

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2015

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

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

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There were no comments in open forum.

Alexander County Fire Marshall Russell Green congratulated the Central Alexander Fire Department on the recent ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating that was received. The county rating is a 6/9E rating and now the Town rating is a 5 which will result in cheaper insurance rates for businesses. The inspections, conducted by the officials with the Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshall (OSFM) are required on a regular basis as part of the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS). The routine inspections look for proper staffing levels, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities, and availability of a water source. This rating was received due to extensive training and dedication from the officers and members.

Mayor Holleman opened the 2nd 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 1Town 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.

Town Manager, David Odom stated that the town has the lowest tax rate of any other full service town in the whole state comparing service for service. Future plans will focus on encouraging new development and promoting growth in and around town identifying any weakness and implement steps to improve and correct and concentrating on our water & sewer service. With no more information, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt the FY 2015-2016 budget as presented. The water & sewer rates will become effective June 16th 2015 for the July 1st billing and the tap rate reduction incentive plan will implemented also. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Holleman opened a public hearing on the voluntary contiguous annexation petition received from Rebecca Shumate for her property located at 380 7th St. NW. A feasibility study was presented. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the voluntary contiguous annexation petition received from Rebecca Shumate for her property located at 380 7th St. NW effective July 1, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

David Odom, Town Manager stated that the town summer concert series will consist of on June 20, 2015 Nightmoves band costing \$800.00 along with fireworks and on July 17th Shakedown band costing \$800.00. The Independence Day celebration will be on July 11, 2015 at ACHS with fireworks that evening.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on August 4th, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the council chambers of town hall.

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