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September 2, 2008

AGENDA

1. Call regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held in August, 2008.
4. Approve for payment bills made in August, 2008.
5. Citizens concerns.
6. Consider acceptance of Settlement for 2007 Taxes.
7. Release duplicate 2008 Tax Bill #80085 in the amount of \$249.55. (#80084 & 80085 are the same parcel)
8. Consider acceptance of 1st & 2nd quarter progress reports submitted by Dennis Patton for the CDBG Infrastructure Grant - East End water lines.
9. Consider Warren County appointments to Board of Adjustment (regular member and alternate) for recommendation at next meeting.
10. Update on use of CSX property.
11. Commissioners reports on activities in August, 2008.
12. Adjourn.

Additions to Agenda: Executive session pursuant to NCGS 143-18.11(a)(6) to consider personnel issues.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held their regular meeting Tuesday, September 2, 2008, due to the Labor Day Holiday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Terry Newsom, Patrick MacRae, Betty Willis, Clara Debnam and Billy Matthews and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

Mayor Hawfield opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to approve the minutes as presented with the correction of September 6 to September 2 for the September meeting. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Debnam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae, the bills be paid as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

James West complained about his neighbor's yard and asked what could be done. Discussion followed and Mayor Hawfield asked the Police Chief to see if he could help the situation.

Joe Price complained that Commissioner Willis had told him not to attend the meeting. Commissioner Willis replied she had told him it wouldn't be necessary to attend the meeting as she would see that his problem of gravel in his yard was taken care of.

Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to approve the Settlement of 2007 Taxes. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Willis, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae, to eliminate the duplicate tax bill #8085. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield advised a regular and alternate member from Warren County was needed for the Board of Adjustments and asked the Board to talk with people and have nominees for the next meeting.

Mayor Hawfield reported a representative of CSX had visited his office and the Town would no longer be allowed to use their property for the Festival and merchants would also no longer be allowed to set up on the property. He had written the company as had Representatives and Senators about reconsidering their decision but had not heard anything as yet. Discussion followed including alternate locations for the festival and CSX placing "no trespassing" signs on the property and Mr. Chichester advised CSX may be trying to protect their property rights and have liability concerns.

Commissioner Debnam gave the budget report for August; General Fund revenues YTD \$12,830.86 or 2%, expenditures \$71,384.40 or 12% and Water & Sewer Fund Revenues YTD \$56,840.99 or 15% and expenditures \$39,201.65 or 10%.

Commissioner Newsom gave the police report for August and asked for the Board to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Chief Suggs reported two guys were in jail and the break-ins have stopped.

Commissioner Willis reported there were no inspections and no spills and the fecal count was off due to a testing error. The Town purchased 2,657,000 gallons of water and sold 2,657,000, unaccounted for was 529,000 gallons.

Commissioner MacRae reported there had been a couple of funerals and would like to ask the Town Attorney a question about the Library in executive session.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Willis, to go into executive session at 7:49 p.m. Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) and (3) to discuss personnel and consult with the Town Attorney. The motion was voted and carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:22 p.m.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Clerk

General Account and Minutes of Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318(a)(6)

The Board of Commissioners entered into executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Commissioner Newsom and the Chief of Police wanted the authority to do away with a position under certain circumstances. Commissioners discussed the issue and Mr. Chichester recommended having a job description prior to a corrective action plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner MacRae, Mr. Chichester stated he believed court action would be necessary for settling the Library lease.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. and return to regular session. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk