

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2006

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips & Comm. Jack Lerner

Absent: Comm. George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillips. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

By unanimous decision the presentation for May's Anchor Business Award will be postponed until the June meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the minutes from the April 4th, 2006 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No citizens – or comments

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding street solicitation of funds in Taylorsville. Other towns are having similar situations of street solicitation of funds on public streets. No citizens present for comments.

Mayor Barriger closed the hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the adoption of an ordinance stating "No person, organization or firm shall seek or solicit funds from any occupied wheeled vehicle on any street within the Town of Taylorsville. \$50.00 fine for each violation. This ordinance becomes effective 5-2-06 and will be added to section 93 Title IV General Business Regulations. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt a Resolution supporting the 2006 Clean Water Bond as stated. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made apart of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the adoption of a Resolution opposing the transfer of funds from the Highway Trust fund to the General Fund on NC. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made apart of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the budget amendment of \$20,100.00 from fund balance to Police capital outlay in order to make the final payment on police patrol vehicles purchased in 2003. Passed unanimously. See attachment C,

which is hereby incorporated and made apart of these minutes.

FY 2006/2006 Budget Information:

- 19 consecutive year = no tax increase
- Town growing by 7% - due to Pop Davis/Leroy Rd sewer project –
- 3% raise & 2% July & 3% December bonus for employees- employees cut costs by \$100,018.00
- Need one police vehicle & 1 small tractor & automated controls for water tanks that EU can monitor as well – estimated costs 14,000 to 16,000.00
- Insurance quotes – 4 - can save approx. 3,900.00 /yr & receive increased coverage/benefits
- Town Economic Development – Town Outreach – Chamber of Commerce doing Village profile history –
- Allocations = Chamber 5000.00 Fire Dept = 50,000 & EMS =
- Manager requesting monthly vehicle allowance
- FY 2006/2007 Budget Discussion: GF=\$1,421,497.00

WS=\$1,275,959.00

Total \$2,697,456.00

Mayor complimented Town staff on cost cutting measures & said Pop Davis / Hwy 64 is opening up for explosive growth due to sewer projects – Commissioner Lerner seconded the Mayor's comments.

Town Beautification Measures and Sub-standard housing issues:

As far as Town Ordinance regulations are concerned, the nuisance measures now only allow for the control of weeds & standing water problems. The ordinance needs to be updated to include blight, unsightliness and or unsafe housing as part of the control measures.

See Police Dept. report submitted.

See Public Works Dept. Report submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to recess till May 16th, 2006 and set a public hearing for the FY 2006/2007 budget presentation. Passed unanimously.

Reconvened Meeting

May 16, 2006

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips & Comm. Jack Lerner & Comm. George Holleman

The meeting of May 2, 2006 was reconvened on May 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Barriger reconvened the meeting.

Alexander County Chamber past president Chip Sweeney spoke before the Town Board. He thanked them for their past support and spoke of the Chambers desire for future support. The Chamber has developed a tourism brochure and plan to distribute 100,000 in next year. They feel that targeting and promoting tourism in Alexander County is one key in Alexander County's future for economic growth and development. They are also developing a Visit Alexander County website which will be due out in June of 2006. They have had 7700 email & phone requests for information on the Chamber's website in the past year. Alexander County is funding \$6000.00 for the Chamber in their FY 06/07 budget. The Chamber feels that if the County doesn't appropriate the same level of funding as last year that many projects will have to be eliminated due to insufficient monies to carry them out. Mayor Barriger stated he supports the Chamber & appreciates their efforts on behalf of the Town and County. Chamber Board member, Glenn Fox also spoke on behalf of the Chamber and asked the Town Board for consideration of funding. He stated that the support would mainly be used for another part time staff person in order to complete the job tasks presently under. John Allen, of Village Profile, a marketing firm also spoke giving a brief overview of the new directory that the Chamber is preparing for sale and distribution. The Board advised that they would take the requests of the Chamber into consideration when making the FY 2006/2007 budget for the Town.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing for the presentation of the proposed FY 2006/2007 budget. Town Manager, David Odom presented a draft of the proposed FY 2006/2007 budget. The total proposed budget is \$2,714,271.00 which shows an 8% increase over last year; however, no increased property taxes or service fees were needed to balance the budget. The budget does require \$40,954.00 in order to balance. The totals for GF = \$1,436,762.00 & W&S = \$1,277,509.00 The GF has no debt and the W&S dept. has the water tank, EU/Newton interconnect & Pop Davis sewer project & WWTP adj. land purchase as long term debt obligations. One patrol car & a small tractor are the only capital items needed. Town Manager, David Odom recommended the amounts for outside agencies be left as presented in the proposed budget & after the FY end audit of 2005/2006, then revisit the request for any additional funds at that time. The Town can save approximately \$17,000 per year if we change the healthcare coverage effective 7-1-06 to BCBS of NC. The employees will have better

coverage as well. At this time, it appears that all other policies are the most cost effective remaining with the NC League of Municipalities.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips approve BCBS insurance contract effective July 1, 2006. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of Future Planning & Beautification Matters:

Continue the contract with the honor grade inmates. The program is working well.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to set the next meeting for June 6, 2006 at 6:00p.m., and to also set the second public hearing for the proposed FY 2006/2007 budget. Passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

_____ Mayor

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ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk