

Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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 reporters.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for Public Comment. Robert Johnson, Edna Mount, Brandi Holt, and Cash Cameron spoke about various concerns. The Public Comment Session was closed at 7:50 pm.

The April meeting minutes were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Alford and seconded by Commissioner McClenny.

Mayor Lewis requested to add items in New Business: (c) Schedule a Public Hearing for the 2013-14 budget, and (d) Discuss rental fee for the town owned building at 10220 S. Nash Street. Commissioner Meacombs moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Bachmann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The April financials were unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner McClenny and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Mentionable items reported were increased usage of WiFi by patrons at the library, another permit being issued for a house at Cedar Run with two more expected in the near future, and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home Water Line Project is completed with the exception of a few punch list items for the contractor.

The following budget amendment was corrected from the April 11, 2013 meeting:

<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		80.00

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

Commissioner Davis moved to confirm the telephone vote to approve the installation costs for the playground plaza at the Wellness Park. Commissioner Alford seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Bachmann casting the dissenting vote.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the following budget amendment for the installation costs for the playground plaza at the Wellness Park.

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
10-590-7403	Wellness Park Improvements		2,650.00
10-590-7400	Capital Equipment	6,350.00	
10-590-1500	Maint. Of Bldgs & Grounds	200.00	

GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

10-390-0100	General Fund Bal. Approp.	3,900.00
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The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and passed by a 4-1 vote and the dissenting vote was cast by Commissioner Bachmann.

Commissioner Davis reported that the new software for the library totaling \$5,414, was ordered through Braswell Library, and contributed to the town from Nash County. Library cards can now be used at Braswell, Middlesex, Bailey Nashville and Spring Hope libraries. The following budget amendment presented to cover the library software was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Bachmann and seconded by Commissioner McClenny:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

10-330-0000	Nash Co. Library Contribution	5,415.00
10-680-7400	Capital Outlay	5,415.00

Mayor Lewis read aloud the "NC Domestic Violence Proclamation 100 Day" to the audience. Commissioner Alford moved to proclaim Saturday, June 15, 2013 as "North Carolina Domestic Proclamation 100 Day". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

The town received a request from PLT Concrete Services to connect to the town's sewer system at their business on Hwy 264 Alternate because they need to move their septic fields for further site development. Mayor Lewis and Commissioner Bachmann visited the site and after discussions believe adding the business would be viable. Mayor Lewis added that the town cannot provide

any other service other than sewer, PLT Concrete would bear all costs, and, in addition, would pay double sewer rates for usage, one access fee, and acreage and impact fees for the one acre tract they now occupy. The town will put a meter on their water line and they will be billed for sewer according to the water gallons going through the meter. PLT Concrete will pay acreage and impact fees for other acreage as they develop more land in the future. The only usage would be for bathrooms and washing hands. They will provide blueprints for plumbing, which will be reviewed by the town and Mike Myers with Envirolink, the town's ORC, to ensure no other water will be tied to the town's sewer. Commissioner Bachmann moved to allow PLT Concrete to connect the to the town's sewer downfall line. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to hold a public hearing for the proposed 2013-2014 budget at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2013 in the conference room at the town hall with the regularly scheduled meeting to follow. Commissioner McClenny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion regarding the rental of the town's building at 10220 S. Nash Street, Commissioner Meacombs moved to set the rent at \$250 for a six month lease and to advertise the space for rent. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Alford and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bachmann moved to go into Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(5)(i) to discuss contract negotiations and G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) for employee performance evaluations. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Meacombs moved that (1) effective July 1, 2013, the following employees rate of pay be increased \$.50 per hour: Dennis Murray, Herman Ellis, Ben Wilson, and Jimmy Garcia; (2) effective July 1, 2013, Scott Pollard's rate of pay be increased \$.25 per hour to be reviewed again in January 2014; (3) effective July 1, 2013, Jennifer Lambert, an increase in pay of \$.60 per hour; (4) effective August 1 2013, her anniversary date, Crystal Daughtry will receive an increase of \$.40 per hour, and (5) effective July 1, 2013, part time police officer's pay will be increased from \$10.61 per hour to \$11.00 per hour. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Bachmann and passed unanimously.

In 2013-14 budget discussions, the Board agreed to hold off on the purchase of Christmas lights, citing more pressing items that needed to be included. The quote for tearing off the shingles and replacing the two picnic shelters with tin roofing at the Hanes Park totals \$8,200, which includes raising

one shelter six inches due to very low clearance. Everyone agreed to add receptacles for a light under each shelter, increasing the total to \$10,000.

Recycling was implemented in the fall of 2009 and the town must purchase more recycle carts and garbage carts soon. Recycling, which is mandatory by state law, costs \$13,000 per year, and the town cannot continue at no cost to the customer. Commissioner Bachmann move to add a recycle fee of \$3.00 per month to the utility bill, which will be a separate charge on the bill. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs addressed Chief Murray's budget request for a fifth police officer. He emphasized that he was sympathetic to the department's needs, but he can't figure out where to cut and don't see how the town can do this at this time. He added that as the town grows and gets more tax base, the town board could revisit this request.

Mayor Lewis requested Chief Murray to get a definite cost for the desktop requested for Sergeant Pollard's desk. Other requests that will be included in the new budget are an 800 mhz portable radio \$3,000, a fireproof file cabinet for about \$1,600, audio and video equipment for the interview room at \$2,000, replace the front door at the police department \$1,700, carpet for two rooms at \$2,000, and two 12-gauge shotguns, one each for Crystal and Sammy's police cars.

Chief Murray also requested a Ford Interceptor police car and pointed out the high mileage on all of our Crown Victoria cruisers. He also added that the parts will become obsolete at some point because Ford quit producing. After a brief discussion, everyone agreed to hold off on the purchase of a car for the upcoming budget.

With no rates available for Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance and Raleigh wastewater treatment at this time, the Board agreed to hold a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 10:00 am at the town hall. Possibly, more answers will be available at that time.

The current \$200 irrigation meter fee established by the board has remained unchanged for several years because the town has not installed an irrigation meter in about three years. Due to the increased cost of meter, meter sets and risers, Commissioner Bachmann and Mayor Lewis recommended that the fee be increased to \$500. Commissioner Davis moved to increase the irrigation meter fee to \$500 effective immediately. Commissioner Bachmann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Bachmann moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Danny Alford
Dale Bachmann
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