

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 1, 2016

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.
Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

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.

Open Forum:

No comments from citizens.

New part-time Police officers Zachary Stevenson and Stephen Hoke were sworn into office. They are both natives of Alexander County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the following changes to the agenda. Add item 6a: Capital Budget Ordinance for Street Improvements for Commercial Park Ave. & Industrial Blvd.; Item 7a. Real Estate – Hancock & Moore Properties.; Item 8a. Spring Blossom Festival Celebration. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the minutes from February 2, 2016 regular meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Camille Sterling of Greenway Public Transportation spoke before the Town Board regarding the upcoming 2016 bus contract. The benefits of the public transportation system inside Taylorsville ensures safety, saves citizens money, eases traffic congestion and improves air quality and reduces energy consumption and also stimulates economic development. The 2016 will be for \$11,000 annually. The bus runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 5pm on 30 minute intervals making 42 stops around town. The fiscal year contract is effective July 1 to June 30th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt a Resolution in support of the \$2 Billion Bond Campaign for Education, Agriculture, Parks, Water & Sewer initiative. 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 Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve Capital Budget Project Ordinance in the amount of \$356,100.00 for the sidewalk improvements on Commercial Park Ave. & Industrial Blvd. 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 Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set a public hearing on April 1st at 5:30 pm in the council chambers of Town Hall for the purpose of hearing citizen's comments on a zoning text amendment for electronic signs. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve executing for a quit claim deed for .4 of an acre of gap property between two pieces of property owned by Hancock & Moore, LLC and the other owned by Sixteen Realty. There is not a clear title to the property; however, there are storm drain lines & sewer lines running across the property where a creek (now piped) used to be. In exchange for the quitclaim deed, Hancock & Moore Properties will grant an easement to the Town for the existing sewer and storm drain lines and for access right for repair and maintenance. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the budget amendment to receipt in the insurance proceeds from the damaged police car in the amount of \$4,194.77. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the Spring Blossom Festival Celebration planned for Friday May 6th and Saturday May 7th 2016. Some details of the activities will be addressed by the Police Chief and the Festival Committee Chair to ensure public safety. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set a public hearing for April 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the town hall council chambers. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizen input/comments regarding NCDOT requirements that an Town Ordinance be adopted to declare a road closure for special events, such as December Christmas Parade, Winter Festival, Relay for Life, May Day Festival, Taylorsville Apple Festival. The motion was passed unanimously.

David Robinette, Public Works Director stated that spring repair work was on-going at Matheson Park. Numerous trees have been removed from 2nd Street and other areas around town. Sigmon's Concrete is doing some sidewalk repairs around town. The Town homes near town-park are near completion. The water lines have been connected onto the town system.

Chief Dennis James stated that there were 744 calls in February. There were 25 arrests and 17 arrests, along with 31 incidents at the high school. There was vandalism at the old hospital it the 3 teens videoed the act & put it on facebook which enabled them to be caught. They are now doing community service in town to make restitution.

David Odom, Town Manager states that elimination of the large number of the huge oak trees will cause a large increase to the operating line item for that expense. The decision made last fall to pay off the debt for the patrol cars could be delayed to allow recovery time to help with the

tree expense. By unanimous decision, the Town Board decided to go ahead and pay the debt off for the patrol cars.

The next meeting will be on April 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk