

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2015

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.
Commissioner Jack I. Lerner

Absent: Mayor George B. Holleman

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole at 5:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Commissioner Edd Elliott. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the following changes and to adopt the agenda. Item 5a – Urgent Care of Mountain View Brian Bechtol – Grant Reimbursement Proceeds; 12 a Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Understanding. Item 5 and item 11 will be swapped in the order of reading. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Bradley Martin spoke and asked what ordinances were in effect to rectify an unsightly property on 6th Street. It is known as the old Pardue property and the grounds are un-kept and making an eyesore for the rest of the neighborhood. Town staff will look into the request and report back on conditions and potential courses of action.

There were no comments in open forum.

Ms. Meredith Schrum, 8 week marketing intern, presented the completed pamphlets created for the town. The purpose is to boost visitor awareness and economic development. The goal is to tell the story of our town, who we are and where we may go. The plan is to place them in the NC visitor's centers once approved by the NC Tourism Board among other local and regional places for optimal exposure. The cost is approximately \$300.00 for 2500 pamphlets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to refund \$25,000.00 back to Mr. Bechtol of Mountain View Urgent Care in Taylorsville. The grant was for \$50,000 & ½ will be allocated to Mr. Bechtol to help cover the cost of interior construction/repairs and or equipment. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a Resolution exempting the Town of Taylorsville wastewater treatment plant alternative energy project. This project will be exempt from the provisions of G.S. 143-64.31 which requires initial solicitation and evaluation of firms to preform architectural, engineering (collectively “design services”) to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee and G.S. 143-64.32 authorizes units of government to exempt contracts for design services from firms if

the estimated fee is less than \$50,000.00. The estimated fee for this project will be less than \$50,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously. A short recess was held in order to complete and sign all necessary documents. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the Letter of Conditions and USDA application for Federal Assistance. The purpose of the assistance will be to improve operating efficiency in terms of energy consumption at the town of Taylorsville waste water treatment plant. Phase I will be the application for the funds to support the investigation and feasibility analysis of renewable energy applications and Phase II if approved for funding would be the actual study of the energy usage of the wwtp and what renewable methods might be used to offset the current demand at the wwtp. The motion was passed unanimously. All documentation will be retained in the USDA Rural Development file.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve a contract for professional services between the town and Municipal Service Engineering of Garner NC for professional engineering services for the study of the renewable energy project. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the attached budget amendments in order to balance fiscal year 2014-2015 at year-end. 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 Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the Resolution amending the memorandum of understanding for the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve amendment #3 a short form of agreement between the town and West Consultants for professional engineering services on the Millersville project. Amendment #3 will increase the scope of the project \$24,000.00. The vote was 3 to 1 with Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Poole voting nay.

Police Chief Dennis James stated that there were 837 calls in June and 948 in July. There were 2 search warrants and a felony embezzlement investigation.

Public Works Director David Robinette stated that the Millersville project is almost complete. There are 46 new taps installed and operating, meaning 46 new sewer customers.

Town Manager David Odom mentioned that the Town Council has been invited to an August 17 Swat Analysis at the Senior Center. The purpose will be to determine strengths and weaknesses for Alexander County and its future.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on September 1st, 2015 at 5:300 pm in the council chambers of town hall.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk