

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

October 4, 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 addition of item 9a. Outside sewer connection request and to approve the September 6th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Karen Morrison came before the Town Board to voice her concerns over the speeding along South Center Street and 1st Ave. Dr. SE. She lives in Ridgeway apartments and her apartment faces 1st Ave. Dr. Se and she has witnessed cars excessively speeding and causing dangerous driving hazards. She just wanted to let the proper authorities know of the speeding issues in certain areas of town.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a budget amendment receipting in the insurance proceeds for the damages to the rock at Matheson Park totaling \$31,710.00. The funds will be held until a decision is reached regarding a replacement for the rock for Matheson Park. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Robinette to approve a premium pay bonus of \$1,000 for all essential full and part time workers of the town who had a continual work schedule during the Covid pandemic. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilwoman Brown to approve the adoption of a Resolution of Intent to lease 2 new police vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management for 5 years totaling \$45,699.55 for each vehicle. The vehicles will be fully equipped. The cost of the equipment uplift is \$10,321.31 each and ½ has to paid for each upfront when the lease agreement is signed. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the contract agreement with 120Water for water system material audit to meet EPA rules as revised in the spring of 2022. These rules require as the first step required by the Federal Government that each water provider must provide an inventory audit that includes the systems make up at each connection built prior to 1987 and also the composition of the private plumbing on the customer side of the meter and the distribution within the dwelling. This will be a very intensive study. The 2-year contract will cost 14,632.50 for the 1st year and \$10,770.00 the

second year. Hopefully, the study can be completed in that timeframe. 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 Poole to approve an outside sewer connection for 7130 Millersville Road, for the Lucado's to connect onto the town's sewer system. The tap fee will be 3,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Robinette and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve the amendment to the audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associated for the preparation of the 2021-2022 financial statements. The bookkeeping firm did not have their information prepared in the timeframe for the audit to be completed as originally scheduled thus causing a delay to 1-31-23. The motion was passed unanimously.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman

Chief Bowman mentioned that Grover Bowman mobile home park continues to be a haven for illicit activity causing numerous arrests on a regular basis. The old hospital is also a continuous problem for illicit activity. He is working on solutions to both problems and hoping with new ownership of the old hospital that the doors/entrances can be boarded up to prevent entrance and that Alexander County code enforcement will prevent the mobile home park from continuing to be rented.

Utility Manager Report: Aaron Wike was not in attendance

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom noted that Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Simms and Councilman Robinette will attend a training session on distressed units in Kernersville on October 18th, 2022. The Mayor/Manager's meeting will be held at Brushy Mountain Golf Course on October 27th, 2022 at 6:00pm. We received notice of award for the Level 2 charging stations and a notice to proceed for bid solicitation can now occur. He noted that a transfer of a total of \$5,000 was transferred from the streets resurfacing expense line item and moved to the ABC Buildings & Repair line item for replacing the awning on the store front and to resurface and restripe the parking lot at the store.

Mayor Holleman mentioned a work session for discussion of the replacement for the rock at Matheson Park. A work session was scheduled for October 13, 2022 at 10:00 am. With no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk