

WORKSHOP TOWN BOARD

September 14, 2023

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

The workshop was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 10:00 p.m.

Items of Discussion:

1. Solid Waste Policy:

Councilman Simms states that some elderly citizens are upset with the new solid waste ordinance. The main issue is the pickup stoppage of hired out mowing/landscaping. The landscapers/mowing for hire people are having to haul off the debris themselves whereas they used to leave it on the curb for the Town to pick up and haul away. Once the new solid waste policy was adopted the Town started enforcing that if a person is paid to perform a service such as mowing then they should be responsible for removing the debris. By unanimous agreement the Town Board does not want to place an additional financial burden upon the elderly citizens, so the ordinance will be looked at and amended during the October 2023 regular meeting.

2. Halloween:

There will be Halloween festivities event centered around the Town Park including candy distribution, hay rides sponsored by the FFA, food vendors close by in the free parking. A map will be created for walking the "Halloween candy walk" and homes and businesses participating will have pumpkins displayed in the yard to acknowledge their participation in the event. More information as it develops will be forthcoming.

Other Topics:

Main Street:

Lisa with Country Road Greenhouse will furnish plants and arrange them for the planters along Main Street. Councilwoman Brown will donate 4 barrels for flower arrangements along the front of the free parking area on Main Street. She also brought a Toter trash can to see if those would work in town and if GDS can empty them with their automated trucks. She is working on pricing.

Municipal Election:

Councilman Simms brought up that the Town election should be on staggered terms and should coincide with the presidential election and the mid-term starting in the 2024 election cycle. He suggests this should be an item on the next agenda for discussion.

General Comments:

Councilwoman Brown commented that Main Street and downtown is starting to look much better. Improvements and changes are looking good.

Issues continue at Grover Bowman MHP. The owner has removed the tin from the outside of some mobile homes and nothing further is being done. The shell of the mobile home is open to the elements and or vagrants and or animals. The County Planning & Zoning and Building & Inspections departments will be contacting the owner.

Alexander County Sheriff's office is now covering the Alternative School and Taylorsville Elementary School with ARO's.

Interim Town Manager, Aaron Wike noted that Mike Millsaps would be named Police Chief effective September 14, 2023.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:00 am.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk