

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 24, 2013

Present: Mayor George B. Holleman

Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole

Commissioner Edd Elliott, Jr.

Commissioner Ronnie Robinette

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.

There were no comments in open forum.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the minutes as presented for the September 3, 2013 regular called meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

David Odom, Town Manager submitted for discussion of two pieces of property for sale adjacent to the existing town cemetery. The first piece adjacent to the cemetery is owned by Mrs. Audrey Gilreath and contains a frame house and 4 acres and the second piece is owned by the Howard Robinette estate and is adjacent to the Gilreath property and contains a frame house and ½ an acre. Both pieces have approx. two hundred feet of road frontage on Hwy 90 east. The back portions could be used to expand the cemetery when needed and the houses rented and or promoted for future commercial use. The Gilreath property will be owner financed at 4 payments of \$25,000.00 with 0% interest for 4 years totaling \$100,000.00. The Robinette estate will be for 4 payments of \$10,000.00 per year with 0% interest for 4 years totaling \$40,000.00. Commissioner Robinette has a direct conflict of interest due to potential financial gain regarding the Robinette estate and therefore has asked to be excused from discussion or voting on the sale of the Robinette property, as per the North Carolina General Statutes 160A-75. A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to excuse Commissioner Robinette from discussion or action regarding the sale of the Robinette estate. The motion was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set a public hearing for November 5, 2013. The purpose will be to hear public comments on the intent to purchase the two pieces of property to increase the size of the town cemetery. The motion was passed unanimously.

David Odom, Town Manager discussed the Millersville Project. Both phases of the proposed project are over budget. The project is completely outside the town limits and must be 100% property owner participation of acceptance of sewer service. 60 sewer taps must be included in the project. Residents of the community are encouraging more participation and agreement of the utility service. The revenues are still short to complete the project by over \$350,000.00 and the Town needs a willing local partner to accomplish this project. A decision to complete or abandon the project must be made by November.

By unanimous consent, the next regular meeting will be October 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Discussion was held regarding the future economic development of the Town and the possibility of an urgent care facility. An individual has contacted the town and expressed interest in starting a facility. Several potential locations were discussed. As an incentive to help establish the facility, a sliding scale property tax incentive was discussed as a possibility. Negotiations are ongoing.

With no further economic business to discuss, the closed session was adjourned back to the regular meeting by a motion of Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk