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February 2, 2009

AGENDA

1. Call regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held in January, 2009.
4. Approve for payment bills made in January, 2009.
5. Citizens concerns.
6. Consider accepting report of all taxpayers owing taxes for current fiscal year, which are liens on real property and authorizing the posting and advertisement of the tax liens.
7. Consider contracting with Halifax County for the collection of ad valorem taxes.
8. Consider **Resolution of Support for L & M Hospitality RR, LLC (R-09-002)** a resolution of support for the Gatling's to be used in their efforts to seek financing to expand the Roanoke Rapids Theatre.
9. Consider request from Nathaniel Kimble concerning salary.
10. Commissioners reports on activities in January, 2009.
11. Adjourn.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held their regular meeting Monday, February 2, 2009, at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Terry Newsom, Betty Willis, and Billy Matthews and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

Mayor Hawfield opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hawfield welcomed those present and stated Commissioner MacRae wasn't in attendance due to a health problem and hoped he would be back next month.

Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Matthews to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 5, 2009 as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Willis, to approve payment of the bills made in January. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Matthews, to accept the report of all taxpayers owing taxes for the current fiscal year, which are liens on real property and authorizing the posting and advertisement of the tax liens. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield advised Halifax County had offered to take over the listing and collection of the Town's taxes and that all the other municipalities in Halifax County were already contracting with the County. Commissioner Willis stated she had spoken with Pam Harris, Halifax County Tax Collector, and also recommended contracting with the County. The initial cost would be \$2.00 per parcel and then 2% per year. Commissioner Willis advised the 2% could not be raised as it was the most allowed by statute. Commissioner Willis made a motion to contract with Halifax for the collection of municipal taxes. Following further Discussion, Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield advised that at the Halifax County Intergovernmental Association meeting, Roanoke Rapids asked for municipalities to adopt a resolution of support for the Gatling's to get financing from the bank for acquiring Roanoke Rapids Theater. Mayor Hawfield read the resolution and Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Willis, to adopt the **Resolution of Support for L & M Hospitality RR, LLC (R-09-002)**. The motion was voted and carried.

Heidi Hogan complained about the condition of the house next to the fallen bricks (E North Main Street) and in discussion Mayor Hawfield advised he had already contacted the owner. Ms. Hogan also asked about putting up booths on South Main Street during the Festival and discussion followed.

Following a short discussion, Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Matthews to lower Nathaniel Kimble's salary the amount he would be requesting. The motion was voted and carried.

The Town Clerk gave the budget report for January; General Fund revenues YTD \$293,069.02 or 50%, expenditures \$302,364.18 or 52%, Water & Sewer Fund Revenues YTD \$200,004.55 or 54% and expenditures \$166,469.83 or 46%.

Commissioner Newsom gave the police report for January and reported on a citizens concern about cars not pulling over for funeral processions and suggested the newspapers mention the problem in their papers.

Commissioner Willis gave the water and sewer report; there were no spills, violations or inspections and the WWTP was in compliance. The Town purchased 3,062,000 gallons of water and sold 1,756,000, two bacterial tests were negative and Randy Welch from Rural Water had been helping check meters for accuracy. She and Keith Hamm had attended a (Roanoke Rapids) Sanitary meeting and they were still working on reducing the TThm levels. A TThm test taken from the top of the water tank December 3 was 0.075 just below the allowable level of 0.08. A quarterly test taken December 16 at the entry point was 0.062. After flushing, tests taken at several locations came back as follows; New Dixie 0.046, Scooters 0.049 and Williams Convenience Mart 0.041. The entry point TThm levels had to be lowered to effect any real change and they were still working on the problem. Discussion followed, including the fact TThm levels were highest in the summer due to the heat, the Rural Center Grant would loop some of the water lines and the rate schedule may need to be revised.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Matthews, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Clerk