

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2016

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

Open Forum:

No comments from citizens.

Thursday April 28th is the annual meeting for the WPCOG.

Mayor Holleman declared that April 18, 2016 was Lineman Appreciation Day.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the following changes to the agenda. Add item 4a: Harper Dixon Attorney – Hancock & Moore quit claim deed on property. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the minutes from March 1, 2016 regular meeting as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ellie Bradshaw, Attorney for Harper & Dixon presented information regarding a piece of property adjacent to Hancock & Moore's property and Sixteen Realty located behind the Hancock & Moore building on S. Center Street. The property contains .4 of an acre of gap property between two pieces of property owned by Hancock & Moore, LLC and the other owned by Sixteen Realty. There is not a clear title to the property; however, there are storm drain lines & sewer lines running across the property where a creek (now piped) used to be. In exchange for the Town Board authorizing the Mayor to sign for the quitclaim deed, Hancock & Moore Properties will grant an easement to the Town for the existing sewer and storm drain lines and for access right for repair and maintenance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the execution of a quit claim deed for the .4 of an acre. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the Mayor to authorize the execution of a quit claim deed for the .4 of an acre. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the acceptance of the easement across the property to service the existing sewer and storm drain lines and access right for repair and maintenance to the property in exchange for the quit claim deed. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the FY 2015/2016 audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associated to conduct the FY audit and prepare the financial statements. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a new contract between Republic Industries (formerly GDS) and the town to provide curbside recycling and garbage collection within the town. A 5% rate increase will apply effective 7-1-16. There will be enhanced curbside recycling with an automated truck on Mondays. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Holleman opened a public hearing regarding a proposed text amendment to the town's zoning ordinance allowing for electronic signs.

Section 151.50.12 Sign Illumination and Signs Containing Lights section e) would be amended to read as follows:

e) Electronic messages boards are permitted on any property located in the B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-4 zoning districts. Such signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in size. The frequency of time between the changes of each message shall not be less than 3 seconds. Electronic message boards shall be limited to light emitting diode (LED) or liquid crystal display(LED).

No comments were heard and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the zoning text amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as described below. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Mayor Holleman opened the second public hearing regarding an amendment to Town Ordinance Title IX: General Regulations – Chapter 93 Organized Events to declare an NCDOT road closure in order to hold the annual parade and other events. No comments were heard and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott Poole and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve amending the Town Ordinance Title IX: General Regulations – Chapter 93 Organized Events to declare an NCDOT road closure in order to hold the annual parade and other events. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to set a public hearing on May 3, 2016 at 5:30 in the Council Chambers for the re-zoning of VUE Properties, LLC located on the corner of Carrigan road and Hwy 16 S. from R-2 and county zoning all to B-4. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to

approve the contract for WPCOG to do the administration the ARC grant as part of the CWSRF WWTP project. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the adoption of a Resolution to apply for the Water Asset Inventory and Assessment Project. The project will map the town's existing water system with digital GIS. A 15% match will be required for the project. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

David Robinette, Public Works Director stated that spring repair work was on-going at Matheson Park. Numerous trees have been removed from around town. The mowing season is in full swing.

Chief Dennis James stated that there were 953 calls in March. There were 18 accidents and 61 citations, along with 14 incidents. 6 difibulators here received as part of an Emergency Management grant.

David Odom, Town Manager states that tree and sidewalk repairs are on-going around town. Most of the large trees are already gone. The train garage is almost complete. There will need to be an amendment for the cost of the tree elimination and sidewalk repairs. There will be changes to the Powell Bill allocation and the way it is computed and then distributed to the towns. It is no longer based on fuel tax but collected through vehicle property tax.

The next meeting will be on May 3, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk