

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

March 3, 2020

Present: Mayor George Holleman  
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette  
Commissioner Jack Simms  
Commissioner Kim Brown

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole

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 Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the following additions to the agenda and to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously  
Item 6a. powell bill additional allocation

### Open Forum:

Meredith Lerm, representative from the Taylorsville Business Association spoke before the Town Board requesting permission to create a Core Walking Trail in town. The trail will be ½ mile long with 20 painted logos from the starting point on 2nd St. SW down Main Ave. Dr. up Emergency Street and back down E. Main Ave. to the original starting point. Unanimous consent was given for the trail & logos for the downtown area. Mayor Holleman mentioned the WPCOG annual meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the workshop & guest speaker's topic will be "The 13 ways to kill your community". Mayor Holleman also noted that a housing forum is scheduled for May 14, 2020 thru the WPCOG. He stated that good hygiene is essential in combating the coronavirus and that emergency management has a plan in place. Kathy Ballard, Guardian ad Litem program spoke of the shortage of volunteers for the program noting that they deal with the worst of the Dept. of Social Services cases. There will be a fund raiser on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on the courthouse lawn to benefit the program and to bring awareness to the community. There were no other comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to set a public hearing for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the purpose of hearing public input regarding the Taylorsville Tree Ordinance and the size & structure of the Tree-Park Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the budget transfers as follows:

General Fund contingency to various departments totaling \$10,271.74

W&S contingency to various exp. Line items totaling \$48,500.00

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 Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the additional allocation from the Powell Bill fund for \$12,000.00. The motion was

passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Chief, Dennis James gave a monthly report for February 2020 which included 25 arrests and 22 accidents totaling 695 total calls. He stated that the new patrol cars are equipped and on the road. A new part-time police officer has been hired and is in training. The 2 new Viper radios are ordered and should be here soon.

Public Works Director, David Robinette stated that the new public works service truck is in operation. He expressed his appreciation to the Town Board for the generosity in getting the truck. It is much needed and appreciated. A Tier II report was recently completed and must be submitted to the State annually which is a report on dangerous chemicals and where and how they are stored at the WWTP. Mowing season will be upon us in the coming weeks.

Town Manager, David Odom noted that budget preparation is underway. The medical insurance will not have any premium increases for the 2020-2021 year, which is great news. According to the NC State Treasurer's office, we have 42.5% available fund balance according to the last audit, which is great for a town our size. The Treasurer's office did express concern that our w&s rate structure was not high enough compared to our peers our size. A budget planning session will be scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 12 noon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to set the next meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to enter into closed session per GS143-318.11(a) in order to discuss economic impact and development in the town. The motion was passed unanimously.

A discussion of the only laundromat in town that recently closed was held. Possible economic incentives were discussed that might bring in new perspective owners/operators. It is critical that a laundromat be available to the citizens of the town.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adjourn the closed session meeting and return to open session. The motion was passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent, permission was given to Town Manager, David Odom to establish a contract for 12 months of reduced w&s rates not to exceed a value of \$7,000.00 for up to 2

locations for the new owners of a laundromat. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk