

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2014

Present: Mayor George B. 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 George Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Presbyterian Minister Paul Sink. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Open Forum:

Numerous citizens came before the Town Board to state their concerns regarding the condition of the property at 315 South Center Street owned by Peter Fox and Robin McCall. Gina Deal spoke and stated she had two letters from Nancy Rufty Schandelmeier and Eleanor Rufty Carlyon regarding the conditions of the porches and outlying yard of 315 S. Center Street. Their 100 year old wheelchair bound mother is the next door neighbor at 347 S. Center Street. Gina Deal stated her property is located on the other side of 315 S. Center Street. Mrs. Deal also had a written statement of complaint regarding the conditions of the property. Their complaints are as outlined below. Since late 2010 or early 2011, Ms. McCall has been steadily accumulating items such as furniture, clothes, and other items for both inside and outside use. She places these items at will anywhere inside or outside of the home on the porch or out in the front or back yard. This accumulation has grown to be considered "hoarding" and thus has created the following conditions such as a severe fire hazard, vermin infestation, and hazardous water accumulation causing health risks in addition to devalued property of the residence and adjoining property owners and nearby neighbors. Mrs. Deal and the surrounding neighbors appeared to ask for help from the Town Board in remedying the situation through the Town's Code of Ordinances. Pat Bryant, Milton Campbell, Lee Bryant, Ed Moose, Zack Bryant and Paul Sink all expressed the same concerns of the conditions of the property. Mayor Holleman and Town Manager David Odom both addressed the concerns of the citizens and stated that all possible means are being used to rectify the problem. It was stated that the Towns code of ordinances can only apply as a civil penalty but that if Alexander County's solid waste enforcement ordinance is used, that is a criminal penalty and will be determined through the court system and a judge will determine the outcome. There has already been a first court appearance and Mr. Fox was granted a continuance until November 2014. When a ruling is made the Town will be ready for action regarding the clean-up of the property. Due diligence and documentation of conditions and formal written complaints from a minimum of 5 neighbors will also be helpful in the courts view.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes as presented for the September 7th, 2014 regular meeting. The motion was

passed unanimously.

Mayor Holleman opened the public hearing regarding the voluntary satellite annexation petition request from Ralph and Suma West regarding their car wash known as Speedy Car Wash located at 35 Buffet Blvd., Taylorsville NC. There were no citizens present. The property owners were not present. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to table the annexation request until such time as the owners are present to present their plea. The item will be placed back on the agenda upon the property owner's request. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a Mayoral Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week for October 23-31, 2014. 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 Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve an outside sewer request from Rhonda Rust for the property located at 7251 Millersville Road. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve transferring funds from GF contingency to Cemetery M&R grounds for \$4975.00 in order to seal coat the driveways in the town cemetery. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Chief Dennis James stated that there were 2 rape cases, an attempted murder case, a gang rape and a drug case resulting in excess of 50 felony charges and solved multiple larceny cases involving multiple counties resulting in a large amount of recovered stolen property. A hunger food drive was held at Wal-Mart one Friday evening and another is planned for October 10th, 2014 which will benefit the Christian Crisis Center and local food pantries.

David Robinette, Public Works Director presented a standard written report.

David Odom, Town Manager mentioned the Millersville project's continued completion schedule. The Urgent Care has been open 27 days and is averaging 18 patients per day. They have seen a total of 473 patients since opening.

Mayor Holleman mentioned that Dee Blackwell will retire from the WPCOG on January 1st 2015. Governor Pat McCrory was in Hickory at the CVFA (Catawba Valley Furniture Academy) on October 6th, 2014 for the opening dedication of the academy. The history of furniture is on exhibit at the Catawba Science Museum.

Upcoming Events:
Saturday Oct. 18th: Taylorsville Apple Festival

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on November 4th, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the council chambers of town hall.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk