

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2017

Present Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.

Absent: 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 adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from September 5, 2017 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Mr. Anderson with the NC League of Municipalities Risk Management Division came before the Town Board to discuss a service that they offer regarding Law Enforcement. As a part of the property and liability poole that the town participates, in a no cost assessment of the police department can be made. Areas assessed are policies, training, supervision, discipline and the review process. This service takes a complete view of the entire department and accesses it for potential risk concerns.

David Carver, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church came before the Town Board asking for more police patrol and a sign to be placed at the hospital parking lot to help control the after dark noise crated from the teenagers hanging out in the parking lot. Extra patrol will occur to try and reduce the noise level and signs will be posted. No other comments were made in open forum.

Matt Braswell, Martin Starnes & Associates presented the FY 2016-2017 financial statements. General fund balance equals 18.7% an increase over 2016 by 5.6% with available fund balance of 324,726.00. The water & sewer fund had operating revenues in excess of 2.5 million and the unrestricted net position was in excess of 1.5 million.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the audit of the FY 2016-2017 financial statements as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a Resolution and to approve the acceptance of the loan offer of 0% for 20 years from CWSRF for the WWTP Solar Renewable Energy Project of #306,500.00. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve

the adoption of a Resolution accepting the gift of 2 homes and land from Gary & Carolyn Rogers located at 36 & 46 N. Center Street consisting of 0.169 acres. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a transfer of funds within the W&S dept. of \$33,250.00 from contingency to W&S salaries. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James stated there were 15 accident reports, 26 arrests 25 citations making 756 total calls thus far this year. There was a break in at the Verizon store recently. Ethan Windsor is now sergeant on night shift and Tyler Land is sergeant on night shift. Police dept. is short-handed due to recent personnel issues and people out on medical leave. Chief James stated that officers will patrol the hospital parking lot and talk to the kids to try to deter the noise after dark.

David Robinette, Public Works Director was not present for a oral report.

David Odom, Town Manager mentioned that the Insituform trucks were working at night on the town's sewer lines. The inmates are not here working for the town this week. Leaf season is upon is. The Apple Festival is the third Saturday in October. Halloween is Tuesday this year and the pre-school kids and kids from the Library will come to Town Hall and trick or treat. The fire dept. is doing a fund raiser in part of the old hospital called the critical scare unit.

Mayor Holleman mentioned to review the revenue and expenditure reports. Anthony Starr with WPCOG will be at the November meeting. Brushy Mountain will host the Mayor/Manager's meeting on October 26th. The Hiddenite Center will host a masquerade ball on October 27th.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Robinette. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk