

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 5, 2017

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

Absent: Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Scott Hollar. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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 August 1st, 2017 regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Commissioner Poole brought attention to the new murals on the concession stand at Town Park. He mentioned how beautiful they are and how much they truly resemble the people they are depicted after. The murals were painted at a very economical fee from a member of the Yellow Deli from Hiddenite. No other comments were made in open forum.

Mayor Holleman administered the Oath of Office to part-time police officer Zak Hollar. He is the newest officer part-time.

Callie Spiller with Spiller Consulting came before the Town Board with a proposal. His consulting company audits utility and telecommunications bills for overcharges. They will analyze the town's bills for the past 3 years and if overages are discovered, then the amount of the overages are split 50-50 as the fee. There is a statute of limitations prohibiting going back further than 3 years in asking for a refund. If no overages are found there will be no fee for researching the town's bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve Spiller Consulting to conduct the audit of the town's telecommunications and utility bills for the last 3 years. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the adoption of an Authorizing Resolution to apply for a Drinking Water Improvement grant from the NC DEQ Division of Water Quality in 2018. This project will address the pressure zone problem around Linney's Mountain, replace waterlines up Linney's Mtn., put in a new 8" master meter and enable the system to loop around the mountain. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was had regarding the notice of award received from NC Division of Water Infrastructure for approval of project loan funding of \$350,000 at 0% interest for 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements #E-SRP-W-17-0060. No action was taken with regard to the acceptance of the grant loan funding.

Discussion was had regarding the notice of award received from NC Division of Water Infrastructure for approval of grant funding of 25% of \$322,500 up to a maximum of \$107,500.00 for 2018 Prison Sewer Pump Station Improvements #E-SRP-W-17-0056. A grant fee of 1.5% and a loan fee of 2% will apply. No action was taken with regard to the acceptance of the grant loan funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the time line extension for Locke-Lane Construction to complete work under the Collections System project. The work will be completed January or February during good weather. There are many fall activities coming up such as the Apple Festival, Halloween, Winter Fest and the Christmas Parade and it would be better for our citizens and town for the streets to not be blocked or disturbed by construction activity. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Dennis James stated there were 23 accident reports, 12 arrests 24 citations making 871 total calls thus far this year. Firearms training will take place soon. School has started back and thus far going smoothly. Also, starting to prepare for the upcoming Apple Festival. Captain Bowman will be returning to work soon.

David Robinette, Public Works Director stated that the public works crews have been mowing grass, cleaning streets and picking up limbs. Lots of work at Matheson Park, along main street and side streets trimming the trees and getting ready for the Apple Festival. Also getting the leaf truck ready for leaf season. Energy United is replacing old water lines and valves on South Center Street.

David Odom, Town Manager mentioned that the Town average's \$3900 in revenue from the Apple Festival and that over 108,150.00 has been donated to the school system from the apple f in addition to the ROTC who have received 5,950 for their work during the festival also. The town sponsors the festival by appropriating \$500.00 yearly.

Mayor Holleman reported that NC State Senator Andy Wells is working hard for our area seeking funding. NC Representative Lee Zachary is trying to get funding for Matheson Park. He noted that the town of Louisville Kentucky is growing by leaps and bounds according to a CBS documentary by Charlie Rose.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was passed unanimously.

A personnel issue with a Taylorsville Police Department officer has occurred. The individual is under investigation regarding personal conduct. Information only, no action was taken at this time. With no further information, the closed session was adjourned by a motion from Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Robinette. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk