

Minutes Regular Monthly Meeting July 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Ed Lane, Archie Aples and Sid Eley. Others present were Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, Town Clerk Cindy Sharber, Pam Hurdle, Bert Webb, and Frank Norman.

Mayor Pro Tem Lillian Holman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Archie Aples had the prayer.

Motion by Sid Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 4 -0 to approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of an invoice from the Albemarle Commission and information regarding the Phelps St. right of way.

Motion by Lillian Holman and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 4-0 to approve the special called meeting minutes of June 24, 2016 as presented.

Scheduled Business Appointments

There were none.

Administrative Concerns

Lillian Holman asked that the manager get signs made for the Town Car for the Mayor and/ or Council members.

Sid Eley said the fireworks on the fourth of July were great and he thanked the Public Works for the work they did to prepare the parade route for the 4th of July parade. He asked how we did with the funds raised for the fireworks and the cost for the show. Mr. Shoaf stated that we did well with funds being raised to help offset the cost of the fireworks show and that it cost \$7800. Mr. Eley also asked if the Connect NC Bond monies could benefit the parks. Mr. Shoaf said he would look into it.

Archie Aples asked if spraying along the curbs could be continued up Church Street all the way to Hardee's? Mr. Shoaf said that it was in the works and that spraying, as normal, had been hampered by wet and windy conditions.

Mr. Shoaf discussed the outcome of meeting he and the Mayor were invited to attend concerning the S-Bridge. He reported that there was no new news about the project and that DOT was still working toward a solution. He also read a press release concerning a recent break in at Jackson Wholesale that he wanted the Council to hear before it was sent to the paper.

Citizen Concerns

There were none.

Continued Business

Brandon Shoaf said that all the load management switches were installed. He said that soon the electrical contractor would begin installing switches for new participants.

Mr. Shoaf stated that there was nothing further to discuss regarding the fireworks and that all of that was covered in the Council concerns earlier.

Brandon told the Council that the Town's Attorney has not completed his review of the update to the animal ordinance and so, with nothing new to add or take away from what's already been presented he did not recommend moving forward with it at this point. He told the Council he'd bring it back up at the next meeting.

Mr. Shoaf told the Council that after investigating Phelps Street and the utilities around it, through it and under it, he felt that retaining the right of way was necessary to be able to maintain those utilities. He explained that from the staff's standpoint it may be ok to abandon the portion that was not paved, and was part of the yards of the adjacent neighbors. He did caution the Council that there was stormwater drains through the unpaved part of the right of way. Mr. Shoaf explained that a property owner had requested this be explored because she felt the town didn't maintain it anyway.

Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 4-0 not to abandon any portion of the Phelps Street right of way.

New Business

Brandon Shoaf presented the year financials narrative and included the year expenses and revenues. Mr. Shoaf explained that one large piece of property sold in town and we were paid for taxes owed going back several years.

Brandon presented a proposal to have the two water tanks cleaned by a contractor and asked the Council to consider allowing staff to use money budgeted for a server to have the tanks cleaned. He also noted that due to paying down loans on the water and sewer plants, there are some surplus funds there that could be used to help pay to have the work done.

Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 4-0 to prepare a budget amendment to pay for the proposed work and schedule it as soon as possible.

Mr. Shoaf presented a proposal from Fire Connections for the purchase of a ladder truck. Brandon presented a price of \$636,000 for a demo truck that was shown at the fire department the week prior. He explained this will provide a substantial savings over ordering the truck, as had been planned through the budget process. He also explained that if the Town agrees to purchase the demo ladder truck, the dealer will include all of the options that the volunteers had requested in that price and pay the membership cost to the HGAC, the procurement program that will be utilized for the purchase. He further explained that to purchase this truck the Council would need to authorize a budget amendment of \$100,000 to add to the \$100,000

that is already budgeted for this fiscal year. Under the General Statutes that allow the Town to purchase the truck through the HGAC program there is a requirement that the funds be expended in one fiscal year.

Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Sid Eley, and passed 4-0 to purchase the demo ladder truck. Specifics of the motion were for the manager to prepare the budget amendment to accommodate the full \$200,000 down payment, move forward with the purchase of the truck by obtaining the rest of the necessary funding through a loan and grant package, the Town will sell Engine 31 when the time comes and to communicate to the firemen that anything outside of the spec sheet that was presented will not be paid for using Town funds.

Brandon Shoaf presented the budget message for the fiscal year 2016-2017 for the ABC Board.

Mr. Shoaf presented an invoice in the amount of \$500 from the Albemarle Commission for dues for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. He explained to Council that he had expressed concern with the Executive Director of the Commission that the Town doesn't get to vote at the Commission meetings, nor on the RPO, so he felt the Town did not need to pay the Commission.

Motion by Archie Aples and seconded by Ed Lane, and passed 4-0 not to pay the invoice since the Town does not have a vote on the Albemarle Commission board of delegates.

Mayor Prop Tem Lillian Holman presented the ABC Report for the month of June 2016 that showed a 13.69% increase over the same last time yesterday.

Motion by Side Eley and seconded by Archie Aples, and passed 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.