

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to make the following changes to the agenda. Add 20a – restructure planning board appointments & 21a- contiguous annexation request & set public hearing & 22a-set public hearing limiting and or prohibiting solicitation in Town & 27a – executive session for a personnel issue and perspective property purchase. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to adopt the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the minutes from the February 7th, 2006 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No comments from citizens

The March 2006 Anchor Business Award was presented to Mrs. Lorene Lackey of The Flower & Gift Shop for 42 years of operation and ownership in Taylorsville.

Recognition of the Conservation is Contagious Contest Winners. A short photograph session was held. Daniel Ray, award winner from Union Grove spoke regarding his ideas. To have all children ride school buses to school, so parents will always know where their children are at, which will save gas & electricity and cut down on drugs & alcohol and reduce peer pressure for the children. Joyce Estep, Cody & TJ Norton were all present to receive their awards.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to recess the meeting until 6:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to reconvene the regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger then called upon the Town Clerk for her report regarding the sufficiency of the voluntary satellite annexation requests from Propst Superette's #6 & #9. The Town Clerk, Yolanda Prince stated that all items were in order to meet the NCGS 58.1 for voluntary satellite annexation.

Attorney Mark Davis for the petitioners spoke before the Board. He stated that the owners of Propst Superette's had authorized him to withdraw their annexation petition until more information could be obtained regarding services and feasibility. Since the petition was withdrawn, there was no public hearing held.

Mayor Barriger opened the second public hearing to hear public comments regarding a zoning text amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The text change seeks to address State Law that directly affects local zoning acts.

Mayor Barriger closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt the text amending the Town's Zoning Ordinance as needed to be in compliance with State law. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger opened the 3rd public hearing for changes to the Town's Zoning Ordinance regarding setbacks for B-2 General Business. The consideration is to reduce the front set back to 10 feet instead of 30 feet.

Mayor Barriger closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adopt the zoning amendment changing B-2 general business from a front set back of 30 feet to 10 feet. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the 4th public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Planning Board. There now exists two separate boards handling Planning Board and Board of Adjustment matters. In order to streamline government, a proposal of combining the boards into one nine member board was suggested. The board would consist of 4 town members and 5 ETJ members plus three alternates.

Mayor Barriger closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve combining the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments into one nine member board. The newly established board called the Planning Board of Adjustments would consist of 4 town members and 5 ETJ members and 3 alternates. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Holleman, seconded Phillips to re-appoint Billy Earp & Ron Roseman to 3 yr terms, and Richard White & Marie Chapman to 2 yr terms, and appoint Glenn Fox & Glenn Deal as alternates to 3 yr terms on the newly established Planning Board of Adjustments. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman , seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the

adoption of an ordinance amending the Town Charter to allow for absentee voting and changing the number of the governing Board from 4 to 5 and giving the Mayor full voting rights. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a contiguous voluntary annexation petition from Myrium Stewart for her property on 6th Street. Also, to set a public hearing for April 4th at 6:00. Passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to allow Youth Works to use Matheson Park on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 for weekly cookouts. In exchange, they are willing to provide assistance through beautification projects and/or other related projects. Passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent, a public hearing is to be held in order to hear public comment regarding changing the Town Ordinance regarding solicitation of money for organizations from inside the town limits. Various options are to be investigated and the Town Attorney consulted prior to the hearing. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve amending the FY 05-06 budget by an increase of \$1200.00 for grant revenue received from citizens contributions for debris removal around the Pop Davis grant area. Passed unanimously. See attachment D1, which is hereby incorporated and made apart of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve amending the FY 05-06 budget by an increase of \$1661.40 for citizen contributions for debris removal and landfill fee reimbursement for the old FCX building removal. Passed unanimously. See attachment D2, which is hereby incorporated and made apart of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to deny the request from Beroth Oil to have the tax penalty of \$45.48 waived. The principal was received after the postmark penalty. Passed unanimously.

The Alexander County School System and The Taylorsville Times are promoting a new literacy outreach program to improve reading habits of our local school children and are seeking support from private sector businesses and local government. This publication could also serve as an introduction to civics and feature articles informing the young reader about the role of the Mayor or Town Council and other functions of local government.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to commit to purchasing 2 months of a ½ page ad in the Kidsville News for \$250.00 each. Passed unanimously.

Police Dept.

Standard monthly report for February 2006 consists of 83 arrests, 22 motorist assists & 30 accidents. Cleared 89% of all cases.

Public Works Report:

Orchard Trace, new apartments located off Pop Davis Road has had new meters installed. The town crew completed the job instead of contracting out with an outside contractor. Installed McDonalds a new meter to replace the dead one and repaired several leaks around town. A full report of work completed was submitted.

Town Manager's Report:

The park/tree committee approved for Northwood Home improvements to install the new roof, trim & guttering at the new shelter.

By unanimous consent it was decided to remove the hazardous tree at Dr Kalala's office.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to enter into closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11 in order to discuss personnel issues and economic development. Passed unanimously.

See closed session minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to exit closed session and return to the regular meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at _____.

_____ Mayor

_____ Commissioner

_____ Commissioner

_____ Commissioner

ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince

Town Clerk