

TOWN OF LITTLETON
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December 5, 2011

AGENDA

1. Call regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation.
4. Oaths of Office;
 - a. Terry Newsom
 - b. Clara Debnam
 - c. Nada Diana Bobbitt
5. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore.
6. Reappoint Town Clerk and Town Attorney
7. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held November, 2011.
8. Approve for payment bills made in November, 2011.
9. Citizens Concerns.
 - a. Jeff Peedin (or Chuck Hux or Bunny Gardiner) concerning roof leak at Masonic Lodge
 - b. Ernestine Davis – police harassment
10. Commissioners reports on activities in November, 2011.
11. Mayor's remarks.
 - a. Dilapidated trailer on Warren Street
 - b. Town Hall Open House
 - c. Next year's Christmas Parade
12. Adjourn.

Next regular meeting scheduled Wednesday, January 4, 2011 at 6:30.*
MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW LITTLETON TOWN HALL
112 E. SOUTH MAIN

The Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting Monday, December 5, 2011, at 6:30 pm, at the Littleton Sales office building. Commissioners present were Clara Debnam, Heidi Hogan, Jimmy Kearney, Terry Newsom and Commissioner-elect Nada Diana Bobbitt and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

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

The Clerk administered the Oath's to Commissioners Elect Nada Diana Bobbitt, Clara Debnam and Terry Newsom. A copy of each oath is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Hogan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearney to reappoint Sheila R. Taylor as Clerk. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Debnam made a motion seconded by Commissioner Newsom to reappoint Gilbert Chichester Town Attorney. The motion was voted and carried.

Following a brief discussion on Bill Freeman's proposal for roof repairs, Commissioner Kearney made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Following brief discussion to clarify Mr. Williamson's reimbursing the Town for the hardware store's invoice for Beautification, Commissioner Debnam made a motion seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to approve payment of the bills. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Willis recognized Chuck Hux as alternate to Jeff Peedin, who had signed up to speak to the Board about the Masonic Lodge roof leak. Mr. Hux advised the Elk Hart Lodge had done a lot of remodeling and the leak was doing extensive damage. He also warned the wall on the adjoining building was collapsing. Mayor Willis stated Bill Freeman had had presented pictures at the last meeting and she had been working with a Masonic brother, Mark Hurt, who said he would personally look at the corner that seems to be the problem. Mr. Hux stated it was also starting to leak at the front corner. Mayor Willis stated Mr. Hurt had said he would see about fixing it and appreciated them letting the Board know.

Ernestine Davis complained that blacks had been harassed by the police and some women were afraid to walk down the street. When Frank Mills started to speak, Mayor Willis stated Mr. Mills wasn't on the agenda for citizens comments; Mr. Mills stated he was harassed when he came through town and had wanted to sign up for Citizen Comments but had been told he couldn't sign up to speak because he didn't live in Town. Mr. Chichester advised that while the Board could set some limits on the citizens comment period, one didn't have to be a resident to sign up to speak. Mr. Mills and Ms. Davis presented a petition to the Board.

Commissioner Debnam reported the Town had purchased 2,700,000 gallons of water and sold 1,684,000 gallons, hydrants were flushed for TTHM and HAA5 testing and two bacterial tests were negative. There were no spills, inspections or violations for the waste water.

Commissioner Kearney reported he had ridden around with Jay Myrick to look at pot holes and utility cuts. He had asked for an estimate the 25 or 30 holes and the patching would be starting. Commissioner Kearney also reported leaf collection had started.

Commissioner Newsom stated he had received no report.

Commissioner Hogan gave the budget report; General Fund revenues YTD \$243,379.36 or 43%, expenditures \$188,637.88 and Water/Sewer Fund revenues YTD \$145,076.83 or 32% and expenditures \$121,257.85 or 28%.

Mayor Willis presented a Certificate of Appreciation for former Commissioner Patrick McAtee-MacRae's service to the Town.

Mayor Willis thanked the committee that organized the Christmas Parade and stated it was very successful. The Committee had voted to approve changing the starting time for next years parade from 10:00 am until 11:00 am the first Saturday of December.

The Board discussed with Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester a dilapidated trailer on Warren Street that a tree had fallen on during Hurricane Irene. Mr. Chichester advised the (original) owners were deceased. It was clear the trailer should be removed and it would be easiest if the owners would step up and have it done. In the past the Town has had property condemned through the County and that would be the next step. Also discussed was the possibility of FEMA providing means to remove the trailer since the tree fell during Hurricane Irene and Mayor Willis asked Mr. Chichester to look into that as an alternate solution. Commissioner Kearney asked for a progress report to be on next month's agenda.

Mayor Willis advised the new Town Hall was just about ready and suggested the Board think about having an open house the second Sunday in January from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The next board meeting would be held at the new Town Hall, 112 E. South Main Street.

The Board also briefly discussed the problem with the adjoining wall with the Skinners property and Mayor Willis stated she would ask Mark Hurt (Danco Construction) to look at it and the next step would be to go to the building inspector if there is a problem. Mayor stated she would get back with Mr. Chichester after talking with Mr. Hurt.

Commissioner Newsom asked about the Y's and T's and Mr. Chichester advised he was still working on the report. Mayor Willis stated all of south side was finished and there were three streets to finish on this side and Philip was supposed send her a paper, and in response to a question from Commissioner Hogan, Mayor Willis stated they had made the corrections on the south side and she would get verification.

Commissioner Bobbitt made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Clerk