

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2012

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.

Mayor Holleman mentioned that a Thank you card was received from Emily Jennings Scott and also from the Highland Community. On November 13th, 2012, the Golden Leaf grant meeting will be held at the CVCC campus. Over 2 million in appropriations are possible.

There were no other comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the following addition to the agenda. Add item 7a. Change order – Various Sewer Collections Improvements Project. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes as presented for the October 2, 2012 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Gail Drum, United Way representative spoke before the Town Board on behalf of the United Way. She explained that the United Way helps with funding for 6 agencies and 2 partnerships in Alexander County, such as Alexander Red Cross, Alexander Rescue Squad, Alexander County YMCA, Alexander County 4-H & youth programs, Alexander County Partnership for Children, Domestic Violence, and the Boy Scouts of America. They partner with Alexander County Dept. of Social Services, Communities in Schools and the Salvation Army. She stated that the United Way goal this year is \$140,000.00. She asked that the Town Board consider appropriating \$5,000.00 next year when preparing their new budget. The request will be discussed during the budget preparation for the FY 2013-2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the budget transfers within the Streets and Sanitation dept. 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 Elliott to approve the budget transfers within the water & sewer dept. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A1, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the change order of \$8,301.50 for the various sewer collections improvement project. Repairs will be made to the sagging gravity sewer line on Woodleaf Ave. and to the force main in Northwood Park. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A2, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Poole asked for quotes on paving of the intersection of Hwy 90 past the substation.

David Robinette, Public Works Director noted that the expenses for the Apple Festival were approx. \$850.00 plus 3 paid town employees & the community service program. The festival was larger than last year but went smoothly. Carolina Paving has paved June Bug Loop. The leaf truck has been repaired and is working however; the chipper needs repairs. They had to move 2 meters for the new jail.

The standard police report was submitted. Emergency Services totaled 250 man hours for the Apple Festival. The Halloween holiday went well without incidents.

Town Manager, David Odom has submitted the response letter to the Local Government Commission. Milstead Woods project is nearing completion. The town employee Christmas party will be Friday evening December 7th, 2012 at 6:30 at the Methodist church.

The December meeting is set for December 4th, 2012 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to enter executive session in order to discuss possible economic development in town. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding attracting new businesses into the town and what size tracts and utilities would be necessary to attract new businesses. Town Manager David Odom suggested that the Mayor and council members ride together throughout town and then compile a list of needs to be addressed and then a written plan can be formed. Additional equipment will be most likely needed to complete the clean up needed. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to end the executive session and return to the regular session.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk