

March 10, 2008

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Derek Bissette, and J.W. McClenny. Guests were Bob Walters, Ray Cameron, Doug Stone, and Vennie Brock.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the Public Comment Session. Ray Cameron had questions regarding the town's ordinance regarding fences, specifically lattice, fence height, and how long the ordinance had been in effect. Mayor Lewis asked Mr. Cameron to come in the next day to see Peggy Bissette and she would review the fence ordinance and answer his questions. Mayor Lewis thanked Mr. Cameron for coming.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the February minutes as correct. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette requested to add two items to the agenda under New Business: Item g. Terry McClintock's resignation effective March 10, 2008, and Item h. Address junk at Cash Cameron's on East Hanes Avenue at New Life Holiness Church. Chief Ferrell requested to add an Item under Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) regarding a department personnel matter.

In a motion by Commissioner Meacombs, seconded by Commissioner Hough, and carried unanimously, the agenda was approved with the requested additions.

Mr. Doug Stone addressed the Governing Body with regard to a new Urban Archery Season in North Carolina from January 10th through February 14th. Mr. Stone said that all regular hunting laws apply including the requirement for written permission from the landowner. Mr. Stone stated that a Letter of Intent from the town should be sent to the NC Wildlife Commission, along with a map showing the area of participation, and that he would be happy to pick this up and deliver to the appropriate authority. Administrator Bissette and several Board members cited safety as in issue inside the city limits, and a lot of open space. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Bissette moved to allow the Urban Archery Season in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the town only. Bissette's motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to accept the February Financial Statements as correct. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette reported that it has been very difficult trying to find the true owner and insurance coverage on the eighteen wheeler driven by Ronald Williams that hit the fire hydrant on East Hanes Avenue back in January. The truck was abandoned in Greensboro and repossessed by Daimler Chrysler. The truck does not have valid insurance coverage and fire hydrants are not covered by the town's policy. Chief Ferrell said the driver has been charged, a warrant has been issued for the person the vehicle is registered to, and he is working with the District Attorney on the matter.

Mr. Bob Walters, ENC3 Development Group, LLC presented a petition requesting the town to annex property at the corner of US 264 Alternate and Quincy Street to place a Dollar General Store. Mr. Walters advised the Board that the lease is signed and the projected opening date is November 1, 2008. Commissioner Bissette moved to adopt Resolution R2008-1014 instructing the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Lewis brought to everyone's attention that Earthtech, the town's engineering firm, has joined the AECOM family of companies.

Commissioner Robinson moved to renew the Down East HOME Consortium participation agreement for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette presented two memos from Upper Coastal Council of Governments announcing their services in developing and administering grants; one for Infrastructure, Revitalization, and Scattered Site Housing, and the second for Parks and Recreation (PARTF) Grants. After some discussion about the costs involved to the town, Commissioner Bissette moved to proceed with a study, if at no cost to town, to determine the town's needs in the areas of infrastructure, revitalization and housing. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

With regard to the PARTF grant, the Board took no action since the town is already involved with the joint grant venture with Bailey for the new sports complex for southern Nash County.

Robin Bell with Bass, Nixon, and Kennedy contacted Administrator Bissette and requested to tie in to the town's sewer line at the Mudcat pump station. Bissette discussed the request with Michael Acquesta, the town engineer, and he advised that it would effect our flow but he would check into the matter further and advise. The Board was not in favor unless the situation would be advantageous to the town.

Commissioner Hough moved to release the following taxes for Ray and Susan Perry totaling \$266.88.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>TAX AMOUNT</u>	<u>LATE PENALTY</u>	<u>INTEREST ADDED</u>	<u>TOTAL RELEASE</u>
2007	12,470	68.59	6.86	1.14	76.59
2006	13,227	72.75	14.55	1.30	88.60
2005	14,013	77.07	23.12	1.50	101.69
GRAND TOTAL RELEASE					266.88

Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrator Bissette advised the Board that Terry McClintock, Assistant Utility Director, resigned effective March 10, 2008 to take another job. Since Mr. McClintock had been employed less than one year, and did not give a notice, he was not due any pay for accumulated vacation or comp time.

After a brief discussion about water and sewer backup operators for Jeff Waddell, the Board asked Bissette to research our backup operators, the cost to have Envirolink serve as water backup, and bring the information to the next meeting. Bissette advised that David Bell serves as our current backup sewer operator at the present time. The Board was in agreement not to fill the position at this time and would review the situation once we determine the answers regarding the backup operators.

Administrator Bissette asked the Board if they wished to proceed with having the town attorney pursue the junkyard at Cash Cameron's residence and around the New Life Holiness Church on West Hanes Avenue. These areas were not included in the Ray Cameron lawsuit. Commissioner Bissette moved to proceed with the suit to get the junkyard cleaned up. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) to review a legal matter regarding the infrastructure at Creech Farms Subdivision, and under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) for Chief Ferrell to discuss a personnel issue with the Board. Commissioner Meacombs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, and with no further business, Commissioner moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert
Town Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Fred Hough
Luke Robinson
Derek Bissette
J.W. McClenny