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April 6, 2010

AGENDA

1. Call regular meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation.
4. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held in March, 2010.
5. Approve for payment bills made in March, 2010.
6. Consider **Resolution Recommending Halifax County Reinstate Funding for Beaver Management Assistance Program (R-10-004)**
7. **Resolution Sealing All Closed Minutes (R-10-005).**
8. **NCLM Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Project Participation Agreement (R-10-006).**
9. Consider agreement with Mental Health Association in NC.
10. Consider appointments to Planning Board – A. W. Parker and Diana Parham have volunteered/agreed to serve.
11. Citizens concerns – none turned in for this month.
12. Commissioners reports on activities in March, 2010.
13. Adjourn.

Next regular meeting scheduled Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:30.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held their regular rescheduled meeting Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Commissioners present were Patrick McAtee-MacRae, Heidi Hogan, Clara Debnam, Jimmy Kearney and Terry Newsom.

Mayor Willis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an Invocation.

Commissioner Debnam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to accept the minutes for March as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Hogan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to accept the bills as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Willis explained that if the Town's beaver problem behind Dock Silver's had been in Halifax County rather than Warren County, the cost would have been considerably more than the \$100.00 estimate. This affected other municipalities in the county and individuals because Halifax County didn't fund the \$4,000.00 beaver control agreement with the USDA. Commissioner Kearney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to adopt the Resolution **Recommending Halifax County Reinstate Funding for Beaver Management Assistance Program (R-10-004)**. The motion was voted and carried. A copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hogan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adopt the **Resolution Sealing All Closed Minutes (R-10-005)**. Discussion followed including Commissioner MacRae suggesting the Board decide whether to seal minutes after each closed session. The motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Newsom, Debnam, Hogan and Kearney voting in favor and Commissioner MacRae opposed. A copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Willis stated the cost for joining the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Project is based on population and the Town's portion would be \$250.00, the state was passing mandates and read portions of the MEAC resolution explaining it would conduct an analysis to see what would have the least negative impact. Following discussion, Commissioner Kearney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to pay the \$250.00 and approve **NCLM Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition Project Participation Agreement (R-10-006)**. The motion was voted and carried. A copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Willis advised Mr. Snead had spoken with her about a new contract with Mental Health Association in NC, Inc. for maintaining certain areas of Town for \$180.00/month. Discussion followed including Mental Health Assoc. used to be Riverside and whether the length of the contract should be three months, as stated, or one year. Commissioner Hogan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to approve the contract as stated. A copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Following Mayor Willis advising Diana Parham and A.W. "Buzzy" Parker had agreed to serve on the Board, Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to appoint Diana Parham and Buzzy Parker to the Littleton Planning Board. Mayor Willis also reported Dennis Patton, UCPCOG, would be giving a class within the next couple of months and expressed the hope that all the commissioners would attend. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Newsom gave the police report for March, and commended the Chief and Police Department for doing a good job.

Commissioner MacRae reported, with the assistance of the Mayor getting gravel and the cheapest cost to level the roads in the cemetery, the roads seem to be good.

Commissioner Kearney reported Center Street had also been graveled as well as part of Halifax Street paved.

Commissioner Hogan gave the budget report, General Fund revenues YTD \$349,300 or 59% and expenditures \$391,179 or 66%.

Commissioner Debnam reported the Town had purchased 3,246,000 gallons of water and sold 1,971,000, unaccounted for was 694,000, two Bac T tests were negative and hydrants were flushed. At the WWTP there had been no violations, inspections or spills. Mayor Willis noted the unaccounted for water had come down.

Mayor Willis reported she had received a letter from Time Warner stating there might be some changes in the services offered.

Mayor Willis read a Proclamation proclaiming May 1 – May 30, 2010, as **“SPRING LITTER SWEEP”** time in Littleton and asked Board Members to encourage everyone to participate in cleaning up the Town.

Mayor Willis stated she would address one or two concerns listed on Commissioner McRae’s letter and informed him TA Loving had the contract for the Southside Grant and they (TA Loving) had subcontracted out work. The subcontractors work was less than adequate and TA Loving had eventually replaced them. Mayor Willis requested letters be addressed to the Mayor not just the Board of Commissioners and commented on some unidentified pictures hand delivered to the Town Hall along with a letter. Mayor Willis also asked the Board to work with her as a team and not try to look for causes for dissension.

Chief Suggs asked for the sergeant’s position to be reinstated, the position would not have a salary increase. Following discussion, Commissioner Kearney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to reinstate the sergeant’s position within the Littleton Police Department. The motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Kearney, Debnam, Hogan and MacRae voting in favor and Commissioner Newsom opposing.

Commissioner Hogan recommended asking the police department to have extra special vigilance on keeping Ferguson Street clean and in discussion it was brought out that citizens need to take on some responsibility in helping to keep the streets clean. Commissioner Kearney also brought up the need to demolish some of the abandoned houses on Ferguson Street and Mayor Willis commented a mattress and box spring on the porch of a house on College Street.

Commissioner MacRae stated he appreciated any citizen who had a concern and as far as being a team player, it does not mean to follow blindly and the questions on the form were meant for his fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk