

The Board of Commissioners held a work session Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Commissioners present were Gerleen Pitchford, Clara Debnam, Jimmy Kearney, Terry Newsom and Heidi Hogan.

Mayor Bobbitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Mayor Bobbitt reported she had an estimate of \$430.00 for putting lettering on the Police Department building. In discussion it was the consensus to get additional prices.

Mayor Bobbitt advised the back door of the PD building was falling down and she had a price of \$825.00. The Board discussed E-Verify and worker's comp for contractors. The Board went on to discuss was the need to repair the upstairs windows in Mason's portion of the Hawfield Building. The consensus was to get prices for both repairs.

The Board discussed the Senior Community Service Employment Program and whether the Town had any position suitable for training. The consensus was to inquire about a custodial person to work at the Town Hall, Police Department and the Library, with no possibility of it becoming a permanent position.

Mayor Bobbitt advised the Litter Sweep project was looking for nominations for a person who had contributed to cleaning up the Town and the consensus was to nominate Jesse Lett for all the work he had done maintaining the railroad right of way in front of his home.

Mayor Bobbitt read a letter from Linda Spragins concerning her problem with a pot hole caused by a sewer cut; the traffic hitting the pothole was causing vibrations in her house. Commissioner Debnam stated they were waiting to make repairs after the investigation was finished and the consensus was to place metal plates over the pothole to alleviate the problem temporarily.

Commissioner Hogan advised KIPP was still interested in locating in Littleton, perhaps the industrial building. She also had been contacted by Jim Dotson who had the 12' table donated to the new Library that had once been in the Governor's Mansion; they would be picking it up next week. Also, Christy Seacrist would be on the CDBG Catalyst Citizens Participation Committee.

The Board discussed declaring surplus 2 desks and chairs left in the Hawfield building and the glass front door and molding in the office area. The consensus was to declare the desks and desk chairs surplus and save the molding in case it could be used during the renovation. Also discussed was surplus bar lights and some shields (from old PD cars) and the consensus was for Commissioner Newsom to get rid of them.

Commissioner Hogan advised the Brownfields Report had been submitted and the 30 day review period began Monday. The release of funds should come the end of October and Mr. Dawson had the contracts ready to put out for bids. He estimate three months maximum for construction. Commissioner Hogan asked having her contact Mr. Mann about negotiating reduced rent for the existing Library during construction. Commissioner Hogan also advised the ABC could include the M&M building in the Town's Brownfield study.

Chief Suggs presented proposals for purchasing new police cars; a 2013 Dodge Charger for \$22,854 or two 2013 program Chevy Malibu's for \$26,000. The current cars weren't getting good gas mileage and had high maintenance costs. The Board discussed the proposals, additional costs for setting up the car or cars, selling the Impala and Durango, the monthly or annual payment amount and where the money to pay for the car or cars would come from. Mayor Bobbitt asked the Board to think about the proposals and how to pay for a car or cars.

The Board discussed the problem of some people putting out large amounts of land clearing debris and placing limits on the type and amount of yard debris left out for collection. Mayor Bobbitt stated she would check with the Decilles for ideas on a reasonable amount.

The Board discussed the annual budget process.

Commissioner Debnam advised the Town had charged Shanice Clark for sewer for several years when all she had was water service. North Carolina statutes required credit or reimbursement for two years. The Board discussed whether to give an adjustment or give a refund. Commissioner Debnam made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearney, to refund two years of sewer charges, \$710.80, to Shanice Clark. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Hogan complimented the new young police officers conduct at the Festival and commented that having horses come through Town during the Festival could be dangerous.

Mayor Bobbitt asked the Board's opinion on allowing cars to park on the railroad walking trail and the consensus was not to allow parking on the walkway itself.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Clerk