

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

August 2, 2022

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 Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the June 28th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Carol Rogers came before the Town Board requesting that the speed bumps be placed back on 1st Ave. SW. She states that when they were placed there that traffic was much slower. They are portable speed bumps and are moved periodically throughout town as a speed deterrent. She stated that several discussions took place between Mayor Holleman and herself regarding the dangerousness of crossing to the Library and the speeding along 1st Ave. SW. She asked Mayor Holleman to spearhead the efforts to get those speed bumps placed there permanently or a permanent cross walk to be installed which would deter speeding. By unanimous agreement, the Council will look into the matter further to reach an acceptable solution.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the acceptance of a rebate program of \$10,000.00 for 2 electric vehicle charging stations through the Volkswagen Settlement Level 2 ZEV Infrastructure Program administered through The NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), Division of Air Quality (DAQ). It is a rebate program and is valid for 1 year. Expenses will be reimbursable for 1 year up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per charging station, of which there are 2 allowed. 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 Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the short form engineering contract with West Consultants, PLLC for engineering of the NCDEQ grant funded sewer project SRP-W-ARP-0083 known as the Wastewater System Reliability Improvements Project totaling \$1,455,130.00 consisting of 2 major parts: 1- increase the reliability and capacity of the Paul Payne Pump Station & 2- replace vital equipment at the WWTP. The motion was passed unanimously. A copy of the contract will be retained in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve the 1 year contract with Fifth Asset, Inc. d/b/a Debt Book for the service of tracking our lease's as per GASB 87 rules as set forth by the Local Government Commission for all municipalities

and counties within the state. The motion was passed unanimously. A copy of the contract will be retained in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve a commercial demolition agreement between the Town, Alexander County and commercial property owners to each pay 1/3 of the tipping fees at the landfill to remove old structures for future development at sites such as the old hospital site and the former Bowman mobile home park. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to acknowledge by way of a support letter to Piedmont Properties expressing their desire for uniform zoning and annexation of the 2 tracts of land on NC Hwy 16 S. and Macedonia Church Road. The preliminary information on the proposed multi-use development planned for 33 acres along Macedonia Church Road and Hwy. 16 South was presented to the council at the June 28th, 2022 meeting. Single family homes along with town-homes are planned and commercial spaces also planned along the road frontage on Hwy 16 South. All information has been submitted to the planning and zoning board for review of the proposed sub-division. 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 Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve a FY 21-22 budget transfer within general fund in order to balance expense lines that are overspent within departments totaling \$2,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a current fiscal year 2022-2023 budget transfer of \$12,500.00 for the agreement with Alexander County to fund ½ of the Historical Preservation Study to determine a Historical District within the Town. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman

Chief Bowman is hopeful of receiving a 3rd grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program of \$24,500.00. The speed bumps on 1st Ave. SW were requested to be moved to another location to help speeding in that area. He will get information on the cost of another set of portable speed bumps and also costs on a cross walk and report back.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike

A written report was submitted. He noted that the Rock at Matheson Park had been damaged & the cost to remove & replace the rock with one similar is \$34,500.00. That rock is discontinued and not repairable. He plans to get quotes on different equipment and also on special needs playground equipment for children. Councilman Robinette asked if we had an updated policy on brush & limbs. He suggested placing an article in the paper to make citizens aware of the policy.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom noted that the Taylorsville Apple Festival is scheduled for October 15th, 2022 after not being held the previous 2 years due to COVID. We will get REQ's for engineering for the water projects. He asked that the Tree & Park Committee look at the crepe myrtle trees along Main Street, S. Center Street, 2nd Street & the mediums & make recommendations on trimming or removing them and report back to the Town Board.

Mayor Holleman noted that the NC State Legislation has 6 Billion in a reserve fund for Cities/Towns and Counties. He suggested we develop a plan and petition the State to consider our Town.

With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk