

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2015

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 George Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

The Town Board recognized the ACHS softball team for their accomplishments this past season. They had 95 consecutive wins. They were presented a plaque expressing the Town's admiration for their accomplishments both athletic and academic; and the dedication and the positive role models they set as examples for future generations to follow.

Mr. Pete Woods, Director of the Hiddenite Arts and Heritage Center came before the Town Board to give an update of planned activities of the center. The summer concert series will be on Saturday June 27th & feature Mel Jones & his Bag of Bones; July 25th the Idle Time Band; August 21st the Shakedown Band. He thanked the town for their support in prior years and expressed his hope for continued support for the upcoming years. He also stated that the NC Community foundation awarded a \$5,000.00 grant for a sidewalk to be constructed from Hiddenite Baptist Church to the Hiddenite Center for pedestrians.

Ms. Lana Davidson Harrington with the Alexander Ancestry Association spoke in open forum and complimented the Town Board and staff on their efforts to clean up the old hospital area and the efforts to beautify the overall appearance of the town.

There were no other comments in open forum.

Mayor Holleman opened the 1st public hearing for the proposed reading of the FY 2015/2016 budget.

The General Fund budget totals \$1,706,462 and is balanced with a property tax rate of 34 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed budget reflects an estimated .07 decrease in revenue. Revaluation impacted the Town in a negative way, no real surprise. \$ 5,000,000 dollars in real property was lost. In real dollars the Town lost an estimated \$60,000.00 in tax revenue (real money). The Proposed Budget also reduces tax income by an additional \$16,800.00.

Expenditures for the 2015/2016 General Fund total \$1,706,462 a -0.4 decrease from the amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

The budget for the Water & Sewer Fund totals \$2,050,050.00 and increase of 8.7%. This amount includes a 10% increase for accounts that consume in excess of 50,000 gallons per month. A new level added to the increasing block rate schedule was included. No resident or business who consumes less than 50,000 gallons per month will experience any rate change. The Town of Taylorsville has several ongoing water and sewer projects such as Millersville Sewer, Phase 1 Town Park Properties LLC, 6 new Townhomes, Two new grant/loan funded projects to improve the sewer system, and development of additional site for bio-solids land application. The Town Council intends to encourage development within the Town limits by reducing the purchase price of ¾ inch residential water meters by 50% within the Town limits only. Gravity sewer connection fees for a 4 inch standard gravity sewer tap are also proposed to be reduced by 50%. (NOTE UNDERGROUND BORES OR SERVICE TAP CROSSING A ROAD WILL BE TAP FEE PLUS COST). ¾ water meters, sewer taps \$500.00 in Town limits.

Expenditures for the Water & Sewer Fund total \$2,050,050.00 the amount represents direct Town Council actions to continue improvements to public infrastructure, ongoing grant projects, new public- private partnerships, and expansion of water and sewer system.

With no more information, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Holleman opened a public hearing on the proposal of possibly exchanging a portion of public property at the community gardens for a portion adjacent to town park street. This would be used for additional parking at town park. This exchange is permitted by N.C.G.S. 160A-262. Discussions are ongoing regarding this possible exchange. With no further information available, the hearing was closed.

Mayor Holleman opened a public hearing on the possibility of purchasing additional cemetery property. It would be a total of 1.38 acres and an additional 946 plots could be added. Negotiations are ongoing and more information will follow. With no further information, the public hearing was closed.

The Town Clerk gave a sufficiency report on the voluntary contiguous annexation petition received from Rebecca Shumate for her property located at 380 7th St. NW. A public hearing is scheduled for June 16th 2015 at 5:30 to hear public comments on the annexation petition.

Police Chief Dennis James gave a report for the month of May 2015 noting there were 914 calls. There were 3 large quantities of meth seized which should net a tax seizure amount of \$18,000 back to the police dept. There was also counterfeit money confiscated. The serious incident that occurred at Beasley's power equipment is also still ongoing.

Public Works Director, David Robinette gave a written report for May 2015. Millersville project is progressing smoothly. There is a change order #4 for Millersville which will allow for sewer service at Royal Comfort Seating, the Old Wittenburg school and Hwy 16 superette. There is beginning to be a lot of activity in Matheson Park and the inmate crews start their day with the clean-up of the park every day during the spring, summer and fall months.

David Odom, Town Manager stated that the town summer concert series will consist of on June

2015 Nightmove band costing \$800.00 along with fireworks and on July 17th Shakedown band costing \$800.00. There are no fireworks scheduled for that event. The independence day celebration will be on July 11, 2015 at ACHS with fireworks that evening. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on June 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the council chambers of town hall.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 16, 2015 at 5:30p.m. in the council chambers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk