Meeting Minutes July 8, 2013

Mayor Lewis called the regular meeting to order at 7:30pm and gave the invocation. Members presents were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherrye Davis and Dale Bachmann. Commissioner J.W. McClenny was absent. Approximately eleven guests attended.

Edna Mount, Brenda Smith, Brandie and Eric Holt, and Clerk Jennifer Lambert spoke about various concerns in the public comment session. The public comment session was closed at 7:45pm.

Commissioner Bachmann requested a change in the June 10, 2013 minutes, changing the wording from "Commissioner Bachmann pointed out that he did not want to increase sewer rates...." to "Commissioner Bachmann pointed out that he was not in favor of increasing sewer rates....". Commissioner Alford moved to approve the June 10, 2013 with the requested change and to approve the June 27, 2013 minutes as presented. Alford's motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and passed unanimously.

Mayor Lewis requested to add a Closed Session under G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. The amended agenda was unanimously approved in a motion by Commissioner Bachmann and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The clerk summarized the June financial statements, and well as the unaudited year end financials. Commissioner Bachmann moved to accept the financials as correct. Commissioner Davis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Davis reported that two people had signed up for the summer reading program.

Mayor Lewis stated everyone has had the opportunity to read and review the materials presented to the Board by Stacey Meek at the June 10 meeting requesting to amend the Town Code of Ordinances to allow chickens inside the town limits. Lewis asked, "What is the pleasure of the group?" Commissioner Bachmann's opinion was to the leave the ordinance the way it is, adding that the majority of the lots in town are too small to accommodate chickens. All the board members agreed. Mayor Lewis noted that no motion was made to pursue the request, so the ordinance stands as is.

In new business, the board unanimously approved the Warren "Sneak" Lewis Law Enforcement Foundation Annual 5K Run on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Commissioner Alford moved to approve the street closing event. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Dale Bachmann and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs 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 Meacombs moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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