

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2013

Present: Mayor George B. 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.

There were no comments in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve 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 as presented for the August 6, 2013 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

A public hearing was opened by Mayor Holleman for the purpose of public comment on the Community Development Block Grant # 10-C-2217 for the Milstead Woods Apartment Housing Development Project recently completed. Nancy Coley, WPCOG representative spoke on behalf of the project. It is a 40 unit complex, of which 13 are moderate-income families, 25 are low-income families and 2 are very low income families. All units are rented. The total spent of CDBG funds for water, sewer and sidewalks was \$220,000.00; \$19,815.20 was spent for planning and administration and \$184.80 remains unspent in administrative funds. The project is very attractive and well maintained and is viewed as an asset to the Town. With no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve submission papers in order to close the CDBJ #10-C-2217 project as completed and to also de-obligate the \$184.80 in unspent administration funds. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the FY 2012-2013 year end budget amendments as presented in order to close out the fiscal year. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the lease agreement between the Town and the Alexander Hospital Investors for use of the old hospital grounds. This will be a 2 year lease agreement to the use of the grounds for parade and apple festival overflow and the farmers market. The Town will use inmate labor to clean, prune and mow the property. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

Commissioner Poole suggested to consider grinding down more sidewalks in target area's a little along in order to eliminate such big projects all at once.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve a 50/50 split with Darrin Hoyle in order to install new sidewalk from the front of the Old Hammer Motor building now owned by Darrin Hoyle to the stoplight at 7th St. NW. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a Resolution applying for a 2014 Collection System Rehabilitation Project for approximately \$800,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a Resolution applying for a 2014 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project for approximately \$700,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein.

The standard police report was submitted.

David Robinette, Public Works Director, noted the extreme weather conditions over the spring and summer months, most notably the excessive rain totals. He noted that without the past improvements to our water system, we most likely would have had spills. He also noted the excessive mowing that is having to be done because of the rain. Commissioner Poole noted that people are mowing their grass into the road & it is getting washed down onto our storm drains.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to exit the regular session and enter into closed session. The motion was passed unanimously.

The NC League of Municipalities legal representative will handle and defend the claim made by a former employee.

We are anticipating future economic development in the old hospital.

The Gilreath property beside the town cemetery can be purchased and the Robinette estate property adjacent to the Gilreath property can also be purchased in order to expand the cemetery in future years.

With no further economic or personnel business to discuss, the closed session was adjourned back to the regular meeting by a motion of Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the intent to seek agreements to purchase the Gilreath property located next to the town cemetery. The tentative agreement will be for \$100,000.00 over a 4 year period with a 0%

interest. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the intent to purchase the Robinette estate which is adjacent to the Gilreath property. The tentative agreement will be for \$40,000.00 over a 4year period with 0% interest. Commissioner Robinette asked to abstain from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Unanimous permission was granted by the Town Board. The remaining town board vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be September 3, 2013 at 5:30 in the council chambers. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk