

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2015

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 George Holleman at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Open Forum:

Mayor Holleman noted that the 4 county area was on the WPCOG website. He also mentioned the WPCOG impact report; the 15 million annual budget and \$12,595 for meals on wheels; \$500,000 stem grant application and the ROTC event on 3-18-15 at ACHS.

Kathy Riddle presented a slide show sponsored by Alexander Habitat for Humanity for the Independence Day Celebration scheduled for July 11th, 2015. All events will be held at ACHS this year. A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve a one-time contribution of \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity for the fireworks display. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the Municipal Certification setting the concurrent speed limit at 20 mph for SR 1605(Center St.) from Main Ave. Dr. to NC 90/Main Ave. 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 Elliott to approve a budget amendment receipting in \$60,000 in revenue and a liability for the loan from BB&T and the expenditure for the purchase of 2 patrol cars for \$62,890.59. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to schedule a public hearing for April 7th at 5:30 pm in the council chambers for the purpose of amending the business/privilege license fee to establish and include an event fee. This will be established to offset costs associated with clean-up and supplies and police security during events such as the apple festival. The motion was passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the Town Board gave David Odom, Town Manager authority to proceed with the 2015 collection system rehabilitation project through CWSRF for \$1,085,575 of which \$500,000 will be a forgiveness loan; and to also proceed with the 2015 wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project through CWSRF for \$1,500,000 and will be 20 years at 0%.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a Resolution of Municipal Agreement between the town and Alexander County Election Board for the purpose of conducting the municipal election in 2015. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Police Chief Dennis James gave a report for the month of February 2015.
Public Works Director, David Robinette gave a written report for February 2015.

Town Manager, David Odom noted that the water rate for bulk water purchase from City of Newton will be increasing on July 1, 2015 to \$1.61 per 1000 gallons.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to go into closed session to discuss economic development and personnel. The motion was passed unanimously.

A personnel matter was discussed; however, no action was taken. Future economic development of the old hospital property was discussed but no action taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to exit closed session to return to the regular session. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on April 7, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the council chambers of town hall.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk