

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2008

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Comm. George Holleman, Comm. Jack Lerner, &
Comm. Ronnie Robinette, & Comm. Kenny Poole

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

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

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the agenda with the following addition. Add item 12a. CVCC sign location on Hwy 16South. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the minutes from the November 4th, 2008 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Trevor Davis, a senior at Alexander Central High and the V.P. of Alexander 4-H clubs along with 6 other 4-H members were present for the meeting. He noted that November 14th, 2008 was the 100th year of 4-H in N.C. It was commemorated with numerous special events and projects in N.C. and in Alexander County. This year during the national election, special booths were set up at all election precincts in Alexander County allowing any school age student the opportunity to experience the voting process. It was a huge success with the students. Mayor Barriger commended the 4-H clubs for all their work here in Alexander County.

Newly elected County Commissioner Ryan Mayberry spoke briefly to the Town Board and mentioned that Alexander County has now been designated a 21st Century Community. That means that preferential consideration will be received when funding state grant awards.

Motion by Comm. Poole, seconded by Comm. Holleman to accept an outside sewer connection for Mr. Jeff Nicholson's property located at 100 Boston Road. The sewer tap will be in exchange for signing a sewer line easement for the placement of a municipal eight inch sewer line and manholes across his property. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to re-appoint Aaron Wike as town representative on the Alexander County Chamber of Commerce. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the adoption of the Resolution applying for NC Rural Center Planning Grant Funds for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements. Passed Unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the closing of Town Hall December 24th 2008. All employees will use holidays for December 25th & 26th and will use vacation or equivalent time for the 24th so a three day Holiday break can be had. This follows suit for NC state employees and Alexander County employees. Passed unanimously.

Staff reports were in written form in order to save time.

Public Works Director David Robinette did mention that the newest section of the NC Correctional Institute was underway. The leaf season is very busy and collection efforts by all staff is underway. Some are being delivered to citizens for compost use. Shannon park pump station has been dismantled and will no longer be used. Approx. 470 new water meters have been installed thus far.

Jon Pilkinton advised that the Planning Board would like a work session with the Town Board to discuss the new land development plan process.

CVCC plans to construct a new lighted sign for their campus to be located at the entrance of Hwy 16 South and Industrial Blvd. They have asked that the Town pay for the electricity for the lighted sign because the Town's seal can be displayed there. Discussion was held and a unanimous decision was reached for the CVCC Board to look into solar lighting for the sign and then the issue can be discussed further and future meetings.

David Odom mentioned that on January 28th 2009 a NC Main Street conference will be held in Statesville. He feels that it would be a great opportunity for Taylorsville to learn more of how that organization could be helpful for economic development and the future of Taylorsville.

Motion was made by Comm. Robinette, seconded by Comm. Poole to enter into closed session as permitted by G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss a personnel issue. Passed unanimously.

See closed session minutes.

Motion was made by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to exit closed session and return to regular session.

General discussion of the need to update the town's personnel policy and job descriptions was held. Several items within the policy needs to be evaluated and clearer policies defined such as drug policies and duties with regard to light and or restricted duties. A motion was made by Comm. Robinette and seconded by Comm. Poole to update our personnel policy to match Alexander County's personnel policy regarding drug use and light duty work and have ready for adoption at the January 6th meeting. David Odom is to price the complete updating of our personnel policy and job descriptions from credited outside sources as soon as possible. Passed unanimously.

By unanimous consent the next meeting was set for January 6th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. Passed unanimously.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest:

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk