

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 7, 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.

Catheryn McCurdy came before the Town Board to speak in open forum about the overall present and future physical and economic condition of the town of Taylorsville. She presented a power-point slideshow depicting a variety of homes and businesses in and close by to town. Some were in good physical condition and others were in need of varying stages of repair. She asked that the Town Board consider what actions could be taken to keep Taylorsville from continuing to decline.

A new furniture store is to open in the old Smithey's building. There were no other comments in open forum.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the minutes as presented for the April 2, 2013 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the contract with the NC League of Municipalities for the property and liability and the workers compensation insurance policies for the fiscal year 2013/2014. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to amend the FY budget up in order to receipt in the reimbursement for funds spent during the well monitoring behind town hall. The NCDENR reimbursed the town \$9,912.99. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Town sponsorship of the summer night concert series. The following dates and bands are scheduled.

May 11, 2013	Shook Lane (rain date May 18 th)	7 – 10 pm
June 8, 2013	Shakedown	7-10 pm
July 20, 2013	Greg Conrads Band	7-10 pm?
August & September dates have not been set yet		

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to endorse the Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming June 15, 2013 as “North Carolina Domestic Violence Proclamation 100 Day”. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to endorse the Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming National Nursing Home week of May 12-18, 2013. Mayor Holleman will present the proclamation to Valley Nursing home on Monday May 13th at 10:00 am.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt the budget ordinance for the Water System Efficiency and Reliability Improvements Project (Ref: DWSRF #WIF-1720) as presented. The project between the Town and Energy United will total \$1,475,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve part B of the Water System Efficiency and Reliability Improvements Project. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Town Manager, David Odom briefly discussed the upcoming budget projections. He stated that the general fund revenues are not predictable at this time due to the uncertainty of what the state intends regarding powell bill money, franchise fees and sales tax revenue. There has been no growth in our tax base and have actually seen an economic obsolescence which is a decrease of the existing tax base due to aging homes. Water and sewer revenues remain constant. We have 22 pump stations to maintain. Our improved meter reading system and monitoring data system enables the public works director and his staff to monitor those pump stations from their smart phones instead of having to physically visit each one when an alarm goes off. He mentioned that a request of support from the City of Hickory was received. They have asked for permission from the state to impose an addition food & beverage tax and are seeking surrounding letters of support

The standard police report was submitted. Captain James noted the recent drug activity on West Jay Drive. Captain James noted that the new Charger is now on the road and working great. He thanked the Town Board for the new police vehicle.

Public Works Director, David Robinette gave an overview of 2012 public works activity. He also noted that the spring mowing is quite extensive including the Hwy 64 by-pass and the parks and right-of-ways in and around town. Due to the recent large amount of rainfall we had 3 high level alarms but no spills due to the recent upgrades and improvements. He stated that in times past, there would have been spills which are reportable to the state. Commissioner Poole thanked David Robinette and his staff for the dedicated work for the town.

The next meeting is set for May 21, 2013 at 5:30pm

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to enter into closed session to discuss contractual matters.

The building & reuse project between the town and the cracked teapot is delinquent due to the fact that the restaurant did not stay in business for the required time period and provide proof of paid employees. It appears that the Town will have to repay approx. \$18,000.00 back to the NC Rural center since the project was not fully completed. Negotiations are being made regarding possible payment arrangements or the possibility of using another business for the employee requirement portion of the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to return to the regular business meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk