

December 17, 2018

#### Board of Commissioners meeting

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. at the Ramseur Municipal Building, 724 Liberty Street, Ramseur, NC. The following members were present: Mayor Danny R. Shaw, Commissioners: Grant Cheek, David Overman, Vicki Caudle, Adam Smith, and Randy Cox, Clerk Bobbie Hatley and Attorney Lucas Horner and Attorney Bob Wilhoit.

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Randy Cox led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Shaw presented the agenda with changes to move Andre Walker to the first item under New Business and adding Clerk Bobbie Hatley to bottom of new business for invoices. Comm. Cheek motions to approve agenda with changes. Comm. Caudle seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Consent agenda was presented with invoices from Andy Allred for \$1,150, Martin Marietta for \$1,051.13, Charles R. Underwood, Inc. for \$5,626.86, Piedmont Chlorinator for \$1,845.59 and a formal vote for Macy's Transmission for \$2,936.14. November Police report and Fire Monthly Payout \$505 were presented. Board minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Comm. Cheek motions to approve consent agenda. Comm. Cox seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Andre Walker spoke to the Board on concerns with his wife's new business and individuals trying to harm that business.

Jill Wood presented a Consistency Determination and Finding of Reasonableness and Public Interest statement for the Downtown Overlay amendments. Comm. Caudle motions to approve statement. Comm. Cheek seconds. Vote passes 5-0. Mrs. Wood was questioned on previous Notice of Violations. Mrs. Wood requested the Board allow her to speak with Dennis Pinnix with Code Enforcement to review and go over Notices.

Mayor Shaw presented and read the School Choice Week proclamation. Comm. Overman motions to accept proclamation. Comm. Caudle seconds. Vote passes 5-0. The week of January 20-26, 2019 will be recognized as School Choice Week.

Mayor Shaw give an update on the Rail Trail. Mayor Shaw will be working with committee members and Mary Joan Pugh to find additional funding for Phase II of the Rail Trail.

Mayor Shaw presented budget amendments. The amendments included the following: Increase Fall Festival revenue by \$2,000 and increase Fall Festival supplies to \$2,000, Transfer funds of \$1,000 from Library Copy Supplies to Library M&R Building, Transfer \$500 from Recreation Misc. Expense to Recreation Supplies account, and Transfer \$12,000 from Admin. Contracted Services to Admin. Professional services of \$6,500, Admin. M&R Equipment of \$5,000, and Admin. Dues & Subscriptions of \$500, and transfer of \$1,500 from Police Misc. Expense to Police M&R Building. Comm. Cheek motions to approve budget amendments. Comm. Cox seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Comm. Cheek presented a quote from Jason Delk for replacing the 100KW Cat. Generator at the big pump station. The quote was for \$17,700 including replacement and trade in of old generator. Comm. Overman inquired on the price of keeping and rebuilding old as a spare. Comm. Cheek motions to replace generator and look into keeping old and rebuilding. Comm. Cheek will inquire to let Board know and gain insight on how they would like to proceed with old generator. Comm. Caudle seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Comm. Cheek presented a quote for the Foushee Road Pump Station. The pump has displayed a seal failure. Discussion held on rebuilding or purchasing a new pump. New pump would have 3 year warranty whereas a rebuild would only have a 1 year warranty. Comm. Cheek motions to purchase a new pump at a cost of \$15,496 plus tax and freight. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Comm. Cheek requested the purchase of three loads of gravel for public works. Comm. Cheek motions to purchase 3 loads of gravel expecting cost of over \$1,050. Comm. Overman seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Comm. Cheek mentioned the paving and patching would start soon depending on the weather but it could be after the first of the year.

Comm. Caudle gave Parks and Rec. updates of a ball league and a concert schedule was presented to Board. Don Schenkel addressed the Board with details of the ball league. Board's concerns were upfront costs and liability insurance. Clerk would check into the Town's liability policy and what would be required additionally. Discussion held on concerts. Comm. Caudle stated lower concert fees allows more concerts. Discussion of the location of couple of the concerts was held. Mayor Shaw stated that some citizens did not like the concerts downtown due to the heat. Comm. Caudle stated possibly closing Liberty Street for the July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> concerts.

Clerk Bobbie Hatley presented an invoice for C & L Automotive for repairs made to Chief Lewallen's police vehicle. The invoice total was \$1,218.06. Comm. Cheek motions to approve. Comm. Cox seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Clerk Bobbie Hatley presented an invoice from William Huneycutt, CPA for \$12,375 (75% of contract price for financials). Comm. Cheek motions to approve. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Discussion was held on Watchdog 2 Facebook page. Comm. Smith suggested hiring a defamation attorney. Comm. Cheek motions to have Attorney Wilhoit look into who is behind this page. Comm. Smith seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Mayor Shaw gives announcements. Planning & Zoning Board meeting will be on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm. Commissioners meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Town Hall will closed for Christmas on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24, 25 & 26 and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's.

Comm. Cheek motions to enter closed session. Comm. Cox seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Personnel matters were discussed in closed session.

Comm. Overman motions to exit closed session. Comm. Caudle seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

Comm. Overman motions to return to open session. Comm. Cheek seconds. No action was taken in closed session.

Comm. Cheek motions to adjourn. Comm. Overman seconds. Vote passes 5-0.

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Danny R. Shaw, Mayor

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Bobbie Hatley, Town Clerk