

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 6, 2007

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2007 regular meeting.

Open Forum:

Jack Hoke, Superintendent with Alexander County School System came to personally thank the Town Board for their efforts on the sidewalk improvements along Cougar Avenue and School Drive. He complimented the added sidewalks as an asset to the school children, town citizens and the town. They help with public safety and beautify the town.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the adoption of an Authorizing Resolution allowing for submission of applications for state and or federal grants associated with improvements to the Town's WWTP. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to allow Steve Watson, owner of Hair Connection located at 44 Midway Dr. to hook onto the town's sewer system at his own expense. All tap and impact fees will apply and will be outside sewer rates. A petition for voluntary satellite annexation was submitted by Steve and Kelly Watson. A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to direct the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and report back at the next meeting. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein. Passed unanimously.

David Odom, Town Manager reported to the Town Board on the status of the repair needs at the WWTP. Needed equipment costs are approximately \$25,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve authorizing the purchase of the needed equipment for the WWTP. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the

budget amendment for \$16,000.00 for the purchases and improvements associated with the PARTIF grant at Matheson Park. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.  
Passed unanimously.

Selection of a person to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board of Adjustments was tabled till the next meeting.

Public Works Report: See written report  
David Robinette stated that work will begin soon on the Pop Davis sewer project.  
Working on consolidation of the sewer maps for the town system  
The WWTP received a 4 out of possible 5 on the inspection rating scale

Police Dept: See written report  
Commissioner Holleman commended the Police Dept. of the handling to two serious cases recently.

Town Manager's Report: See written report

The February meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to recess the regular meeting and enter closed session in order to discuss the closing of the local hospital. Those present included County Commissioner's Darrell Robertson, Larry Yoder, William Hammer, Harold Odom Sr., County Manager Rick French, John Watts, Town Commissioner's Bob Phillips, George Holleman, Jack Lerner, Mayor Guy Barriger, and Town staff. A short overview of how the closing occurred was discussed and the current situation was evaluated. Both short and long term action that would be needed to bring an emergency room back were discussed. A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to return to the regular meeting was made.

By mutual agreement a joint letter will be sent to officials in Raleigh requesting help. A visit to officials in Raleigh is planned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Yolanda Prince  
Town Clerk