

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2012

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.

There were no comments in open forum.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to amend the June 5, 2012 draft minutes. Mayor Holleman requested that the original draft written be changed as follows under the public hearing of the proposed FY 2012-2013 Town Budget. Mayor Holleman asked that the word **eliminating** be removed from the sentence and the word **improve** be inserted. The sentence now reads: He also asked the Town Council to improve the employee 401k program by changing the Town's 401k contribution of a 5% match for each employee to only match what each employee puts into the 401k plan with a ceiling of 5% on the town's part. The motion to amend the wording of the June 5, 2012 draft minutes was passed unanimously.

Mayor Holleman opened the public hearing on the question of modifying the Town's Code of Ordinances and fee schedule relating to the business licenses and definitions. Gina K, Taylorsville Apple Festival representative was present. She spoke regarding the proposed town business license that each apple festival vendor will pay and how the information and collection process for the business license will work.

The proposed changes include:

- A. A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 for any organized event held in the town limits
- B. A refundable deposit of \$300.00 if the event completes the cleaning checklist as set forth in the new fee schedule.
- C. Organized event clean-up fees
- D. Off duty Police Officer security request
- E. Business License – addition of Schedule C

No other comments were heard and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the changes to the Town Code of Ordinances to include the changes to section 93: Parades and Organized Events and to add schedule C to section 117: Business License. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Holleman opened the 2nd public hearing for the proposed FY 2012-2013 Town budget. Town Manager David Odom stated that it consists of a balanced budget totaling \$3,246,645.00. The general fund is for \$1,603,950.00 & the W&S fund is for \$1,640,050.00. There is no general fund debt carried forward or proposed, the tax rate is to remain at .35 per \$100.00 valuation and there is a 3% cola for all full-time employees. The budget is balanced without using any fund balance. Mayor Holleman asked if any member of the town council would support his suggestion to alter the 401k program for the town employees? Commissioner Robinette stated that he didn't think changing the 401k program at this late stage of the budget preparation would be a good idea. He stated that it should be looked into before next year's budget preparations began during the work sessions. Commissioner Poole stated he would need to study that suggestion. He did state that he is in favor of merit raises not just straight across the board cost of living adjustments. Town Manager, David Odom brought up the MAPS pay study conducted in 2009 which stated that the town employees were underpaid then according to a grade and step scale based on their positions and qualifications. To bring the employees up to that study as of 2009 would take a considerable financial adjustment which recommended placing the employees on a grade and step scale according to their positions and qualifications. If such actions were made and then the funding not there to sustain the scale there would be an unfunded mandate. Mayor Holleman stated that efforts and progress have been made to reach the amounts in the pay study. Commissioner Elliott stated that the council needs to look into the matter further and look at funding before making any decisions right now.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget as presented. It should be noted that under the appropriations section, there is a new line item for Civic Events. All requests from outside agencies will be reviewed on a one-by-one basis and funding will come from this expense. It should also be noted that the slight water & sewer rate increase will become effective with the July billing. 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 Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve amending the budget up by \$15,350.00 for the police special trailer grant. This is a 100% grant, no matching contribution required. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the budget amendment for powell bill fund balance for \$12,500.00 and the budget transfers attached in order to balance the budget at year end. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a 4 year contract with Alexander County for their tax department to bill & collect the town's municipal taxes annually for 3% of the annual amount of revenue collected. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

There were no staff reports.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to set the August meeting for August 7th, 2012 at 5:30pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk