

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2006

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 Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2006 regular meeting. Passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Travis Hamlin spoke and thanked the Town Board for allowing his participation in the community meeting. Mayor Barriger thanked those citizens present for their interest and participation of the items discussed at the community meeting.

Marcie Spivey of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPA's presented the FY 2005/2006 audit information to the Town Board. The fund balance as of June 30th, 2006 was \$812,008.00 and the unreserved fund balance was \$629,839.00. Revenues were up over \$22,000.00 and the collection rate was 96%. The collection rate is in line with other towns our size. The water & sewer departmental revenues increased by \$115,635.00 over last year. The debt service was \$45,956.00 for this year; however, the next several years the debt will increase by 3 times the 05/06 year.

A motion by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Holleman was made to accept the audit information of FY 05/06 as presented. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Lerner to re-appoint Dan McClure for a three year term on the ABC Board. Passed unanimously.

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk stated that the annexation petition request from AA Little Partnership for 10 acres off Black Oak Ridge Road was sufficient. After discussion, further action regarding the annexation will be tabled until the November meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Holleman to fund a welcome home event for the 505th National Guard Division on November 8th, 2006 for \$150.00. The council has been asked to attend at the 1:00 p.m. ceremony. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Barriger gave an update on the Inter Basin Transfer from the Catawba River Basin. Concord and Kannapolis have requested permission from the NC Environmental Management Commission to remove an average of 22 million gallons of water per day and a possible maximum of 36 million per day from the Catawba River Basin and transport it by pipe to the Rocky River Basin. This could potentially deplete the Catawba River Valley's water supply and cause quicker conservation measures in times of drought and or peak water usage times and could limit future growth. He urges a pledge of monetary support from the Town to be used to oppose the transfer. Alexander County pledged \$10,000.00.

After much discussion by the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Holleman to reserve \$3500.00 towards the fund opposing the inter-basin transfer. Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. A condition was placed on the motion, that the issue must be brought before the Town Board again for discussion and updates before the money is actually spent. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt a Resolution opposing the inter-basin transfer. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

Community Meeting of Sept. 21st 2006 Overview:

Several key suggestions arose from the community meeting held on September 21st, 2006. The first regarded the noise control problem within the town. It was suggested to put warning signs at the town entrances and to increase the fees for fines for violations to \$100.00. The second was on minimum housing specifications and how to address abandoned homes and step up enforcement of existing ordinances. An incentive fund was suggested to encourage people to keep their properties clean and clear.

A motion by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Holleman to set a public hearing for November 7th at 5:30. The purpose will be to get citizen input on increasing the fine for noise violations from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Passed unanimously.

Floodplain Mapping Program:

A public meeting will be held at CVCC on October 17th, 2006 from 6 to 8 pm on designated floodplain areas within the Town and county. Approximately 3% of the county is in flood plain. Boy Scout Joseph Zema came to observe the meeting and procedures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Holleman to send a letter to NCDOT requesting a revised project on the Hwy 16 South widening project. Passed unanimously.

Public Works Report: See written report.

Police Dept. Report: See written report.

Town Manager's Report: See written report

The next meeting was scheduled for November 7th, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Yolanda Prince
Town Clerk