

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2020

Present: Mayor George Holleman

Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole

Commissioner Jack Simms

Commissioner Ronnie Robinette

Commissioner Kim Brown

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt the agenda as presented and to approve the December 2019 minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Simms to accept the bid for the Linney's Mtn. Water Project to Classic City Mechanical Inc. of Winterville GA and Charlotte NC for the amount of \$221,860.00, which includes the alternate bid of \$35,800.00 for a new 6" meter vault. As a condition of awarding the bid, the alternate bid must be completed at the beginning of construction startup. The capital project budget ordinance will be reduced by \$5,558.00 due to the lower bid, for a project total of \$296,400.00 of which \$74,100 is a grant and the remaining \$222,300.00 is a 0% interest loan for 20 years from NC Department of Environmental Quality, Water Infrastructure SRP program. 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 Brown to adopt a Resolution awarding the bid for the Linney's Mtn. Water Project to Classic City Mechanical Inc. of Winterville GA. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Simms to approve an agreement between Sales & Use Tax Consulting and the Town. The agreement will consist of a review of the last three years of the sales & use tax refund reports prepared by the Town to the NC Dept. of Revenue for annual refunds of sales taxes paid. There is no fee for this review, unless any revenues are discovered that should have been included on the report for refund, then a 70/30 split will be distributed between Sales & Use Tax Consulting and the Town. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette approve the adoption of a Resolution approving the Local Water Supply Plan for 2018. Public Works Director, David Robinette noted that the adoption of the plan year is correct and always a year behind. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the GF budget amendment to receipt in \$3,744.80 from insurance proceeds for damage to a patrol car. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, 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 the budget transfers within the W&S department budget totaling \$31,095.00. . The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

By unanimous decision, discussion of appointments for the Tree & Park Committee was tabled until a workshop is held on January 21st at 10:00 am in order to review the Tree Ordinance and make necessary changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to appoint Gary Elder to the Planning & Zoning Board for a 3 year term. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to appoint Kenny Poole to the WPCOG Catawba River Study committee for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to appoint Jack Simms to the WPCOG Transportation Committee for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Poole to appoint Ronnie Robinette and Jack Simms to the Fireman's Relief Fund for 4 year terms to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to appoint Kim Brown to the Head Start Advisory Committee for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to appoint George Holleman to the WPCOG Consortium Governing Board for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Simms to appoint Ronnie Robinette to the WPCOG Air Quality Oversight Committee for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Poole to appoint Ronnie Robinette to the Energy United Water Board for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to appoint Dennis James as the ABC Respondent for an indefinite term. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to name the following to the Safety Committee for the Town.
David Robinette, Yolanda Prince, Dennis James, Aaron Wike, Warren Miller & Doug Bowman.
The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Brown to name the following to the Identity Theft Program Committee. Co-Coordinator's Dennis James & Aaron Wike; David Odom, Yolanda Prince & David Robinette.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Simms to name Kim Brown to the ABC Board for a 4 year term to coincide with terms of Town Commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Chief, Dennis James gave a monthly report for December 2019 which included 25 arrests and 24 accidents totaling 807 total calls. He also noted that in 2019, there were 10,155 total calls for police service. He also noted that the department had been busy with the Christmas parade and extra holiday duty at Walmart. The new Arby's opened & needed extra security and also the Reindeer Romp hosted by the Rotary club required extra security. He also mentioned that the recent break-in at the Verizon store relating to stolen cell phones has led to multiple counties and outside of NC all the way to Canada and has implications of terrorist connections for the use of the stolen phones.

Public Works Director, David Robinette stated that the tonnage for solid waste that the town collects monthly was 80 tons, which does not include what Republic Services collects. The leaf truck will run as long as the leaf season lasts this year.

Town Manager, David Odom mentioned that over 1 million in new projects will start up in the next 6 months, which include the Linney's Mountain Water project and the 2018 WWTP Improvement project and the completion of the Solar Project at the WWTP. A response letter regarding balancing issues relating to the cash receipts and general ledger to the bank statements was sent to the Local Government Commission after it was discovered during the FY 2018/2019 audit that we had some internal software posting issues. A thorough review of the Town's billing system was made and errors were corrected to prevent future balancing problems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to set the next meeting for February 4th, 2020 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk