

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2019

Present: Mayor George 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 5:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the following changes to the agenda. Add item 8a.-Arbor Day Proclamation. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes from February 5, 2019 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments from citizens in open forum.

Mayor Holleman administered the oath of office for new part-time police officer Justin Sherrill

By unanimous consent, the Town Board terminated the Matheson Park Shelter project. The project could not be completed in a timely manner using the labor from the vocational department through Alexander Central High School and the private costs were too high, so it was decided to terminate the project.

By unanimous consent, the Town Board terminated the 2018 Prison Pump Station Project. The project would be too expensive to complete on pump stations that are owned by the NC Department of Corrections. We maintain the pump stations but do not own them.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a Resolution accepting grant funds from DEHNR for the additional \$150,000.00 for the 2018 WWTP Improvements project. 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 the 2019-2020 audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates for the preparation of the fiscal year-end financial statements. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to

approve Town Manager David Odom as the official to sign on behalf of the town and to approve the contract with Renew Petra for the WWTP Solar project.

By Mayoral Proclamation, Arbor Week was proclaimed as March 25th through March 31st, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve a W&S budget amendment totaling \$128,100.00 for storm damage repairs and pump station repairs. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James reported 17 arrests and 25 incidents totaling 417 calls in February 2019. There are now 3 full time School Resource Officers at the High school and the alternative school. Chief James publically thanked the Town Board for their generosity of purchasing a new fully equipped police car. Commissioner Poole publically thanked the Chief and his whole department for the fine job they do each day for the Town.

Public Works Director, David Robinette stated that the annual report was received from the City of Hickory. He noted that the Tier II report has been completed to the State of NC showing what chemicals are stored at the WWTP along with the on-site laboratory.

Town Manager, David Odom sated that the town has completed 20 Grant/loan projects totaling over 9.4 million with 5 presently on-going totaling over 3.7 million. That is a great accomplishment in 18 years. He thanked the Town Council for their for-sight for future planning.

The next meeting will be April 2nd, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adjourn the meeting at 6:15. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk