REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 3, 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 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Holleman gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation. Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the addition of 15a.-Advantage Wood Products Budget Ordinance Adoption and to move item 14 up to 7a. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the adoption of the agenda for the May 3, 2005 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting. Passed unanimously.

No comments/requests were heard in open forum.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve signing a deed of trust on the fire dept property for the Central Alexander Fire Dept. The fire dept. wants to add on to the existing building and needs a construction loan in the amount of \$80,000.00 to complete the needed improvements. In order to complete the construction loan, the Town will need to agree to sign a deed of trust for the property since the deeds remain in the Town's name. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding the voluntary annexation petition from 14 residents along East Jay Dr. & Milstead Street. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt on ordinance approving the voluntary annexation of 14 parcels of property into the town limits along East Jay Drive and Milstead Street and becoming effective July 1, 2005. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Town Clerk, Yolanda Prince noted that additional deed information was needed from Alexander County regarding their annexation request of the property on Hwy 16 South.

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Deal to direct the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a voluntary annexation petition received from Mitzie McCurdy for her

property located on 7th Street N.W. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to purchase 4 large planters with flowers and place them in the open spaces along Main Ave. where the trees are missing. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve a budget amendment for some expenses for the Newton/Energy United Water Interconnect project in the amount of \$19394.40. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes. Passed unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the request for 25 Town pins from the AAU baseball team traveling to Cooperstown NY. They are competing in a tournament at the Baseball Hall of Fame and will be exchanging pins with the teams in NY. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips approving the adoption of the budget ordinance for the Advantage Wood Products RED Grant. Passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Dept.'s submitted written staff reports.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to set public hearings for the FY 05/06 Town Budget for May 24, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. and May 31, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to recess the meeting until May 12th, 2005 at 5:15 to consider bids for the WWTP construction. Passed unanimously.

RECONVENED REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Of May 3, 2005 to May 12, 2005 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Mayor Barriger reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. on May 12, 2005. Bids for the improvements to the WWTP were opened at 2:00 p.m. on the 12th. SL Wilson Construction Co. of Charlotte was the lowest bidder at \$57,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve awarding the bid to SL Wilson Construction Company. Passed unanimously. See attachment E, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Alexander County Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Denise Elder and President Chip Sweeney spoke before the Town Board of accomplishments and future goals of the Chamber. The Chamber is targeting tourism in Alexander County and hoping to apply for a 50/50 matching grant for tourism enhancement. Approximately 35% of funds have been used for tourism related information this year. They formally asked the Town for support in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the up coming fiscal year. Budget decisions will be made at the May 24th & 31st scheduled meetings for the FY 05/06.

Motion by Commissioner Deal, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the amendment to the construction contract for Jay Drive regarding resurfacing of the street due to construction damage and additional engineering cost in the amount of \$21,352.45 for relocation of sewer line out of NCDOT right of way. Passed unanimously. See attachment F, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

 Mayor
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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince Town Clerk