

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2008

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

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

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Mayes. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the following changes to the agenda. The addition of item 6a. NC House of Representative Ray Warren. Item 7a. Adams Funeral Home Employee Recognition. Passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from the January 8th, 2008 regular meeting.

NC House of Representative Ray Warren presented the Town Board with a reimbursement check in the amount of \$31,551.00 from the State of NC for the Western Wind event that occurred last April 2007. Representative Warren also reminded the Board to keep him informed of the Town's needs so he will be more able to help while in Raleigh.

Open Form:

No citizens were present for comments.

Mayor Barriger stated that Adams Funeral Home will be holding a long-term employee recognition reception for Dorothy Bebbber on Friday February 8th between 1 & 4 p.m. She has been with Adams since 1957.

Town Clerk, Yolanda Prince attested to the validity of the voluntary annexation petition from Wade & Renee Keever for their apartment complex located on 6th Street. All signatures and copies of the deed are in order.

Town Manager, David Odom mentioned that one large master meter would be set for the complex. The owners have agreed to be responsible for the bill & to pay for 8 minimum monthly charges to cover for the 8 units even if some units are unoccupied. They have paid for the engineering and installation of their own pump station and have signed an easement if future development in the area should necessitate the Town acquiring and maintaining the pump station.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve

the petition for the contiguous annexation request for the 8 unit apartment complex owned by Wade & Renee Kever. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the 2nd public hearing for the rezoning request from R-2 to B-4 Highway Business. The property is located between Family Care medical center and the Catherine LaHaye property, tax map ID# E8-1-176 and 176A consisting of 17.543 acres. It is owned by Sam Davis Jr. and he wants to subdivide and sell it for commercial use. No comments were heard and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the rezoning request and to adopt the zoning justification form for changing the designation. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve a budget amendment transferring \$18,124.00 from rehabilitation and \$2,140.75 from administration totaling \$20,264.75 to the local sewer expense acct. Passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to obligate a commitment of town matching funds totaling \$6,944.00. 3 separate grants are being applied for by the police department. A computer software grant of \$5,000.00 requires a \$1,250.00 match; a taser grant of \$9,679.20 requires a match of \$2,419.80; and a drug enforcement grant of \$9,828.72 requires a match of \$3,275.91. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to amend the town ordinance schedule I, chapter 72 of title 7 which regulates the towns spend limit. All streets are 35 mph unless otherwise posted. This amendment changes all R-1 single family residential districts from 35 to 25 mph. Passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the FY 2008/09 audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates for \$11,625.00 plus printing and bookkeeping entries. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to purchase a camera for the sewer lines from the current year's budget. They also approved a transfer from W&S fund balance to W&S capital improvements for \$56,000.00 to repair water lines on 6th Street and to purchase \$10,000 worth of equipment and the auto read meters. Passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to instruct Town Manager Odom to explore obtaining used police cars from neighboring cities at a fair market price. Passed unanimously.

Town Manager, David Odom addressed the Board with concerns for the future of the Town both immediate and in the distant future with regard to revenues and expenditures. He stated that in order to maintain the current level of services that the town provides, that new sources of revenues will need to be discussed. At the current rate of rising fuel and other operating costs the same level of services cannot continue to be met without additional revenues. He mentioned several possibilities such as property tax increases, solid waste fees per citizen or additional sales revenue through the sale of alcohol, resulting in new businesses, which increases the overall economy. He stated that the economics of the Town will depend on strategic financial planning for the immediate and distant future.

Due to the lateness of the evening, a motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adjourn the meeting and schedule a second meeting in February for February 26, 2008 at 5:30. There will be three items left from the 5th's meeting and any new business and then a work session conducted on the 26th. Passed unanimously.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk