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September 7, 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 August, 2010.
5. Approve for payment bills made in August, 2010.
6. Citizens Concerns
 - a. Arthur King – no subject provided
 - b. Gerald Pulley - Beautification
7. Appointments to Board of Adjustment, one regular and one alternate.
8. Appointment of trustee to the Local Firefighter's Relief Fund Board.
9. Consider resolution declaring Police Department handguns Surplus Property (information for resolution has not yet been provided).
10. Commissioners reports on activities in August, 2010.
11. Mayor's remarks.
12. Adjourn.

Next regular meeting scheduled Monday, October 4, 2010 at 6:30.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present were Patrick McAtee-MacRae, Heidi Hogan, Clara Debnam, Terry Newsom and Jimmy Kearney.

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

Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to approve the minutes from the meetings in August as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner MacRae questioned invoice number 66089 from Annie's Construction for cleaning ditches on Ferguson Street. Commissioner Kearney advised at the last meeting there had been complaints by residents about driveway pipes stopped up and he had asked Freddie to clear them. Commissioner MacRae stated the same work had been done last year and was told the ditches had been cleaned last year, not the driveway pipes. Commissioner Kearney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to approve payment of bills as presented. The motion was voted and carried with Commissioners Kearney, Hogan, Debnam and Newsom in favor and Commissioner MacRae opposing.

Arthur "Tommy" King expressed concern that not everyone was paying for a privilege license to do business in Town and asked the Board to make sure everyone had a license. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to provide a list of those who had purchased licenses and to make sure licenses were purchased.

Gerald Pulley expressed concern about old houses on Ferguson Street that need to be taken down, litter needed to be picked up before mowing was done and the second building on Ferguson Street had grass grown up and needed to be mowed. The Board agreed with his concerns and would look into the problems.

Following Mayor Willis recommending him and stating the alternate position would still need to be filled, Commissioner Hogan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kearney to reappoint Mike Currin as a regular member of the Littleton Board of Adjustments. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Hogan advised that Margie Duckett had not been attending the Jones Memorial Library meetings and Karen Shinn had expressed interest on serving on the board. She recommended taking Ms. Shinn's name to the Library Board as a replacement for Ms Duckett and the Board agreed.

Following Mayor Willis advising the Mayor was usually appointed to the Local Firefighters Relief Fund Board, Commissioner Hogan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam to appoint Mayor Willis to the Board to replace the former mayor. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Kearney reported as mentioned earlier about the pipes, they had been ordered for Ferguson Street and Keith Hamm reported the temporary pipes were in and would be replaced when the new pipe came in. Commissioner Kearney advised he had received calls about the sidewalks on Roanoke Avenue and would get estimates.

Commissioner MacRae reported two cemetery plots had been sold for a total of \$1,750.00.

Commissioner Newsom gave the police report for August.

Commissioner Debnam reported the Town had purchased 3,547,000 gallons of water and sold 2,466,000, unaccounted for was 803,000 gallons, and two bacterial tests were negative. The wastewater treatment plant had no spill, inspections or violations.

Commissioner Hogan gave the budget report for August; General Fund revenues YTD \$16,808.90 or 2%, expenditures \$63,522.24 or 11% and Water & Sewer Fund Revenues YTD \$64,981.22 or 17% and expenditures 37,957.84 or 10%.

Commissioner Hogan reported the Librarians had offered to sell books at the Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival for the first time and it was very successful and thanked those that had helped out including Margaret Knight. Ms Knight advised they had taken in \$713.00 from the sales.

Keith Hamm, Utilities Superintendent, stated not all the water listed as unaccounted was actually lost, the town used about 100,000 gallons per day and the billing cycles for the County and the Town were different so there was some delay in accounting for the water. He also stated the \$5.00 added to the water bills for capital improvements was really good and would help maintain the system when grants and funding were no longer available.

Mr. Joe Dooley with Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government offered some explanations on the two grants that were in effect and the one that would kick in after 90% of the South Side grant was completed, the Warren County Connection was 95% complete and that brief reports had been sent out to explain the status of the grants. The North Side grant would start as soon as permission was received to proceed.

Commissioner Newsom explained the Police Department had purchase new weapons and wanted to sell the old weapons and put that money back in the budget that had been cut. In response to a question, Commissioner Newsom stated the law enforcement officers would just buy the equipment if they wanted. Commissioner MacRae made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to sell the current fire arms to a licensed dealer and put Waylon Medlin in charge of the sale. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Willis reported the Festival had been very good and hadn't heard of any major problems. She wanted to thank all those that had work to make it successful and also thanked the patrons.

Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Clerk