

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2021

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Kimberly Brown
Commissioner Jack Simms

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Commissioner Simms. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to add the following to the agenda. Add item 5a. Recognition of Vaccine Location
The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the February 2nd, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman stated that March 2nd would have been former Mayor Guy Barriger's 82nd birthday. On March 3rd, 2021 there will be a Town and State zoom meeting hosted thru NCLM. On March 8th, 2021 there will be a zoom meeting regarding the 2020 Census. On April 22nd, the WPCOG will hold the annual meeting. There were no other comments.

Public Works Director, David Robinette retired from the town effective 2-26-21 after 27 years of service. He was presented with a plaque and recognized for his many years of faithful and dedicated service to the town and its citizens. He will be greatly missed.

It was noted that First Baptist Church and Family Care worked together to bring the first vaccine's and vaccination site to Taylorsville.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Simms to approve the engagement letter and audit contract for the FY 2021-2022 with Martin Starnes & Associates. A copy of the contract will be in the Clerk's office. The motion was passed unanimously.

By Mayoral Proclamation, the week of March 21st thru March 27th will be Arbor Week in Taylorsville.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Simms to open the public hearing for the purpose of hearing citizen input regarding a Town Charter change for the purpose of changing the governing name of the Town Board from Town Commissioners to Town Council. The motion was passed unanimously.

There were no public comments or any comments from the Town Board or staff. The public

hearing was closed. The 2nd public hearing will be April 6th, 2021 at 5:30 in the council chambers.

Mayor Holleman suggested a budget workshop be held in the near future. He wants to seriously discuss the needs within the town and to explore borrowing the money to complete those items. He states that with the record low interest rates that now is the time to borrow the money to correct/complete items/issues in town. He suggests that the Town Board compile lists of needs in priority order and discuss them at the budget workshop.

Doug Bowman, Police Chief, noted that the officers are doing an exceptional job. They helped arrest a man from Taylorsville that was wanted for a double murder in Gastonia recently. The speed bump is still not here. He is hoping the traffic cones will be here before the next meeting. On March 23rd from 4 to 6 pm you can turn in unused medications to be safely disposed of. Commissioner Simms mentioned how appreciative he is for the hard work that the police dept. does. Our drug officer is now officially a homeland security officer.

David Odom, Town Manager stated that the Town has received notification that we will be awarded a grant/ 0% interest loan for \$781,500.00 for the 2021 WWTP Improvement project . We have also been awarded a grant /0% interest loan for \$400,000.00 for the 2021 Collection System Improvement Project for much needed repairs at our WWTP.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be April 6, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk