

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2018

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.
Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

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 Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the following additions to the agenda. Item 8a. Change order for State Utilities Contractors – contract settlement. Item 9a. Mayor’s Report

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes from June 5, 2018 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

6 children were recognized as good citizens of Matheson Park for their dedication to keeping the park clean, Zckary Massey, Zaydan Massey, Cameron Spears, Christian Spears, Xavier Simpson, and Caidyn Garner. They cleaned up the park after someone intentionally littered. They each were presented medals and certificates for McDonalds.

There were no other comments from citizens in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to open the public hearing for the 2nd reading of the proposed budget for the FY 2018-2019. The motion was passed unanimously. The General Fund budget totals \$1,919,050.00 and is balanced with no property tax increase keeping the property tax rate of 40 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed budget reflects an estimated 1.8% increase with improved sales tax revenues, ABC revenues, ½ paid position in Police Department shared between Alexander County Schools and the Town. Also stabilizing budget conditions below CPI is additional cost savings from a new Health Insurance Agreement with United Health Care. The budget for the Water & Sewer Fund totals \$2,185,654.00, an increase of 2.2%. The Town of Taylorsville has several ongoing sewer projects such as the sewer plant and collection system projects totaling in excess of 2.5 million in grant-loan projects to improve our treatment ability. A renewable energy project is being considered for the WWTP. A water line improvement project for Linney’s Mountain is planned. Applications have been made for 2018 WWTP improvement project and also for 2018 prison pump station improvements. \$12.3 million dollars in grant and zero interest loans have been awarded to the Town of Taylorsville in the last 13 years. A rate increase will take effect June 19, 2018 to ensure 12 months of billing at the new rate for the upcoming fiscal year. The increase will include a \$0.25 increase on the minimum for each service as well as a \$0.05 increase on the first usage tier and a \$0.10 increase on the second and third usage tier. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to close the public hearing. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the FY 2018-2019 budget including the new water & sewer rate structure for the Town of Taylorsville as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the Town of Taylorsville Ethics policy as presented. The policy will become effective July 1, 2018. The motion was passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with Mayor Holleman voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Town of Taylorsville Anti-Harassment policy as presented. The policy will become effective July 1, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve change order #9 for the 2015 WWTP Rehabilitation Project. The change order will approve the settlement of a contract dispute with State Utility Contractor's for \$19,254.63. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Town of Taylorsville's Social Media Policy. The policy will become effective July 1, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Mayor reported that the City of Hickory passed a resolution petitioning the NC Legislation to allow for an additional ¼ cent sales tax rate increase for Catawba County. Mayor Holleman encouraged the Town Council to consider the same action. He also mentioned that police patrol should be limited to in town and annexed areas of the town and that all the areas of town should be patrolled equally.

The next meetings will be August 7, 2018 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Poole to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk