

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2009

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. George Holleman, Comm. Jack Lerner, Comm. Ronnie Robinette, &
Comm. Kenny Poole

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Poole and seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve moving item #9 up to item 5a. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the April 7th, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No comments were heard in open forum.

Phyllis Douglas and other retired school teachers held a Tree-Earth day essay contest recently open to all county 6th graders. The topic was "The importance of Trees". The 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners were recognized and presented town pins in the essay, poetry and poster categories. The 1st place winners also received a \$50.00 savings bond, 2nd place a \$25.00 savings bond and 3rd place a \$15.00 savings bond. The winners of the essay contest were 1st place Robert West, 2nd place Emily Sprinkle & 3rd place Jacorrie Jones. The winners of the poetry contest were 1st place Aaron Jarvis, 2nd place Emily Killian & 3rd place Tanner Ingle. The winners of the poster contest were 1st place Emily Sandifer, 2nd place Dillon Richards and 3rd place Sara Donnelly.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding the rezoning request for the Tim Glass property located at 600 Old Wilkesboro Road. Numerous citizens were present. Mary Short expressed concerns about the location of the driveway & how the headlights of vehicles entering and leaving the complex would shine down into her home located across the street. She also questioned the type of structures to be built and the income levels of the residents. They are to be low income handicapped housing units. There will be 3 duplex units with 2 apartments in each and constructed of brick and hardy plank siding. They would be tax exempt for town property tax because they would be owned & operated by Wesley Development Corporation which is a division of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The units would pay town water and sewer bills.

Several citizens asked that the property either remain as it is or be turned into a town park. No other comments and or discussion was heard and the meeting was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the request to rezone the property from B-2 to R-2. The vote was 4 to 1 with Mayor Barriger voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the declaring 3 old patrol cars and an old snapper lawnmower as surplus and to turn the wrecked ford mustang patrol car over to the insurance company. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the proclamation declaring May 10th – 16th as National Nursing Home Week. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the proclamation declaring May 16th -22nd as National Safe Boating Week. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve awarding the contract to Bell Construction of Statesville for the waterline replacement project at a cost of \$387,003.92. They were the low bidder at the bid opening of April 21st, 2009 at 2pm. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to reject all bids placed for the smart meter program for the radio read meter replacement project. All bids came in over budget. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the adoption of a Resolution approving the financial contract for a loan with BB&T for \$650,000.00 for 10 years at 3.70%. This loan will cover matching requirements of the three existing grants that the town has committed to and to also cover matching portions of the money expected to be received under the American Reinvest and Recovery Act through the Federal Government. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Staff Reports: Town Manager

There was a major water line break on Main Ave.

The manhole rehabilitation continues.

The standard police report was given by Sgt. Mike Byers.

By unanimous consent a work session was sent for May 12th at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to set the first public hearing for the proposed FY 09/10 budget for June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. and to set the 2nd public hearing for June 9th at 5:30 p.m. Passed unanimously

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest:

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk