

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

November 3, 2021

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the changes to the agenda. Add item 8a: Town wide burning regulations; Item 9a. Cash Management Policy for Grants and Investments. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Simms and seconded by Councilman Poole to approve the October 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented and the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Charles Coxon owner/resident of 164 2nd St SW addressed the board in regards to his continued concerns with speeders on 2nd St SW as well as the dangers of the intersections of 1st Ave SW and 2nd St SW and Main Ave Dr and 2nd St SW. He asked when speed bumps were going to be installed on 2nd St SW and said he didn't mind them being put in front of his house. His suggestion for speed control and intersection dangers was for both of the forementioned intersections be changed to 4 way stops. He also addressed Manager Odom about his displeasure in the trees his neighbor trimmed not growing back which caused him to have to purchase a fence to go around his property to keep trespassers off his property.

With no other comments Mayor Holleman closed the Open Forum.

Allison Brown with Alexander Cooperative Extension spoke before the Town Board regarding Farm – City week. Alexander County ranks 88th in the state in size but we rank 13th in the state for livestock, dairy, and poultry. We also rank 4th in the state for layer houses for chickens. There are 544 farms in Alexander County and the average age of farmers in Alexander County is 56. The Alexander Cooperative Extension offers several services within the Town such as the farmers market, and raised beds for gardening. They also have year-round interactions with the children in the school system. The Town Board thanked Mrs. Brown for the information she presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole seconded by Councilman Robinette to hold a Public Hearing at the December 7, 2021 Town Board meeting for a rezoning request for 1341 NC Hwy 90 East to go from business use to residential use. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve amending up the FY 21-22 General Fund - Police Department for \$1,248.58 due to insurance reimbursements for the reduction in premiums for police property/liability due to the sale of surplus police cars. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Poole and seconded by Councilman Simms to approve a budget amendment receipting in \$863.70 for insurance reimburse on damages to a police vehicle during a pursuit. The funds will be receipted into Maintenance and Repairs – Auto for the Police Department to offset the cost of the repairs to the vehicle. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Simms to table the discussion of fire regulations until the November 10, 2021 work session. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Robinette to accept funds from the United States Treasury in the amount of \$688,067.78 as part of the American Rescue Plan. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown and seconded by Councilman Poole to adopt the Cash Management Policy for Grants and Investments. The motion was passed unanimously. The official copy of the Cash Management Policy will be retained in the Town Clerk's office.

Police Dept. Report: Chief Doug Bowman stated that there were 1246 calls recorded thru the 911 call center for the month of October, 2021. That number does not include calls that come in to the Police Department itself. The numbers were up 111 calls from the month of September.

Public Works: Public Utilities Manager Aaron Wike stated that the company that was awarded the sewer line cleanup job has begun working. They will be cleaning 10% of our sewer lines as required by state law over the course of the next several weeks. Leaf collection has begun in town but the leaf truck broke down last week. The part needed to fix it is hard to find so it is unclear when the truck will be back in service. In the meantime, citizens are being advised to bag their leaves for quicker collection. The town maintenance staff is also using the street sweeper to collect smaller piles of leaves.

Town Manager Report: David Odom

Manager Odom asked Council for topics for the work session planned for November 10, 2021. The current items to include: American Rescue Plan, Town Financials, Sidewalks, Fire Prevention/open burning, and current grant applications regarding waste-water treatment plant improvements.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be December 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

With no other business, a motion was made by Councilman Simms seconded by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk