

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a special/workshop session Friday, September 24, 2010, at the Town Hall. Commissioners present were Heidi Hogan, Patrick MacRae, Terry Newsom and Jimmy Kearney.

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

Commissioner Kearney advised he appreciated receiving the letter from Cathy Scott concerning the status of factory building and would like a monthly report on the building as well as on the town hall, library, etc. The Board went on to discuss better communication between work being done and the public, whether to use work orders or some alternative such as a loose leaf notebook to check off work when it's done. The consensus was to go with the loose leaf notebook. Commissioner Newsom advised a citizen had run a stop sign because the bushes were blocking the sign and it needed to be taken care of Monday.

Mayor Willis brought to the Board's attention a letter from E.C. Mann requesting the Town pay a bill for work on a sewer line at his property. Superintendent Hamm had the Town's contractor make sewer repairs and found that the line was responsible for the infiltration problem the Town had been having. The sewer line was on the former McPherson property now owned by Mr. Mann and was not on any of the Town's maps as far back as 1957. Mr. Mann wanted the Town to pay half of that repair bill, as well. In discussion that followed, it was the consensus Mr. Mann should be required to pay the total bill and Mayor Willis advised she would contact Gilbert Chichester, the Town's attorney, for advice.

Mayor Willis asked what the Board wished to do about Sally Hawfield storing belongings in the building now owned by the Town. Discussion included liability issues and the consensus was to discuss the issue with Ms. Hawfield.

Mayor Willis advised she was looking into getting Littleton designated a Historic District and the tax credits the designation would make available for businesses. Also discussed were people from the lake doing pro bono work for Littleton to help make it a better and more attractive place to encourage people to come to Littleton.

The Board discussed the Gold Leaf Community Assistance Initiative and what it would and wouldn't cover and that Roanoke Rapids had decrease Littleton's portion from \$28,000 to \$14,400 and how little was being done to promote Littleton. Mayor Willis advised the money could be used to put parking stripes on North Main Street, to repair the sidewalk between Casa Mia and Church Street and the curb in front of Littleton Service Center and for metal street signs.

The Board discussed the status of Mr. Lafoon's property and Commissioner MacRae advised Mr. Lafoon would transfer ownership to the Lion's Club as a donation once the property was cleaned off.

The Board discussed and agreed to schedule future work sessions the third Monday of the month when necessary.

The Board also discussed placing decorated trash cans on Ferguson Street and possibly having a contest for the children at John3:16 to design the cans, changing only the contract amount on the Cemetery Contract and selling the police department's Camaro.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Clerk