

**MINUTES
JULY 1, 2011**

**SPECIAL MEETING
10:00AM**

Mayor and all Council Members present except Council Member Danny Lewis.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SALE BENEFIT FROM ELKIN TO JONESVILLE

UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT – SPEAKER JEFF HUGHES

The special meeting was a discussion (pros and cons) about the cost of building the water plant in Jonesville verses buying water from the Town of Elkin. The Board had a chance to ask Mr. Hughes questions about their concerns and the Board also needed a third parties opinion on the subject that did not have any involvement/connection with the Town of Jonesville.

“Jeff Hughes joined the School of Government in 2002. He has more than 20 years of experience in assisting communities address the finance and policy challenges related to the provision of environmental services and programs. Hughes is the author of numerous reports, guides, and articles on environmental finance and environmental policy analysis subjects. He works with a range of state and national organizations that focus on utility and environmental issues, and he holds a seat on the NC water operator's certification board and has served as an expert witness to the EPA Environmental Finance Advisory Board. He is an active member of Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities (CIFA) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA).”

The Town of Jonesville already knows the results in building the water plant. So, Mr. Hughes presented some tips on crafting an Inter-local Water Agreement which would be very important when discussing partnership with Elkin. He says you want what is best for each Town.

Tips include:

1. What does the agreement say about each partner's current and future service area?
2. What does the agreement say about the relationship between water service, annexation and growth?
3. How precisely does the agreement define key usage thresholds and limits?
4. Does the agreement clearly outline meter maintenance and ownership responsibilities?

5. How does the agreement address water quality problems?
6. How does the agreement assure that water suppliers receive adequate payment for use of their capital?
7. What does the agreement say about how commodity charges are calculated and modified over time?
8. What does the agreement say about reselling water or capacity?
9. What does the agreement say about water pressure?
10. How does the agreement address communicating and handling supply interruptions or shortages.
11. What does the agreement say about the transferability of conservation status/measures?
12. Does the agreement address non-revenue water or excessive inflow/infiltration?
13. Does the agreement allow for variations due to emergencies?

Mr. Hughes would be happy to return anytime to help in anyway. He would even be willing to speak with the two Towns together. The Board is still researching at this time and the Board would like the Town Manager to get some more feedback and figures from the Town of Elkin. The Town of Jonesville is waiting on the next bids to be open and the results will be a deciding factor.

Only a discussion meeting and no action was taken.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Pardue made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Council Member Green, unanimous vote.

Mayor, Lindbergh Swaim

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette

