

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2019

Present: Mayor George Holleman

 Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole

 Commissioner Ronnie Robinette

 Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from April 2, 2019 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman stated that Taylorsville is an opportunity zone for investors and poised for development. The Arbor Foundation plans to plant over 100 million trees in the U.S. and by 2025 it's estimated that ½ the world's population will be in a water stressed environment. Appreciation of the re-painting of the lines on town streets was mentioned by citizens in attendance. It was suggested by Mark Harbinson that a tree be planted at Matheson Park in honor of deceased Councilman Jack Lerner. There were no other comments from citizens in open forum.

By unanimous consent, a public notice will be scheduled for June 4th and June 18th, 2019 to hear citizen input regarding the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year budget for the Town of Taylorsville.

Town Manager, David Odom gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2019-2020 which include the following:

Current tax rate remains at 40 cent per 100 valuation

Water and sewer rates remain the same

Waiting on health insurance rates

3 school resource officers at ACHS

Additional revenue set aside for un-expected storm related events

Additional funding mandated by NC Legislature for increases to state retirement annual percentage for both general and law enforcement employees

Alexander Central Fire Dept. will receive an increase in allocations

There will be additional improvements made at the WWTP including a solar project completed on the site, which will help offset and recoup energy consumption expenses.

The general fund will be \$1,979,850.00

The W&S fund will be \$2,222,806.00

Total \$4,202,656.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a cooperative effort between the Town, Alexander County and Energy United for infrastructure in order to improve economic development at the industrial site. A new spec building will be constructed with new water & sewer lines. Town Manager, David Odom recommends that the town obligate \$20,000 per year for 4 years on the site. Once complete, the occupant will be a water customer for Energy United and a sewer customer for the town. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the transfers in the general fund in the current FY totaling \$22,100.00. 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 Poole to approve the budget transfers within the W&S fund in the amount of \$42,850.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, 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 an amendment to the FY 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$1,500.00 to receipt in the reimbursement for the bullet proof vests for the police department. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James reported 29 arrests and 17 incidents and 28 citations totaling 869 calls in April 2019. There were 4 investigations at Alexander Central High and 3 at the student success center. All in all, April was a good month with no major issues. Commissioner Poole mentioned that the intersection at west end was dangerous and that many times the red lights were run.

Public Works Director, David Robinette stated that there were 3 separate inspections conducted in March 2019. Land application, collections system and WWTP inspections were performed.

Town Manager, David Odom sated that the Apple Blossom festival will be the 4th of May, 2019. The festival brings in lots of people and additional tax revenue. All projects are going well and the renewable energy/solar project will be beginning soon at the WWTP.

The next meeting will be June 4th, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Poole to adjourn the meeting at 6:30. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Vacant -
Jack I. Lerner – Deceased 3/19/19

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk