

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 1, 2005

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger, Commissioner Glenn P. Deal Sr., Commissioner George Holleman, & Commissioner Bob Phillips

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Phillips gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the adoption of the agenda for the February 1, 2005 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the adoption of the minutes from the January 4, 2005 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Jan Fox Barriger spoke on behalf of her father, Jay Clyde Fox regarding repairs to the northwood park creek adjacent to his property. They have made restoration repairs to the creek and asked that the Town Board consider placing 1 to 3 loads of riprap rock along the creek bed to help prevent future erosion.

No other comments/requests were heard.

Mayor Barriger presented plaques of appreciation to former Town employees Mary Jo Chapman and Jake Little for their years of dedicated service to the Town.

Christen Dagget with TAC Energy Solutions presented a program that proposes to increase efficiency regarding water meters and their accuracy. She proposes to spot check numerous areas in the Town checking the calibrations of the water meters to determine possible water loss and possibly increase efficiency. There would be no cost or obligation to the Town at this point. She will report back their findings in approximately 2 months.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve a contract for the preliminary study of the Town's water meters. Passed unanimously.

YMCA of Alexander representatives spoke before the Town Board encouraging participation in the vision of the proposed new YMCA facility. Ron Roseman, Chairman of the capital development committee for the YMCA spoke and encouraged the Town's support both socially and financially to help fund a much needed facility here in Taylorsville and Alexander County. This facility would help structure our youth and further economic development in the county and the Town. Danny Dyson, Janelle Lingle, Ann Teague, Jan Barriger, Marchetta Sigmon, and Wade Suddeth also spoke on behalf of the YMCA. Funding raised to date equals \$672,000.00. It is estimated that the total project will

take 3.5 millions with 1.5 million for the swimming pool. The YMCA is seeking the 1.5 million for the pool from the local and state governments with the other 2 million coming from private and corporate donations. All Town Board members stated their support of the YMCA. They stated that the Town has applied for a \$750,000 grant in order to supply wastewater to the proposed new site and if funded the Town will supply a matching amount of \$285,000. Notice of the grants awarded should be within the next few months and the issue addressed again at that time.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the attached meeting schedule for the 2005 year. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part herein. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to approve a renewing of the contract between the Central Alexander Fire Dept. and the Town of Taylorsville. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Deal to give permission to the Fire Dept to encroach on the left side of the Town ball field to increase the Fire Dept. Passed unanimously.

Public Works Director: David Robinette

David Robinette noted that for the January billing there was 17% water unaccounted for. The normal ratio is 10%. Some of the other 7% was due to flushing sewer lines and a big water leak on 6th Street.

Town Planner: Jon Pilkinton

There were 48 zoning permits issued during 2004.

Town Manager: David Odom

- Several citizens from the Jay Drive area have expressed interest in being voluntary annexed into the Town limits. More information will be forthcoming.
- Announcements will be made from the NC Rural Center in mid-February concerning the \$400,000 supplemental grant for Energy United/Newton Water Project.
- The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for February 3rd at 6:00p.m.
- The Mayor and Town Council from Tabor City plan to visit the Alexander Correctional Institute on Saturday February 12th. A new 1000 bed close custody prison is under construction in Tabor City.
- Preliminary cost inquiries regarding recalculating the census in Taylorsville would cost a minimum of \$60,000.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk