

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

September 6, 2022

Present Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole
Councilman Ronnie Robinette
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Kim Brown

Absent: Mayor George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Pro Tem Poole at 5:30 p.m. The invitation was given by Councilman Simms. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the August 2nd, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Carol Rogers came before the Town Board requesting that the speed bumps be placed back on 1st Ave. SW. She states that when they were placed there that traffic was much slower. They are portable speed bumps and are moved periodically throughout town as a speed deterrent. She stated that the dangerousness of crossing to the Library and the speeding along 1st Ave. SW is a real problem along with excessive noise from loud mufflers on vehicles. She states that people use it as a cut through and excessive speeding and noise occurs at all hours which disturbs the neighborhood. She formally requested to get those speed bumps placed there permanently or a permanent cross walk to be installed which would deter speeding. Mayor Pro Tem Poole assured her that the Council will look into the matter further to reach an acceptable solution.

By Mayoral Proclamation, Red Ribbon Week is designated in Taylorsville October 23rd-October 31st, 2022. Red Ribbon Week is proclaimed to encourage participation in drug awareness and prevention activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the adoption of a Resolution allowing Alexander County's Sunday Brunch Ordinance to be enforceable within the Town Limits on Sunday's before noon. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the contract with WPCOG for the New Land Development Plan effective January 1, 2023 thru December 31st, 2023. The motion was passed unanimously. A copy of the contract will be retained in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the budget amendment receipting in the reimbursement of \$9,085.00 from the City of Hickory for damages incurred when our hydrant was accidentally opened during their routine water

checks resulting in significant revenue loss. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget amendment for insurance proceeds of \$7,998.07 for damages from a lightning strike to the Mitchell Gold pump station. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to acknowledge the intent to accept to grant funds and to seek requests for proposals for engineering services to complete the projects.

Project #1 – a study of the feasibility of possible merger & regionalization of the water system for \$90,000.00

Project #2 – a water system asset inventory assessment study grant for \$150,000.00

WPCOG will help facilitate the requests for proposals for engineering services for each project separately and report back to the Town Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

Allison H. Adams with WPCOG presented information about the regional collaborative efforts of WPCOG to inform citizens in the 4 county district and beyond of items of interest based on the 4 categories of Cool Spaces, Fun Places, Farm Fresh, & Outdoor Adventures. Visit www.expncfoothills.com to see the efforts to promote our region for our residents and tourists alike.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman

Chief Bowman mentioned that school started back this week. There was a shooting behind KFC resulting in 1 person being injured and the area being placed on lockdown. A suspect has been identified. He thanked all the additional help from the NC Highway Patrol, Alexander County Sheriff's Department and Iredell County Sheriff's Department in helping with the crime. A civilian called in who was inside KFC when the shooting occurred and complimented the professionalism of the officers who responded to the scene and assisted the injured person. He is aware of the speeding on 1st Ave. SW near the Library. He has a pedestrian sign ordered and is waiting on the completion of the painted designation for the crosswalk in front of the Library.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike was not in attendance

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom noted that the Tree & Park Committee was in attendance. He noted that he had asked at last month's meeting that the Tree & Park Committee look at the crepe myrtle trees along Main Street, S. Center Street, 2nd Street & the mediums & make recommendations on trimming or removing them and report back to the Town Board. There are 9 trees in the mediums along Main Ave. Dr. that are dead & will need to be removed. The question is what to put back in place there. Blaze maples can be placed there at a cost of \$250.00 each not including planting or another type tree can be chosen. It is recommended that the trees be removed & replanted prior to the Apple Festival. It was suggested by Councilwoman Brown that local growers such as JD Sink be contacted to see what they have available and to keep the purchase local is possible. Another issue is the rock at Matheson Park which was damaged and cannot be repaired nor replaced since that particular rock is obsolete. The insurance will reimburse the

Town over \$31,000.00 in replacement costs. Included in the packet is information on possibilities for replacements. It was suggested by Councilwoman Brown that a work session be held to discuss the options.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Mayor

Councilman

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk