

TOWN OF LITTLETON
SPECIAL MEETING
March 16, 2020
4:30 p.m.
Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel.
3. Phone stipend for sewer department
4. Amendment to Code of Ordinances – State of Emergency
5. Adjourn

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a special meeting Monday, March 16, 2020, at 4:30 pm at the Littleton Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Steve Barcelo, Bonita Knight, Ophelia Gould-Faison, Gerleen Pitchford, and Lynn Moseley. Mayor K. Owen Scott presided over the meeting. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Barcelo made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Gould-Faison to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel. Motion voted and carried unanimously.

The town board of commissioners came out of closed session at 4:41 p.m.

Commissioner Moseley made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Knight to hire Rhonda Bobbitt as an assistant clerk at \$13.50 per hour for up to 20 hours per week. Motion voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barcelo made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Gould-Faison to hire Keith Hamm as water ORC at a\$20 per hour for 16 hours per week. Motion voted and carried, 3 yes and 2 no votes.

Phone stipend – Mayor Scott stated since Mr. Hamm was returning and would need a phone to do his job, he had spoken to Philip Alston about giving Mr. Alston a \$50 stipend to use his phone for town business and giving Mr. Hamm back the town phone. Commissioner Pitchford said she had three guys that used their personal phones as well. She wanted to know if they would also receive a stipend. Mayor Scott asked if phone stipends would fit into everyone’s budget. After some discussion it was decided to table the phone stipends until some agreement was reached about phone stipends for all town employees.

Amendment to Code of Ordinances – State of Emergency - Commissioner Barcelo made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Knight to approve the Amendment to Code of Ordinances to

Clarify Town's Authority During State of Emergency. Motion voted and carried. A copy of this amendment is hereby incorporated into the minutes.

Commissioner Gould-Faison made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Barcelo to Declare a State of Emergency in the Town of Littleton. Motion voted and carried. A copy of this State of Emergency is hereby incorporated into the minutes.

Commissioner Gould-Faison then asked the board to not cut any one's water off during the state of emergency. After some discussion Commissioner Gould-Faison made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Barcelo to not disconnect anyone's water for the duration of the State of Emergency. Motion voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barcelo also mentioned in listening to the Governor's conference call yesterday in regard to COVID-19 there was mention of municipalities leading by example. He said since there would be a limit on the number of people allowed to be in one place the town might consider going to one meeting per month. He said some towns only have one meeting per month anyway.

After some discussion Mayor Scott called town attorney, Kris Gardner. Mr. Gardner informed the board they should limit their meetings to essential business, the meeting could be closed to the public and a recorded audio be given to anyone requesting a copy, and to reschedule the gaming issue to a later date.

Commissioner Barcelo made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Knight to limit March 24th roundtable to essential business and close to public and to have it at 10:00 a.m. Motion voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Knight made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Gould-Faison to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Ellen M. Eller, Town Clerk