

**MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00PM**

Mayor and all Council Members present.

Mayor Swaim called the meeting to order and led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the Minutes from August 8, August 26, and September 6, 2011 and Council Member Lewis, seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Simendinger is concerned about the fire department not having an active Chief and wanted to address his concerns to the Board. The Town Manager assured him that the Town was safe and that they were in the process of making the best decision possible for the Town and its citizens.

Saborah Robinson is inquiring about the 4 water bills she is paying, because two of them are showing no usage. Saborah has 2 meters and 4 renters and the addresses are 100 S. Main Street and 105 N. Main Street. One building was built in 1950 and the other 1960. There is suppose to be a connection to each unit, but the landlord would need to spend the extra money on plumbing the building. Therefore the Town charges a flat minimum bill with no usage to the extra units to try and help the landlord from extra expenses for plumbing. The Board will make the decision on the extra connections and flat water bills.

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY AT 122 PARDUE STREET

I asked Code Enforcement Officer Tony Cline to give us some options as to what needs to happen to continue enforcement efforts against the property located at 122 Pardue Street. I also have spoken with the current owner (Terry Porterfield) about the situation. He feels that he has not been given sufficient time to address all the problems with the property and continues to state that he will correct all deficiencies given enough time.

JoAnna Martin spoke on behalf of Terry Porterfield, because Terry was out of town working. Ms. Martin has been helping Terry with the remodeling of 122 Pardue Street and there have been many improvements. Due to Terry working out of town and me getting ready to have surgery, we were hoping for an extension on remodeling for at least 6 months. We do not want to continue this process if the house is going to be demolished.

The Board would like for the Town Manager to meet with Terry Porterfield to determine what improvements will be done in 90 days and sign off on this agreement. This property has been an issue since 2006 and we really need for this house to be taken care of. After we see the first 90 day improvements, then we can discuss another 90 days.

RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY

Please find a resolution declaring the 1979 Fire Truck to be surplus and authorizing its disposal behind Tab 3. Can use Govdeals.com.....

Council Member Pardue made the motion to approve the 1979 Fire Truck surplus and Council Member Casstevens, seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

DECLARATION OF TAX COLLECTOR

For the past several months Tammie Shore has carried the title of Tax Collector in addition to Utilities Clerk. We are trying to segregate the duties of the finance department as much as possible and would like to change the official Tax Collector from Tammie Shore to Lona York. Ms. York has shown herself to be a capable employee and an asset to the Town. She has been performing many of the duties of the Tax Collector for the past few months and has done quite well in that role.

Council Member Pardue made a motion to approve Lona York as the Tax Collector and Council Member Moore, seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Roger Martin – things are going well.....mowing, putting in new meters. Council Member Moore questioned Roger about fall clean up date and Roger explained he would need to get with the County to see what items needed to be separated due to the new rules of certain items. We are shooting for an October date.

Roger Reece –. We had 3,464 events for the month of August. It was a very busy month.

Heather Macy – We had 27 calls for the month of August. We have 13 on the roster now, but not all can fight fires. We would like to ask the Board if we can donate old certificates and turn out gear the fire department is not using to the History Center? The Board agrees to donate old fire department items to the History Center. Heather would also like to ask the Board, why the fire department is not being made aware of any decisions pertaining to a new Chief or merger?

Tim Collins – bids from the water plant read well and Lynch & Sons of Pilot Mountain, NC were the lowest bidder. We are still having problems with the reservoir and nobody knows what the problem is. We are hoping to remove all the sludge and start fresh, while building the new water plant. Maybe this will help solve some of the problems. Some of our customers are breaking the registers and antennas on the meters (the radio reads don't like lawn mower blades) and it is costing the Town a large amount of money to replace. We are bringing this to your attention, because the customer really needs to pay to replace the registers that they break. We would like for you to think about this idea and table it until the next meeting.

Lynn Trivette – utility report for cut off day is in your packet. Financial reports including bank transfers for the month of August are in your packet for you to observe and ask any questions. Council Member Pardue made a motion to approve the Financials and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous vote.

Scott Buffkin – 1. Ordinance meetings are scheduled again for the 4th Monday of every month. September 26, 2011 at 6:00pm would start us again if you agree. The Board agreed the 26th would be fine. 2. Water Plant financing application to the LGC will be faxed tomorrow and hopefully go on there agenda October 4th for approval. Then at our next scheduled meeting, we will go over our bond order obligation to approve it.

Code Enforcement - Tony Cline has his report enclosed in your packet.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER

Council Member Green made the motion to go into close session and it was seconded by Council Member Pardue, unanimous vote.

Upon returning to the regular meeting from the closed session Council Member Pardue made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Council Member Casstevens, unanimous vote.

Mayor, Lindbergh Swaim

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette

