

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2018

Present: Mayor George 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.

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 October 2, 2018 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Cindy Hathcock, Executive Director of My Safe Haven spoke before the Town Board regarding the homelessness of students in Alexander County Schools. 1 in 5 kids are in poverty. My Safe Haven, Christian Crisis Center of Alexander County and Mobile Café' are working together to bring awareness of the homelessness here in Alexander County. Debbie Collingsworth who has been with the Christian Crisis Center for 25 years stated that the center now serves over 700 families a month and that has steadily increased from prior years. Kathy Jones retired social worker with ACHS experienced homelessness of students in schools. She stated that most times families would "double up" with other families until the family could get back on their feet but sometimes that did not happen in a timely manner and the effect was seen on students with increased drop-out rates, welfare and special assistance needs, sometimes incarceration and criminal charges could be seen as a direct result from the homelessness. Commissioner Poole stated that he is overwhelmed by the statistics here in our county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the 2018 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Martin Starnes & Associates. General Fund revenues increased by approximately 175,000 and W&S unrestricted net position changed by \$253,343.00, making a successful year. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to officially proclaim November 9th, 2018 as People's Drug Day in Taylorsville in honor of their 100 years in business. 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 Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve amendment #3 to the Budget Project Ordinance for the 2015 WWTP CWSRF #CD370700-06. The amendment will increase the overall project to \$2,100,000.00 including the

\$150,000 additional ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) money. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

The 30th annual Taylorsville Apple Festival preparations are underway for Saturday October 20th, 2018. A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to allocate \$1,000.00 to the Apple Festival this year to cover expenses. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the short form Engineering agreement with West & Consultants for the Linney's Mtn water project. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to unanimously proclaim November 10th through the 18th as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in the Town of Taylorsville. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

By Mayoral Proclamation, Red Ribbon Week was proclaimed October 23-31, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve a transfer from GF contingency in order to award employees a 5% COLA for all full-time employees and a .25cent per hour raise for part-time employees and Christmas bonus based on the favorable audit of FY 2018. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James was out sick. No report was given.

Public Works Director, David Robinette stated that the trips to the landfill with brush/limbs and solid waste have increased. The park bathrooms have been re-painted during the rainy days. There was vandalism at the town park bathroom recently but repairs have been made. The Apple Festival was a success. He mentioned how helpful the ROTC was in keeping the trash emptied during the festival.

Town Manager, David Odom sated that the Apple Festival was very successful and no arrests were made. The bids for the new solar project opened today November 6th at 2:300 pm. All the bids will be reviewed and information will be presented at the December meeting.

The next meeting will be December 4th at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adjourn

the meeting at 6:30. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk