

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

April 2 2013

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.

Don Benfield spoke in open forum about a meeting scheduled for Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Alexander County courthouse. The focus of the meeting will bring together leaders and citizens to discuss ideas for the future growth of the Town and Alexander County. An organization is being formed called Alexander Citizens for Growth. All are encouraged to attend. Commissioner Poole asked Mr. Benfield to report back to the council at the May meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Poole to make the following change to the agenda. Add item 6a –Engineering Contract- Energy United & Town Project. The motion was unanimous.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the minutes as presented for the March 5, 2013 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Town Manager, David Odom gave an update on the ongoing repairs at the wastewater treatment plant. 4 pumps, 3 valves and monitoring sites have been repaired. There have been a series of mechanical problems that have caused extensive repairs to be necessary. He expressed his appreciation to the Town Council for their efforts to make the much needed costly repairs in order to continue and improve the efficiency of the treatment plant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve part A of the acceptance agreement for the loan/grant for the Water Supply System Project between Energy United and the Town as approved by the NC Dept. of Environmental & Natural Resources Division of Water Resources Public Water Supply Section. The scope of the loan/grant is a 0% loan for 20 years for \$295,000.00 & a forgiveness grant for \$1,180,000.00. There is a 2% fee of \$29,500 charged by NCDEHR & that fee will be split between the Town and Energy United respectively. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Town Manager, David Odom gave an update of recent developments on the NC state level regarding recently introduced legislative bills that would affect revenues on the local/municipal level and future grant funding sources from the state level to the municipal level. Senate bill #394 was introduced and if enacted will have a devastating blow to our revenue stream from franchise and privilege taxes in addition to cutting funding at the state level to the Golden Leaf Foundation, The Clean Water Management Trust Fund and the NC Rural Center. He strongly urged that opposition to this proposed bill be voiced in Raleigh.

Discussion was had regarding the Town's participation of summer projects to be held on the courthouse lawn. Sponsorship was discussed of the bands to perform and the types of events. After discussion, members associated with scheduling the events and the Town board will meet to make further plans and discuss events and dates.

Town Manager, David Odom mentioned that the talks are continuing regarding solar energy and what possibilities are available to the Town. He will meet with a private company next week and bring back more information.

The standard police report was submitted. Police Chief Tony Jones did state that identity theft is on the rise.

Commissioner Elliott thanked the Town Manager and Town Staff for their hard work in submitting the Golden Leaf grant application.

The next meeting is set for May 7, 2013 at 5:30pm and May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk