

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

May 21, 2013

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman  
Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole  
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette  
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr. - Absent  
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.

There were no other comments in open forum.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes as presented for the May 7, 2013 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Holleman mentioned that the band Shook Lane is re-scheduled to play on the courthouse lawn Friday night May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. The proclamation for Nursing Home week was presented to Valley Nursing home on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Tractor Supply opening is Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. The new Dollar General will be opening soon. Shaw furniture will occupy the lower level and street level entrances on the old Smithy building. Cross Point church will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the building. The Veterans will be selling the poppies to raise money for veterans and their families. The annual remembrance ceremony will be this Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>. A new mattress firm will open in the old Lisa's produce building. There will be a car detail shop on the backside of TC auto repair and a clothing shop opening in the end of the old ford dealership building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the budget amendment for an additional \$5,000.00 from powell bill fund balance to the powell bill expense in order to cover excess street expenses. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Mayor Holleman declared May 2013 as Lyme Disease Awareness month.

David Odom, Town Manager mentioned the proposed FY 2013-14 budget for the Town of Taylorsville. The budget totals \$3,354,165.00 (excluding pass thru grant projects) for all Town personnel expenses, operations, capital improvements, and debt service requirements. It reflects a 3.5% increase from the July 1, 2011 approved budget. The General Fund budget totals \$1,603,950 and is balanced with a property tax rate of 35 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed budget reflects an estimated 3.5% increase in revenue. The majority of the increase is to an improvement in sales tax revenue. As a word of caution this reflects increased cost of goods and provisions rather than a significant change in consumer spending. Citizens are not

buying more, simply paying more. Real Property values are flat to receding due to forced sales and foreclosures. The budget for the Water & Sewer Fund totals \$1,689,400.00 an increase of 2.8%. This amount includes a 3.0% for residential rate increase due to ongoing water and sewer improvements, cost increases in wastewater treatment, system upgrades, and major replacement projects. The majority of our residential inside customers who use less than 5,000 gallons per month will see an average monthly increase of \$.25 cents per month High use accounts and outside sewer accounts will bear the majority of the proposed rate increase.

He also noted that the property revaluation will occur in 2015; however, the tax base is expected to decline due to economic conditions and aging properties. It should also be noted that the NC Legislature are proposing significant changes to franchise fee revenue and sales tax revenue which would directly affect our revenue's. A complete review of the proposed budget will be presented on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set the public hearings for the reading of the proposed budget for FY 2013-14 for June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the Minority Business Outreach Plan Update as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the re-adoption of the Resolution affirming the Minority Business Outreach Plan. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

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

Darrin Hoyle now owns the old Hammer Motor building. Discussions are continuing with the NC Rural Center regarding the closing of the Cracked Teapot grant.

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

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

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk