

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2018

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 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Reverend Gary Jennings. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to add the following items to the agenda. Item 9a. – change order for 2015 WWTP Rehab. Project.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from March 6, 2018 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Reverend Gary Jennings complimented the Town on the excellent condition of the town cemetery. He noted that some other cemeteries are allowing double depth of grave sites in some or all of their cemeteries. It would increase the number of spaces available in older sections of the cemetery by allowing double depth on single plots where all the other family sections are full. Some additional requirements would have to be implemented such as required depth of the vaults and double vaults. The Board will take in look into the matter during the upcoming budget preparations.

The Blossom Festival will be held Saturday, May 5th in downtown Taylorsville.

There were no comments from citizens in open forum.

Mayor Holleman called to order the public hearing on the Public Nuisance Abatement against the residence of 315 South Center Street Peter R. Fox and Robin C. McCall (property owners). The property at 315 South Center Street has been a concern for many years due to the debris in and around the yard and outbuildings and on the porches. The Town has worked since 2014 attempting to get the residents to clean up the place. The town planted trees along the property lines and offered to buy the items in the yard. After that, 21 tons of debris were hauled off to the landfill the first time and mowed the yard for 4 years. Now it has reached the same level of debris in the yard, porches and outbuildings.

Jon Pilkenton, Director Alexander County Planning stated that on November 17th, 2017 a formal complaint was received by the Alexander County Planning Department, who is contracted by the Town to enforce the ordinances about the amount of debris, junk and rubbish in the yard and on the porches. An inspection was made and the property found to be in violation of the Nuisance

Ordinance as follows:

Section 50.07 CONDITIONS ONSTITUTING NUISANCE:

- (A) Whatever is dangerous to human life or in violation of any county or state health regulation.
- (B) Whatever building, structure or portion thereof is overcrowded or not provided with adequate means of ingress and egress or is not sufficiently supported, ventilated, drained, cleaned or lighted.
- (C) Any building or premises which is constructed or maintained in such a manner so as to provide food, shelter or protection for rats, mice, snakes, vermin or insects.
- (D) Any accumulation of rubbish, trash or junk causing or threatening to cause the inhabitation of rats, mice snakes or vermin of any kind.

Town Attorney, Caryn Brzykcy stated that the property owners were notified by certified mail several times regarding the conditions of the property and what steps would be taken if the property was not properly maintained to remove the nuisance. No response was received from the property owners. No further discussion was held and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the Order To Require the Property Owners to Abate Nuisance. 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 amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the 2015 WWTP Rehabilitation project to reflect additional funding from ARC for \$150,000.00 with the required match from the Town of \$150,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the timeline extension for the Matheson Park Shelter grant to be April 2019. The proposed shelter will be 20 ft. x 64 ft. and labor from the vocational education department, Habitat and town staff will be used for the construction. The motion was passed unanimously.

The motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to waive the additional fees for a seriously delinquent sewer customer and to adopt an ordinance to correct future problems like this. The owner of 4 single wide mobile homes with outside sewer connections became seriously delinquent. There were not shut off capabilities for the sewer and it was not the town's water system. The owner made an offer of \$5,000.00 to the town and \$750.00 attorney fees to settle the matter outside of court if the excess penalties and fees were dropped. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve change order #8 for the 2015 WWTP Rehab. Project. An increase of \$3,576.86 to pay the sub-contractor.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James noted 22 accidents and 17 arrests in March 2018 with a total of 760

calls. He noted Robin's Run is scheduled for this week. He also noted that extensive undercover work is happening here in town.

David Robinette, Public Works Director submitted a written report. He stated that ground maintenance is in full swing and the park is heavily used. The Taylorsville Garden is getting going with a total of 20 raised beds.

David Odom, Town Manager states that the Republican headquarters need a disabled entrance similar to the one installed at the Andrew Benfield Insurance Agency. By unanimous consent, the Town Board agreed to the disabled entrance approval. Mr. Tommy Smith has purchased the playground equipment for Matheson park and it should be here in mid-May. Aaron Wike found a good deal on GovDeals for 20 new Christmas Angels for the light poles for only \$600.00.

A budget workshop will be scheduled for April 10th at 12:00 noon in order to plan for the upcoming FY 2018-2019 budget needs.

The next meeting will be May 1, 2018 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 6:20. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk