

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Chief Dennis Murray, Sergeant Scott Pollard, and Officer Vennie Brock were present, along with six guests.

The January meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

The agenda was approved unanimously as presented in a motion by Commissioner Meacombs and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the public comment session. Two citizens addressed the Board about various concerns. The session was then closed.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve the January financials. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Murray reported that Officer Crystal Daughtry has been released from physical therapy, but has not been released to return to work from her doctor. She is scheduled to be released on February 24, 2014 according to the last doctor's note.

Mayor Lewis reviewed the January activities of the Utility Department. In addition to the normal activities, the utility personnel repaired a six-inch water line break on West Hanes Avenue, removed snow from streets and sidewalks in the downtown business district, placed gravel in the alleys behind Manning Brothers and Middlesex Grocery, worked with Charles Underwood, Inc. personnel to rebuild a sewer pump at the Mudcat Stadium, and removed and stored the Christmas lights.

Commissioner Davis reported the purchase and installation of a new modem resolved recent Wi-Fi problems at the library.

Charles Underwood personnel will be meeting with Mayor Lewis and Mike Myers (Envirolink) this week to discuss pricing and other information needed to apply for CDBG funds to complete the overhaul of the sewer lift stations.

Commissioner McClenny reported he has contacted Centurylink and a representative will be coming in the next week or so to check on providing service to Cedar Run Subdivision.

Nash County will not sponsor ethics training classes this year. Two years ago, several towns hired a professional to teach the class and split the cost. The cost was less than the League-sponsored classes or the UNC School of Government classes.

Mayor Lewis contacted the City of Raleigh regarding the extremely high wastewater treatment bills for the last several months. The flow meter at the Mudcat Stadium, which has since been replaced, was out of service and they were using a six month average to calculate the town's bill. Mayor Lewis pointed out that a twelve month average was more indicative of our actual flow and requested that they review the records. They agreed to correct the bills to a twelve month average and issued a credit totaling \$6352.02. The credit was applied to the December invoice for \$6079.71, leaving a credit of \$272.31 to be applied to the January 2014 invoice. Lewis reported he is working on lowering other items on the wastewater treatment bills and is hopeful we may receive more credit.

Commissioner McClenny moved to go into Closed Session as allowed by N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss employee evaluations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved to change the job title of James Liles to Public Works Assistant Director and that he receive \$1.40 per hour increase in pay effective pay period ending February 13, 2014. Meacombs motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved that the following employees receive the following increases in pay effective pay period ending February 13, 2014: Angelo Cameron and Walt Manning-\$1.00 per hour, Shelly Woodruff-\$.47 per hour, and Scott Pollard-\$.50 per hour and review again in June 2014. Meacombs also stated in the motion that there will be no other increases at this time. Commissioner Alford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Commissioner Ann Lewis moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Commissioners
Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Danny Alford
Cherrye Davis
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