

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

March 1, 2011

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman

Comm. Ronnie Robinette & Comm. Jack Lerner & Comm. Kenny Poole

Absent: Albert Moats

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 Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the February 1, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

**Open Forum:**

No comments were made in the open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to accept the lowest bid for the new roof for Town Hall. The lowest bid was from R.E. Foy & Son builders for \$49,713.00 for a metal roof with storage under the truss system over the council chambers. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to allow the NC Cooperative Extension Service to help create a Community Garden on the town lot on Oak Street. There will be 10 raised beds consisting of compost, sand & top soil. They will be 16 foot long x 2 ft. wide & 10 inches deep. Each bed can be rented for a total of \$10.00 per year. There will be tools stored in a community shed for use and there is water on the site. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the application for a Clean Water State Revolving Trust Fund grant in order to furnish sanitary sewer down Hwy 16 South and the Millersville community. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the application for a NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant application for a sewer expansion project from Shady Rest home on Hwy 16 South down to Millersville Church. Passed Unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to request a work session between the Town Board and staff and Duke Energy in order to discuss potential future projects, economic growth potential and alternative energy sources. The existing franchise has been exclusive since 1929. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt and agreement naming Energy United Electric as a secondary energy provider. The purpose of the agreement is to allow a secondary energy provider to have the possibility to provide service to future annexed territories of the town if no established provider is present as established by N.C.G.S. 160A-332(a)(6a). Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to amend the Town Personnel policy to reflect the following changes as noted in bold and underlined.

**Section 7 – Retiree Insurance Supplement**

**Once the employee retires, they cannot remain on the Town’s medical coverage, dental coverage may be retained on the Town ‘s plan. They must obtain their own medical coverage through the reimbursement act as set forth below.**

**Section 8 – Vacation Leave: Maximum Accumulation**

**Current employees or those departing from town employment may transfer some or all sick time to another employee in the case of a medical hardship once approved by the Town Manager. Retirees with excess vacation leave may have it converted to sick at the time of retirement.**

Passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports:**

David Robinette gave a highlight of the public works dept. & a monthly update for February 2011. He noted that with the Hiddenite sewer project now being complete, that the Town has sewer customers stretching from Ellendale Elementary to Hiddenite Elementary & up Hwy 16 north & down Hwy 16 south to Shady Rest Home.

Chief Tony Jones gave the standard Police report. He noted that there were 6 Taylorsville Police Officers who had obtained their Advanced Law Enforcement degree. He also noted the arrest & conviction of the Dameron couple for murder.

David Odom mentioned that budget preparation work will begin soon. He also mentioned that an ACHS Senior had requested permission to hold a concert at Town Park or Dayton Watts field as part of his senior project. He is making a guitar and wishes to hold a concert to showcase the instrument. He is trying to get other bands to perform there also. A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to allow the concert to be held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May, 2011. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to set a public hearing for March 15 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers in order to hear public comments on CDBG projects. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to enter into

closed session to discuss personnel, economic development and contractual agreements.

Discussion was held on replacing the WWTP operator once Brian Eades retires in June 2011. A contract between Brian and the Town was discussed for future operation. No decision was made.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 for the public hearing for the CDBG projects and the next regularly scheduled meeting is April 5th, 2011 at 5:30 pm.  
With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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Commissioner

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Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk