

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

March 2, 2010

Present: Mayor Guy E. 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. Commissioner Holleman recognized Mayor Barriger on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday prior to giving the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the February 2, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

Kathy Riddle presented to the board an idea of the 3/50 project. She explained that the project was based on consumers picking 3 local businesses in our community and spending \$50 combined at the businesses each month. If 50% of the employed population spent \$50 each month in locally owned businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue. For every \$100 spent in locally owned stores, \$68 returns to the community. If you spent \$100 in national chain stores, only \$43 stays in the community. She encouraged the board to help get the word out. She spoke last night at the county commissioners meeting and is going to speak with the chamber of commerce board next week.

Commissioner Holleman was very appreciative of her dedication to bettering the community and told her that they would help her as much as possible.

Mayor Barriger thanked her and to her he would help in any way possible.

Commissioner Poole stated that it was a great idea, and that we needed to make the community aware of the local businesses that are in our community.

No other comments were made in open forum.

Mayor Barriger opened a public hearing for the annexation of Giles Scott's property on Boston Road.

No Public Comments were made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to close the public hearing. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the annexation upon completion of two conditions by Mr. Scott. The first condition, Mr. Scott has his 2 apartments plumbed so that each apartment is connected to its own separate sewer tap. The town will provide Mr. Scott with a shutoff valve for each apartment to be installed at the time of plumbing to the tap in order to be able to disconnect sewer service to an apartment if the account becomes delinquent. The second condition, Mr. Scott must clear his current sewer account debt of \$293.11 for the property. Once the conditions are met, it will come back before the board for official approval. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to send second notices to all delinquent tax accounts. If accounts aren't cleared by April 1, 2010 then the account will be listed in the Taylorsville Times on April 14, 2010. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Poole to receipt in \$6,054.40, received from the sale of old water meters and scrap metal, and transfer it to the general fund. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to receipt in \$1,000.00 donation from Taylorsville Recreation, for a new concession stand and ADA restrooms at Town Park, and transfer the funds to the park outlay account. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to lease 4 patrol car cameras from Seamless Mobility Solutions for 36 months at a cost of \$32,472. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to table all discussion and action on the Sterling Lane property annexation until more options can be explored. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve a change order on the small water line replacement project which would include an additional 2,000 feet of water line being ran on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Drive Southeast between South Center Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE at an additional cost of approximately \$29,000. Passed unanimously.

Manager Odom brought it to the Town Board's attention that the City of Newton will increase the cost of bulk rate water by 2.6% effective July 1, 2010. The board will look at the possibility of raising the town's water and sewer rates to offset the cost of City of Newton's rate hike with the new budget.

Motion by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Poole to start a historical database at town hall to help preserve the town's history. Citizens are encouraged to bring historical photos and narratives by town hall to be scanned into the database. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the audit contract with Martin Starnes and Associates for the 2010 audit. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Poole to send a formal request to Alexander County for the administration and integration of the town's real property tax billing and collection to be handled by the Alexander County Tax Office. Passed unanimously.

Manager Odom brought to the Board's attention that there was a computer error by the town's utility billing software. The software was compounding the interest on delinquent water and sewer accounts. The town ordinance states that interest is to be figured on simple interest. The correction has been made to all accounts, the audit firm has been contacted, and a file with all the information has been made.

Motion by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Poole to appoint Tony Jones as the town representative on the Alexander County Chamber Board of Directors. Passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent a work session is scheduled for March 18, 2010 at 12:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 6, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk