. Poole, and seconded by Comm. Holleman to adopt the Land Development Plan as presented by the Taylorsville Planning Board for the Town of Taylorsville. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, and seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the adoption of the NC Rural Center Grant #2009-150-40101-112 known as the Water Line Replacement Project in the amount of \$499,200.00. The grant requires a local match of \$166,400.00 and will replace approximately 10,600 linear feet of ¾ in. to 6 in. water lines in several areas of town. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, and seconded by Comm. Lerner to also approve the administration of the above grant by WPCOG for \$22,990.00. Passed Unanimously. See copy of agreement in the grant project file.

A motion was made by Comm. Lerner, and seconded by Comm. Holleman to approve the adoption of a Resolution affirming the water & sewer rates as official rates as adopted in April of 2008. The rates are 1.5% of the annual household income as of the 2000 census. Passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, and seconded by Comm. Poole to approve the adoption of the NC Rural Center Grant #2009-228-60501-107 known as the Cracked Teapot and Creamery Project in the amount of \$25,350.00. The grant requires a local match of \$900.00 and will help partially rehabilitate and old building in downtown Taylorsville and create 3 new jobs. Passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, and seconded by Comm. Robinette to also approve the administration of the above grant by WPCOG for \$900.00. Passed Unanimously. See copy of agreement in the grant project file.

A motion was made by Comm. Poole, and seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the advertisement for bids for the "Proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" in coordination with the Federal Stimulus package and the Town of Taylorsville's Critical Needs. Bids will be taken for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehab. & resurfacing of all town streets. Passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, and seconded by Comm. Poole to approve the audit contact for the year ending June 30, 2009 with Martin Starnes & Assoc. in the amount of \$12,200.00 plus \$3,300.00 printing costs plus \$1200.00 for AFIR preparation and submission. Passed unanimously. Copies of the audit contract available for inspection in the audit contract file.

A motion was made by Comm. Lerner, and seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the following budget amendments:

\$49,474.00 from W&S Capital Outlay to	\$25,000	W&S System Maint.
	\$18,474.00	W&S Capital Reserve
	\$6,000.00	W&S Material Supplies

Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, and seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve sending an official letter of support of John F. Watts for the appointment to the NC Community College Board of Trustees to the NC House of Representatives in Raleigh.

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

Police Captain Dennis James presented the standard written report. He mentioned that a large drug bust occurred which netted a street value of over 9 million in cocaine. A house and a furniture store in Bethlehem were seized in the raid.

By unanimous consent the next meeting was set for March 3rd, 2009 at 5:30 pm. Passed unanimously.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

---

Mayor

---

Commissioner

---

Commissioner

---

Commissioner

---

Commissioner

Attest:

---

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk