

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2007

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips & Comm. Jack Lerner

Absent: Comm. George Holleman

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 Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the following additions to the agenda. 11a. Inter-basin Transfer payment request; 11b. Planning Board appointment; 11c. Designate March as Go- Direct month. Passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2007 regular meeting.

Open Forum:

Karen Bowles came before the Board asking for increased police patrol in order to control the noise levels near her home. The noise primarily comes from loud boom boxes in cars and loud mufflers on cars.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the adoption of a Resolution supporting the initiative by Alexander County for an additional 1 cent sales tax. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to set a public hearing for the consideration of the voluntary satellite annexation by Steve Watson, owner of Hair Connection located at 44 Midway Dr. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve a contract with Telecommunications Consulting Associates for a cable franchise revenue audit. If after an audit of Charter Communications books, additional revenue is due the town, then a 50/50 split would be the fees for the audit. Passed unanimously.

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

release for George & Maria Denis. They have been billed and paid town taxes for the last 6 years when their property was not inside the town limits. The refund due is \$3,103.63. Passed unanimously.

A request from the City of Hickory for a payment regarding the litigation of the Inter Basin transfer of the water from the Catawba River to the town of Kannapolis was tabled in a motion by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Lerner until additional information can be received regarding the status of the litigation. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to appoint Larissa Erkman to fill the vacant position of Billy Earp's seat on the Planning Board. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner supporting Senator Elizabeth Dole's plea for citizens to use direct deposit for their social security instead of the mail in order to prevent fraud. Passed unanimously.

Public Works Report: See written report

Police Dept: See written report

Town Manager's Report:

Mark McGallo's with the Dept. of Forest & Environmental Resources came and looked at the condition of the trees in the town. Most are hardy with some exceptions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to purchase a used 1995 Diesel dump truck for \$7,500.00 and a used salt spreader for \$75.00 from the NCDOT. Passed unanimously.

The April meeting will be on April 3, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to recess the regular meeting and enter closed session in order to discuss a personnel issue.

See closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to return to the regular session.

After discussion of Captain Presnell's employment and health situation, by mutual consent of the Town Board a resignation contract and also an independent contractor contract is to be completed and is to be signed by the Town Manager and Captain Presnell to be effective March 10, 2007. He is to become an independent contractor effective March 11, 2007 and perform specific duties as outlined in the contract for up to 12 weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

_____ Mayor

_____ Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk