

Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2013

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the invocation. Commissioners present were Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis, Dale Bachmann, and J.W. McClenny. Approximately 15 guests were in attendance, including the Spring Hope Enterprise and Nashville Graphic reporter.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for Public Comment. Edna Mount, Robert Johnson, and Brandi Holt spoke about various concerns. The Public Comment Session was closed at 7:45pm.

The March meeting minutes were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

Mayor Lewis requested to add Item (c) under Old Business termination of lease to Amber's Place and add Item (e) under New Business Approve Will Wheeler to attend an officer survival course. Commissioner Bachmann requested to add a Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner McClenny moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The February financials were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Bachmann and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

The town has received no offers for the sale of the old Ford Dump truck and Chevy service truck, even after reducing the prices. Commissioner McClenny suggested to send them to the auction and Mayor Lewis said he will check to see if the auction is a viable solution.

Commissioner Bachmann noted that the contractor will be connecting the Children's Home service lines to the main water line within the next week or two, and that the park table tops were painted to cover graffiti.

A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. at the town hall conference room.

Two quotes were presented for ditch work to be completed in Cedar Run Subdivision. Commissioner Alford move to accept the Finch Construction bid of \$11,430. Commissioner McClenny seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Finch's bid was slightly less than the SAC Enterprise bid of \$11,700.

Cecilia Mullin notified Mayor Lewis that she would like to terminate her lease with the town for Amber's Place. Commissioner Bachmann moved to terminate the lease. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously. Mayor Lewis explained that some repairs are needed to the premises before leasing and that five interested parties have left their name and phone number. When the building is ready, interested parties will complete an application for lease.

Mayor Lewis announced that the Down East HOME Consortium in conjunction with the City of Rocky Mount will be offering funding for Nash County qualified homeowners to complete necessary home repairs through the Nash County Homeowner Rehab Program and applications are available at the City of Rocky Mount Community Development Division from April 1 – 30, 2013.

Clerk Lambert presented the following 2012-2013 budget amendment for approval. Unforeseen FICA expense for an employee's short term disability payments was billed by the insurance company, as is normal procedure.

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
NON-DEPARTMENTAL:			
10-660-0500	FICA Expense	80.00	
ADMINISTRATION:			
10-420-0500	FICA Employers		40.00
<u>WATER AND SEWER EXPENDITURES:</u>			
SEWER:			
30-800-0500	FICA Employers		20.00
WATER:			
30-810-0500	FICA Employers		20.00
TOTALS		80.00	80.00

The amendment was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

The Governor's budget called for \$10 million reduction in appropriations to the NC Rural Center and redirecting of funds for Golden LEAF Foundation and PARTF grants. Nash County adopted resolutions of support for these agencies and requested the municipalities to show their support. Commissioner Bachmann moved to adopt Resolution R2013-1098A in support of the NC Rural Center, R2013-1098B in support of the Golden LEAF Foundation, and R2013-1098C in support of PARTF (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund) and forward the resolutions with letters to Senator Buck Newton and Representative Jeff Collins. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Meacombs, passed unanimously.

Utilities Supervisor Dale Bachmann requested the Board's approval to change the lunch time for his department from thirty minutes to one hour to allow the employees more time, which would extend their shift from 4:00 to 4:30 pm. Bachmann added that he would like to keep the flexibility to start and end shifts earlier in the summer on days when the heat is extreme and everyone agreed. Commissioner McClenny moved to change the lunch hour for the Utility Department from thirty minutes to one hour effective with the next pay period, which begins Friday, April 12, 2013. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve training for Reserve Officer Will Wheeler to attend an officer survival training course. Wheeler will attend the course on his time, but will drive a town cruiser and be paid the \$25 per diem rate for meals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Danny Alford
Dale Bachmann
Cherrye Davis
J.W. McClenny