

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

April 6, 2004

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm: Glenn P. Deal Sr., Comm. Bob Phillips, & Comm. George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Deal. Boy Scout Troop #274 member, Brandon Abernethy, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to make the following changes to the agenda. Add #7a WPCOG CDBG Jay Drive project agreement. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2004 regular meeting and March 30, 2004 special meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No comments were heard in open forum.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to accept the contract agreement for the grant management and administration of CDBG Jay Drive project. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding the financing of the adjacent land to the WWTP. At the March 16, 2004 meeting, it was agreed to purchase the parcel of 14.47 acres owned by JJB Holdings, LLC from Winston-Salem for \$150,000.00. The land will be purchased and used for future expansion of the WWTP. Town Manager, David Odom stated that the General Fund could loan the W&S fund \$50,000.00 and the remaining \$100,000.00 could be financed from BB&T for 59 months at a rate of 3.13%. The monthly loan payments would be \$1830.88 for 59 months. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Deal to approve a budget amendment from General Fund fund balance loaning \$50,000 to the W&S fund and the financing of \$100,000 from BB&T for 59 months at 3.13%. Passed unanimously. See attachment B1&B2, which are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger proclaimed April 23, 2004 as Special Olympics Day.

Mayor Barriger proclaimed May 2 through May 8, 2004 as Municipal Clerks week.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to raise the outside cemetery rate to \$900.00 effective immediately. Passed unanimously.

Town Manager, David Odom brought before the Town Board the water & sewer rate study that was conducted by Engineering Firm, Hobbs & Upchurch. Their first year recommendation called for a 15 % increase and by the second year a 33% increase in order to meet debt obligation. David suggested a rate structure similar to the year one recommendation, which would be an approximate 24 % increase; however, with an increasing block schedule rate which encourages conservation. With either rate increase implemented, the Town rates will still be lower than either Alexander County (City of Hickory) or Energy United. Commissioner Phillips stated that he was committed to the Newton water agreement because it was the best deal for the Town of Taylorsville. He stated that even with the rates increasing, hopefully a rate rollback could be achieved in years to come as we look for ways to be more efficient. Commissioner Deal stated that the Town would have to pay for the expansion of the WWTP in a few years. Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt the proposed new water & sewer rate structure as presented by Town staff effective with the May 1, 2004 billing. Town staff is to also continue to look for ways to reduce overall costs and improve efficiencies in all areas. Passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to hold a budget workshop on April 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Yolanda Prince  
Town Clerk