

TOWN OF LITTLETON

LITTLETON, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held the work session meeting on Tuesday, 09, 16, 2014, at 10:00 am at the Littleton Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Terry Newsom, Gerleen Pitchford, Sylvia Alston, Clara Debnam and Heidi Hogan. Police Chief W. Bowens was present.

Discussion continued from the Monthly Board Meeting on Detective Jeff Davis RRPD-Crime Prevention. Suggested dates were offered 10/14/2014, 10/28/14 and 11/13/2014 at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Pitchford will work with Christina Wells at Lake Gaston Chamber and area merchants and coordinate with Det. Davis.

Police Station refurbishing – Commissioner Pitchford reported Don Spragins with Littleton Hardware has offered \$100.00 toward the purchase of a bullet proof vest and would pay for one vehicle to be “marked” Police. They have interior paint they are willing to donate. Volunteers have been coordinating for interior painting and carpet cleaning on the Police Dept. Two desk and two chairs have been donated. She is also investigating securing the exterior back door.

Closed Session – Motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel by Commissioner Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Debnam. Voted and carried. Chief Bowens was invited to participate. The Board interviewed Mark Oakley for Part Time Police Officer.

Motion to go back into Open Session made by Commissioner Alston and seconded by Commissioner Hogan.

Commissioner Alston made the motion to proceed forward with hiring Mark Oakley at \$12.50 per hour for part time officers with the Littleton Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hogan, Motion voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom acknowledged he gave former Police Officer Medlin and former Police Chief Suggs their Littleton Police badges when they resigned from their positions from the Town. Commissioner Newsom retained the Police Commissioner Badge as a memento for his years (16) of service as Police Commissioner. He made a donation to the Police Dept. in the amount of \$140.00 for payment of the badge.

Sweepstakes Game Room Application Fee – Board discussed current fee schedule.

Wells Fargo Property – The Board again discussed moving forward with acceptance of the property. They also discussed state legal requirements for disposal of the property.

Permanent parking of recreational vehicles within town limits – The Board will research current zoning regulations and contact Planning and Zoning Board. If not, an Ordinance limiting parking to 30 days should be seriously considered.

Town Attorney – The Board the discussion of approaching Attorneys that may be interested in official town attorney capacity. Commissioner Pitchford will reach out to Earl Britt. Commissioner Alston

will contact Melissa Pelfry. Clerk Wanda Clark will contact Chichester's Law office on availability on young attorney at the firm.

Mason's Lease – The Board continued the discussion on the legality of the current Lease with the Mason Lodge. Mayor Bobbitt was assigned with contacting the Mason's on finding a new location. The Board's concern is with the safety of the building and the Town's liability. Clerk to contact School of Government, NCLM and Attorney Gilbert Chichester on the lease and "Fair Market Value".

Meeting Calendar (Oct, Nov, Dec) – The Board agreed to a revised meeting schedule of:

New Board Meetings: **October 06, 2014 6:30 pm**
 November 03, 2014 6:30 pm
 December 08, 2014 6:30 pm

New Work Sessions: **October 14, 2014 10:00 am**
 November 18, 2014 7:00 pm
 December 16, 2014 10:00 am

Commissioner Pitchford made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Clerk