

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

November 7, 2006

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips, Comm. George Holleman, & Comm. Jack Lerner

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillips. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the following changes to the agenda. Add item 7a. Arbor Day Resolution; 7b. Proclamation of Sister City Invitation for winter visit. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the minutes from the October 3rd, 2006 regular meeting.

Open Forum:

Virginia Stevenson came before the Board seeking help in the removal of a tree near her home on S. Center Street. She feels that the tree is in danger of falling and causing considerable damage.

Commissioner Holleman assured Mrs. Stevenson that the trees in town would be looked at and someone would be back in touch with her regarding the tree near her home.

Karen Bowles came before the Board to thank them and the Police Dept. for their efforts in reducing the noise levels in town. She stated that things were much quieter.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to adopt a Resolution declaring March 5 thru 10, 2007 as Arbor Week. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to make a Proclamation issuing a formal invitation to our Sister City Chechuleno, Russia for a winter visit to the US. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding the fine increase for violations of the public nuisance ordinance. Increasing the fine to \$100.00 per day was discussed. No comments from citizens were heard and the meeting was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve increasing the fine

for violations of the public nuisance ordinance to \$100.00 per day. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Town Manager, David Odom discussed the two ongoing grants at Matheson Park. He stated that as part of the PARTF grant 10 additional parking spaces had to be made at the park. After discussion, it was decided that the spaces were to be located on the upper west end of the park near Miller's Automotive and handicap accessible spaces located near the new shelter. Also the new shelter is 90% complete. New playground equipment will need to be purchased as agreed to in the grant and more information about the possibilities will be available at the December meeting. The second grant is from the Alexander County Health Dept. for re-conditioning the walking track. Compaction of the track is complete and awaiting successively warm days to complete the spraying of the soiltec to the track.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to allow Paladin Furniture a sewer connection and to be included in the Hwy 90 Craft Master Sewer Project. Passed unanimously.

Jerry Twiggs of West & Associates, Engineering Firm gave an update on projected costs for the AA Little Partnership subdivision on Linney's Mountain. It is projected to cost \$82,980.00 for sewer and \$38,545.00 for water expansion. Information on how the lots are to be subdivided is needed. Further information is needed before any further action can be taken.

Jerry Twiggs of West & Associates, Engineering Firm gave an update on the Pop Davis/ Leroy Road Water & Sewer Project. Wilkie Construction had the lowest bid at \$1,148,897.50. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Wilkie Construction.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to award the bid for the Pop Davis/ Leroy Road sewer project to Wilke Construction. Passed unanimously.

Jerry Twiggs of West & Associates, Engineering Firm gave a proposal for a feasibility study of former Energy United Water Treatment facility. They will perform a study of the facility for \$3500.00 to determine whether the possible purchase of the facility could be used as another waste treatment plant for the Town. Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the study. Passed unanimously.

Town Manager, David Odom discussed some distressed trees in the Central Business District. After discussion, David is to contact the arborist with Duke Power and seek help in determining the status of the trees and bring that information back to the Tree Committee and then update the Board at the December meeting. It was also discussed to inquire about relocating some of the Crepe Myrtles to other locations and to seek a smaller tree species for those business locations where the crepe myrtles cause a sight hazard and obstruct views of the businesses.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Holleman to approve the budget amendment of \$141,927.00 from

the NCDOT for the sidewalk improvement grant. The grant was originally approved at the November 6, 2000 meeting. Delay in designs and easements prevented the start date of the project. Passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Commissioner Holleman commented on the Hometown Apple Festival which was larger than last years. He stated that the proceeds will be donated to Alexander County Schools. He expects a minimum of \$500.00 per school to be donated.

Public Works Report: See written report

Police Dept. Report: See written report

Town Manager's Report:

- David noted that NCDOT has a used 92 Case tractor with a side mower for sale. After discussion, he was directed to obtain a price.
- He noted that the FY 05/05 annual report is available for review. He stated that next years fund balance will be lowered considerably due to the ongoing water/sewer projects and the sidewalk and park grants.

The December meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Yolanda Prince  
Town Clerk