

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 1, 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 Holleman at 5:30 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 approve the following changes and to adopt the agenda. Item 7a – Annual Lease renewal- ABC building. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bradley Martin spoke and presented a petition signed by neighbors and residents of 6th Street NW. The petition states that there is an unsightly property on 6th Street. It is known as the old Pardue property and the grounds are un-kept and making an eyesore for the rest of the neighborhood. The petition asks what measures the town ordinances can offer to help clean up the property. Mr. Martin states that the neighborhood committee has volunteers who wish to help with the clean-up efforts. David Odom, Town Manager states that the property owners have been contacted and communication has been started regarding the property.

Mayor Holleman stated that the Alexander County Agricultural fair opens on September 15th. There will be a farm tour on the 17th hosted by Alexander County Soil & Water Conservation District. There will be a tour of the Newton water system on September 24th & the Hiddenite Celebration will be September 26th. There were no other comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve an outside sewer request from Alexander Railroad Company. There will be a new building constructed in the Industrial Park on Hwy 90. There will be an outside tap fee and impact fee and will be charged outside sewer rates. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a voluntary satellite annexation petition received from Vue Properties, LLC for the old Asa Lee Dagenhart property located at the corner of Carrigan road and Hwy 16 South. A public hearing will also be scheduled for October 6th, 2015 at 5:30 for the purpose of hearing citizen input regarding the satellite petition request. 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 Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt a Resolution eliminating the town's general fund debt of \$60,000.00. This will be effective September 1st, 2015 but cannot be executed until March 2016, which is the earliest timeframe to

pay off the BB&T loan for the 2 police cars. The town will save interest for the remaining of the loan if paid off early. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the one-year lease agreement between the town and the Catawba County ABC Board for the rent of the ABC store in town. The Town Manager has permission to sign the lease on behalf of the town. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Holleman stated the US Senate is threatening to cut-off funding to the WPCOG. He encouraged everyone to support the WPCOG.

Police Chief Dennis James stated that there were 797 calls in August and 14 UCR crime reports and 16 arrests. A large and on-going embezzlement case has occurred inside the town limits which will require many hours of investigation. Chief James mentioned that 16 officers have been killed while on duty in the last month.

Public Works Director David Robinette stated that the Millersville project is almost complete. There are 46 new taps installed and operating, meaning 46 new sewer customers. There are many instances of maintenance work going on all over town and joint work being completed by both the Town and Energy United. There are 2 new projects to be started – the sewer collections rehabilitation project and the WWTP plant upgrade project.

Town Manager David Odom mentioned that grass is being reseeded along the Millersville project. A letter of request was received from Northwood Park Properties, Inc. requesting assistance in cleaning up their 9 acre tract of land. After discussion, a letter will be written back to the shareholders asking what their efforts will be regarding the clean-up of their property. He also mentioned that the town has been awarded \$12,375.00 in USDA funding to research alternative sources of energy such as solar power at the WWTP.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on October 6, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the council chambers of town hall.

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