

## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

August 1, 2006

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips & Comm. Jack Lerner & Comm. George Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 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 item 8a. Anchor Business Award for August; 8b. Special Guest Lana Armstrong of Carolina Conservation Stewardship Corporation; 14a. Road Improvement Discussion. Passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting & the July 17<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

No comments

Commissioner Holleman presented May Anchor Business Award to Sam Brookshire for being a businessman in Taylorsville for 52 years of service in Taylorsville. Passed unanimously.

The August 2006 Anchor Business award was presented to The Taylorsville Times for years of service from 1885 to the present, now owned by Lee Sharpe and family.

Saryn Hooks was recognized and awarded a plaque signifying her for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the National Spelling Bee.

Lana Armstrong, president of Carolina Conservation Stewardship Corporation came before the Town Board. She proposes to investigate possible grant sources during a feasibility study for funding for a possible greenway from Matheson Park along the creek to Wal-Mart. After discussion, Ms. Armstrong and Town Manager, David Odom will investigate the fees for the feasibility study and the possible outcomes and bring the information back to the Town Board for further discussion.

Mayor Barriger opened the first public hearing regarding the voluntary satellite annexation request from Foothills Properties and New Life Christian Church to annex their properties totaling approx. 34 acres along the intersection of Hwy 64 and Boston Road.

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk, declared the petition as sufficient for annexation and Jon Pilkenton, Town Planner, advised the Board of a feasibility study, which determined that the Town will lose revenue initially but when the raw land is developed, the tax base will increase to recoup any initial loss. No comments were made from any town citizens and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the annexation petition request from Foothills Properties and New Life Christian Church for approx 34 acres effective 8-2-06. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Barriger opened the second public hearing on town ordinance enforcement regarding beautification measures, unoccupied dwellings and noise control. Karen Bowles a recently new citizen to the Town addressed the problem of noise control. She lives on W. Main Ave and would like the noise from the loud car stereo's late at night to stop. Travis Hamlin also expressed concerns about new ordinances for beautification measures. He expressed concerns on how they might affect low income & minorities which would limit them on what they can afford to live in and he suggested a committee with lower income representatives along with higher income to help set standards. David Odom, Town Manager stated that the current code deals with weeds & housing codes but, doesn't have allowances for vacant abandoned dwellings in order to have either have them repaired or removed. The owner either isn't aware of condition or has no desire to repair or remove the structure. John Ganus, of Benchmark Local Government Services, states that our current housing ordinance is limited and approx. 37 years old. His company writes and updates to current issues and will help enforce the codes if necessary. George stated that the Town's been fair with ordinance's enforcement thus far and will look for citizen input of what they want for beautification & find workable measures and investigate all options before considering any adoption. Bob stated that all areas will need to be investigated thoroughly and common sense and caution used so not to make hardships on anyone. We must make changes for the best interests of all the people not just a few.

By unanimous consent a speed bump will be placed on street beside Peoples' Drug and a stump removed before paving.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve a FY 2005/2007 budget amendment to move \$19,362.00 from the W. Jay Dr. grant fund to the W&S fund since the grant is now complete; and to also approve amending the FY 2005/2006 budget by receipting in \$400,000.00 for the ARC grant for the Energy United /Newton Water Interconnect Project. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of Town owned property – vacant lot – Renee Keever offered to purchase

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to declare the vacant lot on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Dr SE as surplus and to advertise for sale and accept sealed bids to be opened in 45 days at 2:00 pm. The sale is final, as is where is to the highest bidder with a 10 day upset bid. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the funding request from Human Relations Council for a \$200.00 special allocation for an annual back to school welcome event for students and families that are for English as a Second Language. Passed unanimously.

Police Dept. see report

Public Works Report: see report

Town Manager's Report:

David brought before the Town Board the possibility of a 75/25% grant for in car computers for the Police Dept. and also requested permission to investigate costs associated with a K-9 dog and vehicle. Motion by Commissioner Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to investigate the possibilities of a k-9 unit and to apply for the computer grant. Passed unanimously.

Smart Electric will have the new automated telemetry installed on the new water tank soon.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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ATTEST:

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Yolanda Prince  
Town Clerk

