

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2007

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. Bob Phillips, Comm. George Holleman, & Comm. Jack Lerner

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillips. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Phillips to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Holleman to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2007 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Travis Hamlin spoke and thanked the citizens of the Town of Taylorsville for being so nice. He also thanked the Town Board for the great job that they do.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing for the Pop Davis CDBG Grant Project.

Nancy Coley, grant coordinator gave an overview of the progress of the grant. She also brought it before the board, for board action, to file an amendment to the grant project. One of the properties being assisted under the grant was a vacant mobile home on Leroy Road. The mobile home has remained vacant throughout the grant project and has deteriorated past the point of repair. Mrs. Coley asked the board to file an amendment to clear the property rather than repair it. If the Town Board files the amendment, any dwelling put in the place of this mobile home will have to comply with the Town of Taylorsville Zoning Regulations.

No public comments were made and the meeting was closed.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to file an amendment to the state changing the repairs to the mobile home on Leroy Road to the clearing of the property on Leroy Road. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the funding of additional sewer service lines on Hwy 16 South, Will Wilson Lane, and Boston Road under local match grant funds to preserve the current system lines in those areas. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Holleman to approve the abandonment of an existing sewer line located under the Isenhour Furniture Plant as a new service line has been installed outside of the building. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing for the new flood insurance rate maps and the new flood ordinance for the town.

Jon Pilkenton, Town Planner gave an overview of the program and stated that the town had never participated in FEMA's Flood Plan before. The plan would also allow the town to regulate the elevations of new dwellings being built in flood plan areas.

David Odom, Town Manager informed the citizens that the town didn't choose to participate in the program; FEMA was in charge of the areas being mapped. However if the town chooses not to participate in the program then the citizens of the town couldn't get flood insurance on their property, and in the event of a flood, FEMA would not assist the town in disaster relief.

Travis Hamlin said that while it may cause problems for the property owners in the flood plan, that he was happy to know that he could get flood insurance to protect his property in the event of a flood.

Harry Deal asked how this would affect his property on Galaxie Drive which is on the side of a creek bank. He stated that heavy rain falls caused the creek to rise over its banks now. Comm. Holleman told Mr. Deal that his property was affected more by storm water runoff rather than flooding.

Troy Clyde Fox asked if the tax value would decrease on the properties affected by the flood plan because he believes that the flood plan will cause the resale value of his property to decrease. Comm. Holleman told Mr. Fox that the town didn't assess the value of property; Alexander County assesses the value for the town. Alexander County will decide if the value will decrease due to the property being located in the flood plan.

Ricky Hammer stated that he didn't think it was fair for the tax value not to decrease due to the property being located in the flood plan. Mr. Hammer feels that they shouldn't have to pay such high taxes on property that isn't worth as much because it is in a flood plan.

With no more comments being made, Mayor Barriger closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Comm. Learner, seconded by Comm. Holleman to adopt the new flood plan maps. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Lerner to adopt the updated flood prevention ordinance. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to adopt the list of sewer easements for the Pop Davis CDBG Project as an attachment in the town minutes. Passed unanimously. See Attachment A.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the new town manager employment contract with the term being extended through 2013. Passed unanimously. See Attachment B.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Holleman to table the appointment of a delegate to serve on the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Regional Recreation Board until more information is given. Passed unanimously.

Police Report: Tony Jones
Standard police report.

Public Works Report: David Robinette

The public works department has spend a lot of time on Hwy 16 with the NCDOT moving water meters and service lines as they are in the progress of widening the road. As of right now they don't have an estimated time of being finished due to having to wait on Charter Communications and Duke Power to move some lines.

Town Manager's Report: David Odom

Town Manager, David Odom reported that the town is still under stage I voluntary water restrictions. Mr. Odom stated that the town had cut their water usage over 25% from the month of August through the month of September. He also stated that as long as the town continued to keep their usage down while under stage I voluntary conservation, he saw no need to go to stage II mandatory. Mayor Barriger recommended that the town issue a "Thank You" to its citizens for doing such a great job in cutting back their water usage.

David Odom brought before the board a letter from the Catawba River Basin Board requesting a donation of \$3,000 to help fund the fight to keep the larger cities to the south from removing millions of gallons of water from the Catawba River. The board took no action on this matter.

A motion was made by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Phillips to set the next meeting date for November 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Lerner to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk