

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

May 5, 2020

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Jack Simms
Commissioner Kimberly Brown

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 3:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to add the following items to the agenda. Add item 7a. – Budget amendment for reimbursement of insurance proceeds. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman welcomed new resident Jeremy McLean to Taylorsville. He also mentioned that Governor Cooper allocated additional revenue for COVID-19 help that will be passed down to counties and then to towns. There were no other comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the agreement between the Town and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) for Public Utilities GIS Maintenance Services for a 2 year period beginning July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2022. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Simms to approve the agreement for Engineering Services between the Town and Withers-Ravenel for Risk Assessment and Emergency Response Plan Project. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve some repairs at the WWTP which will be paid from the W&S department and not any part of any grants. See attached recommendations of needed repairs at the WWTP by Locke-Lane Construction. The motion was passed unanimously.

See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve amending the budget up in order to receipt in the insurance proceeds for the damaged patrol car in the amount of \$3050.45. The motion was passed unanimously.

See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Town Manager, David Odom gave an overview of the proposed FY 2020/2021 budget. The total proposed budget will be \$4,246,298.00, with the general fund totaling \$1,943,200.00 and the W&S fund totaling \$2,303,098.00 and the tax rate will remain at .40 cents per 100 valuation. There are 22 full time employees and 11 part-time employees. The last raise was November of 2018. There is money calculated in contingency for raises and bonuses if approved by the Town Council. Commissioner Simms stated that he is in favor of giving the employees a raise and he also wants the % that would go to the Town Council to be placed in the special fund for Christmas lights. Commissioner Poole stated he wants at least a 2.5% raise at a minimum and Commissioner Robinette also agreed. There is no general fund debt other than the leased patrol cars. Commissioner Simms asked about the status of the Rotary stage and the Town's 3 year allocation towards its completion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Simms to set two public hearings for the reading of the proposed budget for June 2nd and June 16th, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the council chambers of Town Hall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Works Director, David Robinette gave a written report.

Acting Chief of Police, Doug Bowman gave a report of recent activity during COVID-19. He noted that there were 85 charges last month consisting mostly of larcenies and break-ins. Very few were traffic related. He feels that those are related to the COVID-19 economic situation.

Commissioner Poole publically thanked Commissioners Robinette, Simms & Brown for helping out with the mowing of the town properties during this time.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk