

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 4, 2020

Present: Mayor George Holleman  
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette  
Commissioner Jack Simms  
Commissioner Kim Brown

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the following additions to the agenda and to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously

Item 5a. Cemetery storage building disposal

Item 9a. Joint Meeting – Town Board & Energy United Water Corp.

Open Forum:

Commissioner Robinette addressed the fact that the only laundromat in town has closed. He asked that the Town explore possible incentives that would cut costs of water & sewer rates for a new owner of a laundromat in order to encourage one to be established again. Scott Hines also spoke in favor of an incentive to help encourage prospective business owners to consider a laundromat here in town.

Mayor Holleman noted that information presented by WPCOG indicates that 60% of employed residents of Alexander County have jobs outside the county. He mentioned the WPCOG annual meeting in April will have a guest speaker on the 13 ways to kill your community.

There were no other comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt a Resolution approving the Alexander County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is reviewed annually and adopted every 5 years to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Town Council. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve awarding the bid for the ABC store roof to the lowest bidder which was Harrington Construction for \$31,203.00. An additional \$1,000.00 will be set aside for the proper encasement of electrical wires in conduit that are on top of the existing roof. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve declaring the storage shed at the cemetery as surplus and to have it removed. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to the GF budget transfer of \$32,203.00 from contingency to M&R Buildings for the purpose of re-roofing the ABC Store building. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to approve the 2019-2020 audit contracts with Martin Starnes & Associates. RFP's were suggested after budget in order to compare prices for next year's audit. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Simms to grant permission for Town Manager, David Odom to get bids for the 140 linear feet of sewer line to be installed for gravity sewer to golf course lane. This will open accessibility for more homes to connect to the Town's sewer system. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to contact Kenwood radios & if they receive a good report from the PD after testing them, then purchase 2 radios & 2 backup batteries at this point until word is heard from the State about the grant for the radios. The motion was passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent, a joint meeting will be held between the Town Council and Energy United Water Corporation on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the GF budget transfer from GF contingency to police capital outlay for the 2 new radios & backup batteries. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the W&S budget transfers in the amount of \$30,000.00 from contingency to system maintenance. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Chief, Dennis James gave a monthly report for January 2020 which included 23 arrests and 19 accidents totaling 729 total calls. He noted that speeding in town has increased and radar will be in use. The leased patrol cars should be here soon, just waiting on the permanent tags to arrive.

Public Works Director, David was not present.

Town Manager, David Odom noted that extensive repairs had been made to the Macedonia pump station. He expressed his concern if we receive the 6 or more inches rain that is predicted. He also noted the laundromat that closed. He stated that the town needs a laundromat for basic needs and that a large portion of our population depends on a laundromat. He is working on possibilities to help get one reopened.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to set the next meeting for March 3rd, 2020 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk