

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

February 7, 2023

Present Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole
Councilman Ronnie Robinette
Councilman Jack Simms
Councilwoman Kim Brown

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

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to add the following items to the agenda.

Item 5a: Resolution- sell surplus property by negotiated offer
Item 9a: Outside sewer connection request – Donnie Bost
Item 10a: APSCA Sister City Reappointment
Item 13a: Closed Session – Personnel per N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1)
The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the minutes as presented from January 10th, 2023. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Bill Rowcapp came before the Town Board regarding the removal of the trees along Main Street. He asked to reconsider the removal of the tree in front of the Coffee Shop along Main Street. The tree has become a prayer tree and gives hope to those who have placed prayers on the tree limbs. There were no other comments in open forum.

The results from the GovDeals online auction sale are as follows:

2000 John Deere Gator sold for	\$8150.00
1998 Onan 3500 watt generator sold for	\$102.00
Homelite 662 gpm trash pump sold for	\$100.00
2007 Caterpillar 20k watt generator sold for	<u>\$3750.00</u>
Total Sales	\$12,102.00

The leaf vacuum trailer did not meet reserve. An offer was made on the trailer after the online auction had ended of \$1750.00 by Justin Oliver.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to adopt a Resolution approving the sale of the leaf vacuum trailer by negotiated private sale to Justin Oliver for \$1,750.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the budget amendment in the general fund from fund balance for \$76,191.03 due to Police Dept 1.00 hour salary raise, extra salary expense for full time filling vacant positions and excessive fuel costs. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the budget amendment in general fund from fund balance for \$9,800.00 for the extra expense to replace the playground at Matheson Park when the former equipment was damaged. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the transfer within the general fund parks & rec department to cover expenses incurred due to vandalism at the bathrooms at Matheson Park. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve a transfer to the Powell Bill fund to cover expenses relating to traffic line painting, sidewalk repairs and the street sweeper repairs totaling \$35,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a W&S budget transfer from contingency and capital outlay to sewer repairs and maint. & repairs lift stations totaling \$37,000.00 for expenses incurred due to sewer pumps & lift stations repairs and purchased equipment. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes herein.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to table further discussion on the adoption of the NC457 savings plan until more information and discussion is held at the workshop on February 15th, 2023. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve allowing the Hiddenite Community Helpers to connect onto the Town's sewer system. They

must reach the manhole and pay all appropriate tap fees and pay outside sewer rates once connected. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the outside sewer connection request from developer Donnie Bost for 2 taps located at 2300 Gravel Hill Ct. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the re-appointment of Councilwoman Brown and Mayor Holleman to serve on the Western Piedmont Sister Cities Association for another 2-year term. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and Councilman Robinette to appoint Kathleen Gwaltney to serve a 3 year term on the Planning and Zoning Board as an ETJ representative. Lisa Hines resigned her seat on the board. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to set the February 20th, 2023 meeting at 9:00 am for the bid opening of the rental houses up for sale. The motion was passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman

Chief Bowman stated that there have not been any applications for the School Resource Officer position open at Taylorsville Elementary. He feels it has to do with the low starting pay.

Councilman Robinette asked for a Board to be placed inside the PD showing pictures and names of officers so they will recognize the new officers.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike:

A written report was presented.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

He personally Thanked the Town Board and office staff for helping him while he was out on medical leave. The collections system inspection was successful with no issues, one manhole had an issue that has been corrected.

A budget workshop is scheduled for February 15th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to enter into closed session per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) to discuss personnel. The motion was passed unanimously.

The topic of discussion was the Town Manager position and the now health condition of David Odom and his capabilities to continue in the role as Town Manager. Manager Odom states that the surgery and time out to recuperate have been difficult. He wants to return but unsure if can return to full capacity immediately. All Town Board members state his health must be primary and to use caution trying to return at a full-time pace immediately. Progress slowly until the

attending Doctor clears him and allows a full return to work. He will monitor and keep the Town Board advised. The council unanimously stated the need for transparency regarding expenditures of work for the town. Another concern is the School Resource Officer's positions and keeping those filled. More discussion, information and work will follow.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to exit closed session and return to the regular meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 20th, 2023 at 9:00 am for the bid opening and then on March 7th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk