

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

June 7, 2011

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman

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

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to move item 10 to item 4a, consideration of vacant Town Council seat. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously.

There were no comments from citizens in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to appoint Edd Elliott to fill the vacant seat created by the death of Commissioner Albert Moats. The motion was passed unanimously.

The 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing for the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget was opened by Mayor Holleman. Town Manager, David Odom gave a detailed description of the proposed budget for the FY 2011-2012. The budget totals \$3,137,362.00 for all Town personnel expenses, operations, capital improvements and debt service requirements. The tax rate remains at .35 cents per \$100 dollar evaluation. The general fund is balance with projected \$ 1,578,812.00 in revenues and expenditures. The enterprise or water & sewer fund is balanced with projected \$1,558,550.00 in revenues and expenditures. Revenues for the Water & Sewer Fund include a 5 cent per 1,000 gallon price increase for consumers that exceed 5,000 gallons of use per month. A large majority of accounts will not see any change in cost if they remain under 5,000 gallons of use per month. Additional revenue will occur due to the new 250 bed prison and dialysis center opening. All general fund debt is proposed to be eliminated with the sale of the SBA cell tower lease. All 20 full-time employees will receive a 2.5% COLA, a performance bonus and annual bonus which is still below the pay plan as established last year by the MAPS Group for our town personnel. All council members stated that the proposed budget is in order and in line with prior years with no exceptional changes. They commended staff on the preparation of the budget. Mayor Holleman stated that he would like to see a program for job performance tied to annual COLA's initiated at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to accept

the proposal from SBA Towers for a one-time buy-out of the cell tower lease for \$180,000.00. There would be a 75 year lease for the town owned property where the cell tower is located with no monthly revenue for this date forward. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the budget ordinance for the ARRA Energy Efficiency project via the Town of Windsor for a total of \$47,974.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to accept the bid results for the Energy Efficiency grant from Keever Heating & Lands Electric under the provisions that the contractors adhere to the rules of section 1605 of the ARRA stipulating that all materials and equipment be made in USA. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the budget ordinance for the Dialysis Center in cooperation with the ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission)/USDA for a total of \$205,000.00. The acceptance of the ordinance is contingent upon the ARC/USDA approving the plans and specs as prepared by the engineers. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the receipt of insurance reimbursement for the wrecked police patrol car for \$14,689.00. The motion was passed unanimously. This amendment is included in the amendments below as an attachment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the attached year end budget transfers and amendments as attached for storm damage repairs, roof repairs, park building repairs and public works truck replacement. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the voluntary satellite annexation petition received from Billy & Jenis Millsaps for their rental property consisting of 2 mobile homes located on Aaron Court and report back at the August meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was passed by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the adoption of a Resolution intending to apply to the CDBG Housing Development Grant program for \$220,000.00 to be used towards the 40-unit housing complex proposed by Douglas Development NC, LLC. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to declare the 2001 Ford Sporttrac vehicle of the Public Works Director, David Robinette as surplus. It will be traded in for \$2000.00 towards the purchase of another truck for the public works director. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the annual contract for the Town Planner for ½ day every other week for \$10,600.00/year. The motion was passed unanimously. Copies of annual contracts are retained at Town Hall.

Police Report: Captain Dennis James

The standard police report was given. The department has been busy due to increased crime and other situations within town.

Public Works Dept. by David Robinette:

A written report was submitted.

Repairs to Town Hall are continuing to be made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for the reading and presentation of the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Alexander Fire Department. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by a motion of Commissioner Elliott and a second by Commissioner Poole. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Mayor

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Attest:

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Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk

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Commissioner

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