

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

November 1, 2016

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.

Open Forum:

Ms. Opal Watts Harrington's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will be November 4, 2016. She is considered the local historian of Alexander County and as recognition of appreciation of local historical service and reaching such an acclaimed milestone, she was presented a plaque and certificate in her honor.

No other comments were made from citizens.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the minutes from October 4, 2016 regular meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jim Gant and Ben Zachary, members of Northwood Park Properties, Inc., were present to speak on behalf of the group to formerly present their offer to donate to the town property tax ID#0020227 containing 9.157 acres located on Old Wilkesboro Road for the benefit of future generations of the citizens of the Town of Taylorsville. In earlier correspondence, the Board of Directors of NWP had met and unanimously voted to gift the property to the town. There are no prior restrictions, timeframe or requirements for any type of development to begin or be provided by the town regarding the tract of undeveloped property. There are prior property taxes that will have to be paid up and the costs of attorney fees to complete due diligence and title work completed which will cost approximately \$1,250.00. Mayor Holleman stated that it's a very generous offer to the town. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to present the information to the Town Attorney and get a legal opinion and to have the necessary legal paperwork completed in order to make a decision at the December 1, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with Commissioner Lerner voting nay.

Marcy Spivey, Martin Starnes & Associates presented an overview of the completed financial audit for the FY 2015-2016. It is an unmodified opinion. Expenditures exceeded revenues in the GF causing a decrease in fund balance for the year due to excessive tree removal during the year. The W&S fund remains strong with a cash flow of operations in excess of \$500,000 for the year. The complete financial statements are retained at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the audited financial statements for the FY 2015-2016 as presented by Martin Starnes & Associates. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a Resolution of conditional award for the 2015 WWTP rehabilitation project to State Utility Contractors for bid A plus alternate A2-aeration system diffusers matching existing type for a total of \$1,701,000.00. 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 Robinette to adopt a Resolution of Intent to consider the closing of 1 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> street at the intersection of Main Street and Second Street to the North and the Intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Main Ave. Dr. SE. 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 Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to call for a public hearing for a proposed street closure of 1 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> street at the intersection of Main Street and Second Street to the North and the Intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Main Ave. Dr. SE. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the adoption of a Resolution applying for an Asset Inventory and Assessment grant to \$54,268.00 from the NC Dept. of Environmental Quality. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

David Robinette, Public Works Director said mowing season is almost over and leaf season is starting up. Ongoing improvements are taking place at Matheson Park.

Police Chief, Dennis James gave the monthly report for October 2016. There were 32 arrests & 14 accidents. There was some vandalism at Matheson Park and issues at the old hospital. All went smoothly at the Apple Festival and Halloween event.

Town Manager, David Odom stated that he needed to bring an amendment to the capital project budget ordinance for the 2015 WWTP rehabilitation project for consideration based on the bid outcome of the project. The project budget will increase by \$465,450.00 over the original budget making it a total project of \$1,989,450.00. A motion by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner was made to approve the amendment to the capital project budget ordinance for the 2015 WWTP Rehabilitation project for an increase of \$465,450.00 making it a total project of \$1,989,450.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on December 6, 2016 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.

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Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk