

TOWN OF LITTLETON
LITTLETON, NORTH CAROLINA

November 5, 2012

AGENDA

1. Call regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation.
4. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held October, 2012.
5. Approve for payment bills made in October, 2012.
6. Citizens Comments/Concerns;
 - a. Michael Love – L&L Media
7. **Resolution of the Town of Littleton Board of Commissioners Concerning Loss of “Transitional Hold Harmless” Reimbursement Funds (R-12-010).**
8. Commissioners reports on activities in October, 2012.
9. Mayor’s remarks.
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10. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to consult with attorney, and/or (6) to discuss personnel (if necessary).
11. Adjourn.

Next regular meeting scheduled Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6:30.

The Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting Monday, November 5, 2012, at 6:30 pm at the Littleton Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Gerleen Pitchford, Clara Debnam, Heidi Hogan, Jimmy Newsom and Terry Newsom and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

Mayor Bobbitt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

Commissioner Debnam made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to accept the minutes of the meetings from October as written. The motion was voted and carried.

In response to comments on the bills, Commissioner Debnam advised the Clerk and the WWTP Superintendent would be compiling a list of invoices related to Y's and T's problems with Annie's Construction under the grants. The Town had to go back and redo what should have been done the first time. Superintendent Hamm explained Mark Russell had given up trying to do a complete accounting (of the Y's and T's) he (Hamm) was using a camera to show what was and was not done and prove what had taken place. Discussion also included getting funds back and Mr. Russell was probably not bonded but would have liability insurance. Mr. Chichester advised he planned to meet with the Clerk this week to evaluate the problem and he would get back to the Board with recommendations. He had contacted the District Attorney's office and they had contacted the SBI. Commissioner Hogan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to pay the bills as presented. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Bobbitt advised Michael Love had asked to speak under citizens comments but then elected to send a letter. Mayor Bobbitt read the letter, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Love asked for his Internet Sweepstakes privilege license to be reduced to \$500.00. Discussion included what other municipalities charge for Internet Sweepstakes, someone else had indicated interest in opening an internet café and inquired about the privilege license fee, and not giving a waiver without more information. Mr. Chichester explained the Board could change the tax as it felt appropriate, any amount could be set and adjusted as long as it was across the board, there was no grandfathering of fees, the fee can't be so high as to put the them out of business and different types of businesses do not have to be treated the same (as far fees charged). The consensus was to table the request until a work session when additional information could be provided.

Mayor Bobbitt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Chief and President of the Littleton Volunteer Fire Department in honor of the fire departments 100th Anniversary.

Following Mayor Bobbitt giving a brief explanation and reading parts of the resolution, Commissioner Newsom made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to adopt the **Resolution of the Town of Littleton Board of Commissioners Concerning Loss of "Transitional Hold Harmless" Reimbursement Funds (R-12-010)**. The motion was voted and carried and a copy is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Kearney reported the crape myrtles suckers had been cut and the cemetery mowed and would be mowed again before Veteran's Day.

Commissioner Hogan reported the required second public hearing for the Library Grant application was scheduled for November 15 at 10:00am. They were very close to demonstrating

financial need and she had been doing HUD surveys and hoped to complete the grant application this week.

Commissioner Newsom gave the police report for October and condolences were expressed on the passing of Sgt. Medlin's mother.

Commissioner Pitchford gave the financial report for October; General Fund revenues YTD \$165,959.58 or 28%, expenditures \$115,270.56 or 19% and Water/Sewer Fund revenues YTD \$136,234.59 or 35% and expenditures \$107,585.89 or 29%.

Commissioner Debnam reported the Town had purchased 2,664,000 gallons of water and sold 2,453,000, two bacterial tests were negative, and the waste water system had no violation, spills or inspections.

Mayor Bobbitt asked citizens not to rake leaves onto the street, just to the curb as the storm drains were getting clogged. A young man had expressed interest in locating his business "Tail Gate Buddies" in town, and she understood Tammy's restaurant would be opening this month. Brush collection would be November 5, 12, and 19th and they were looking into a better plan for loose leaf collection. Also discussed was purchasing 2-3 acres for a yard debris dump for the town. The next meeting would be December 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Bobbitt adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Clerk