

AGENDA May 01, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting 6:30 pm

1. Call meeting to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by Invocation
3. Motion to approve the Agenda
4. Consider approval of Minutes of meeting(s) held April 2017
5. Approval for payment of bills made in April 2017
6. Street Closure Request – Patriot Parade July 01, 2017 10:00 am
Littleton Lake Gaston Festival September 01 & 02, 2017
7. Consider Police Department Vehicle Policy
8. Consider Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax Determination
Dennis & JoAnn Kimball, 246 E. Halifax Street within Littleton Town Limits
9. Consider Gaming Applications
 - a) Erica Jefferson
 - b) Teresa Sykes
10. Citizen Concerns and Comments –
 - a) Ed Angel – Littleton United Methodist Church
 - b) Don Beazley – Littleton United Methodist Church
 - c) Richard Sherman – Littleton United Methodist Church
 - d) Sid Shearin – Littleton Baptist Church
 - e) Nada Diana Bobbitt – Former Littleton Mayor
11. Commissioner Reports on activities in April 2017
12. Citizens Comments on Commissioner Reports – comments/questions
- limited to 2 minutes.
13. Mayor’s remarks
14. Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 – nothing at this time
15. Adjourn –

*******BUDGET WORK SESSION*****
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held the regular Monthly Board meeting on Monday, May 01, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Littleton Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Gerleen Pitchford, Sylvia Alston, Heidi Hogan, Clara Debnam and Donald Spragins. Sixteen (16) members of the public were also in attendance. Mayor Ron Girdley presided over the meeting.

Mayor Girdley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Keith Hamm followed with the invocation.

Commissioner Alston made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Spragins to approve the Agenda. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Debnam made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Alston to approve the minutes from April 2017 as written and presented. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pitchford made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Hogan to approve the payment of the bills made in the month of April 2017. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Consider Street Closing Request – Patriot Parade July 01, 2017 10:00 am and Littleton Lake Gaston Festival September 01 & 02, 2017. Following discussion Commissioner Spragins made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan to not close North Main Street on September 1, 2017 until all stores are closed at 5:00 pm. The motion voted and carried. Commissioner Pitchford made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Alston to accept the Ordinances for the Street Closure request. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Consider Police Department Vehicle take home car policy – Commissioner Pitchford requested the consideration of a PD vehicle take home policy. Commissioner Hogan made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Alston to table the issue until the work session scheduled on May 16, 2017. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Consider Gaming Applications –

Ms. Erica Jefferson presented to the Board her request to open a Sweepstake Game room with 20 games at 100 East South Main Street, Littleton. Commissioner Alston made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam to table the issue until the work session scheduled on May 16, 2017. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Teresa Sykes was not in attendance

Citizens Comments and Concerns:

Mr. Don Beazley, 135 Holly Point, Littleton, representing Littleton United Methodist Church. Mr Beazley stated he is a 20 year member of the church, member of the Administrative Council, Chairman of Finance Committee and member of Board of Trustees. Mr. Beazley stated he could not see anything positive about a sweepstakes at the cross roads of Littleton. He stated there are two churches at that intersection. He stated the problem of generational poverty in Littleton. He stated there is a taskforce being formed to fight generational poverty. These people need a positive impetus to arise from poverty. In his opinion a gaming establishment would be a drain and opportunity to waste much needed dollars. He also mentioned his concern for the United unauthorized use of the church parking lot. He is concerned with security for any establishment open until 2:00 am in Littleton with small Police Department. Lastly he mentioned he is concerned about the image of Littleton and what is being done to enhance the lives of its citizens.

Mr. Sid Shearin, residing on Bowers Road, Littleton – He stated he is the Chairman of the Deacons of Littleton Baptist Church. He mentioned his concern for computer gambling in Littleton. He also echoed the concerns of the United Methodist Church and mentioned a concern for the misuse of the Baptist Church's parking lot. He stated he cannot endorse the activity as a church or as a Christian.

Ms. Nada Diana Bobbitt, residing at 114 West North Main Street, Littleton. Ms. Bobbitt present copies of NCGS Subchapter XI General Police Regulations Article 37, Lotteries, Gaming Bingo and Raffles NCGS 14-289 through 14-309.20. These regulations state Gambling and Gaming Machines is illegal in the state of North Carolina and the state has severe penalties. Ms. Bobbitt stated the seventeen pages from the NC General Assembly does not give the Town of Littleton Board of Commissioners the authority to approve Gaming Applications.

Cemetery Report – Commissioner Alston reported the Cemetery was mowed today and delayed a week due to rain. Olde South Property, the current mowing company has presented a proposal for services for FY 2017-2018

an increase from \$485.00 to \$640.00 each mowing. Commissioner Alston stated she is requesting additional quotes.

Recreation – Commissioner Alston reported most of the surplus inventory in the building has been picked up. She stated Demolition Bids are due on May 9, 2017. The asbestos inspection is scheduled for this Friday, 05/05/2017. Based on the reports from the previous building attached she expect the inspection to be negative.

Streets / Library – Commissioner Hogan reported her crew had been busy with changing out the mulch with river stone along the south side of South Main around the crepe myrtles. The river rock was paid for with Beautification Funds. The crew will then change out the crepe myrtles on the North side of South Main. Commissioner Hogan reported she has approached the Lion's CLud for a donation for the trees on North Main Street. She anticipates replacing all the crepe myrtles on each side of the streets should cost about \$400.00 or \$1600.00 total. Commissioner Hogan then reported the work continues on the storm drain issue on Ferguson Street. The sidewalk between 207 and 211 Mosby Avenue is contracted with Tony Silver. He will price curbing and sidewalk separately as Commissioner Hogan hopes NCDOT will be able to assist with the expense. She request property owners please assist with keeping the storm drains clear. She then reminded all of NO BAGGED YARD WASTE.

Water/Sewer – Commissioner Debnam read the water sewer report. A copy is hereby incorporated into the minutes. No sewer spills or overflows reported.

Police Report – Commissioner Pitchford read the Police Report for the month of April 2017, Littleton Township. A copy is hereby incorporated into the minutes. Commissioner Pitchford

Finance Report – Commissioner Spragins read the Finance Report for the month of April 2017. A copy is hereby incorporated into the minutes. Commissioner Spragins

Citizens Comments on Commissioner Reports – Citizen Ms. Evelyn Melton, Church Street inquired if anything could be done about the speeding and U-Turns on South Main Street, Hwy 158. Commissioner Pitchford responded the Police Department was doing the best they could with the manpower they have, (Chief and one full time officer that works 14 nights per month).

Mayor's Remarks – Mayor Girdley having no comments at 7:15 pm requested a motion to RECESS the meeting before going into the Budget meeting. Commissioner Spragins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to recess the meeting before beginning the Budget Work Session. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

The Board returned from recess at 7:23 pm to discuss FY 2017-2018 proposed budget. Commissioners submitted a working budget for consideration. Commissioner Hogan requested the Board consider options to purchase a landscape trailer and storage shed or building to store street maintenance equipment. The Board suggested Commissioner Hogan explore options on a storage building and present those options at the work session, 05/16/2017. Town Clerk/Finance Officer Wanda Clark suggested Commissioner Hogan be able to spend unused FY2016-2017 buildings maintenance line item. Following discussions of each departmental budgets no action was taken and it was agreed to continue budget talks at the work session planned May 16, 2017.

With no further business Commissioner Hogan made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Alston to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The motion voted and carried unanimously.

Town Clerk

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