

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a work session Monday, May 17, 2010, at the Town Hall. Commissioners present were Patrick McAtee-MacRae, Clara Debnam, Terry Newsom, Jimmy Kearney and Heidi Hogan.

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Waste Water Superintendent Keith Hamm advised the State Inspector had informed him he expected the Town to have a funded capital improvement plan to meet future needs for the water and sewer system once the grants were finished. The Board needed to consider an availability fee to pay for the capital improvement plan. The Board discussed adopting an availability fee or just raising the current rate structure and or changing to a graduated rate structure and whether to adopt a change this or next year. Commissioner Newsom opposed any new "taxes", Commissioner MacRae questioned whether funds would be earmarked and was told they would, and Commissioner Hogan stated the citizens needed to have a clear understanding of the fees.

Mayor Willis updated the Board on the meters to be installed in the South Side Grant, stolen manhole covers and stormdrain grates, and stated the pond behind Doc Silver's was a sediment pond for the Town and there was a problem with the dam. Hopefully the problem with the pond would be taken care of by the Warren County Waterline Grant.

Following discussion, Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adopt the Privilege License Schedule as presented; any business category not specifically listed will be charge the amount allowed by North Carolina Statute up to \$25.00. The motion was voted and carried and a copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Willis advised she was working on the budget and emphasized the need to cut spending. Discussion followed including the possibility of reducing services, raising taxes if not this year then next and there were no raises included in the budget.

Following Mayor Willis advising the deed might be here before the end of the week, and the appraisal had been done and paid for, Commissioner Hogan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to name the Littleton Sales building the Ann and Mason Hawfield Building. The motion was voted and carried.

Following Mayor Willis and Commissioner Hogan advising Jay Petersen would do the architectural plans pro bono, just charging for travel and administration, Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to hire Jay Petersen as the architect for the Library Project. The motion was voted and carried.

The Board discussed derelict abandoned buildings and condemning homes on Ferguson Street.

Following discussion, Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to invite Mr. Williams and Mr. Harvey back to speak for two minutes because the full five minutes was not afforded them at the last regular meeting. The motion was voted and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Clerk