

MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2013

REGULAR MEETING 7:00pm

All Council Members present, but the Mayor was absent due to illness.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – BOND REFINANCING

Mayor Pro-Tem Pardue opened the public hearing to hear public comments on the YVSA proposal of refinancing the sewer bond. No one spoke, so Mayor Pro-Tem Pardue closed the public hearing.

As we discussed several months ago the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority is proposing to refinance the Town of Jonesville General Obligation Bond that was originally issued to finance the construction of a portion of the sewer collection system. The bond has an outstanding balance of approximately \$930,000. The YVSA has been reimbursing the Town for the bond payments since the “stand up” of the sewer authority. Refinancing the debt will allow the YVSA to make these debt payments directly, absolve the Town from the debt and save a significant amount in reduced interest payments over the life of the loan.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOND REFINANCE

After the public hearing the Council may consider adopting the resolution to authorize the transfer of the debt and refinancing thereof.

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the resolution to authorize the transfer of the debt and refinance the loan, Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting June 10, 2013 and special meeting June 28, 2013, Council Member Lewis, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Heather Macy addressed the Board about the back pack program for the school and would like their support.

Becky Wood addressed the Board concerning Ridge Street. The house that burned down has grass growing over it and it is causing fleas and snakes and something really needs to be done. There are 4 houses for rent and no one wants to live there with this eye sore. Please get something done for us.

Charlie Kennedy, Virginia Wagoner, Phillip Moore, Kim Longworth, Dwight Stevenson, Daniel Stevenson, Pastor in Yadkinville, Richard Simendinger, Johnny Walters, Pat Benton, James Pardue, Jeff Edison, Local Pastor in Jonesville and Edna Martin.....all voiced opinions on the alcohol referendum that the Board will vote on tonight. Some were for the referendum and some were not. Just a few examples of the comments were: Quit being closed minded and think about our Town growing, not to let everyone vote is wrong, you should follow the Bible and let others cross the river, Town needs to stand on its morals, increasing revenues does pay for those potholes being paved and other things needed in our Town, why ask the Board to deny your right to choose, moved to Jonesville because of its morals from Elkin, economy is driven to people to make own choice, we want better places to eat and then the public comments were closed.

REQUEST TO CALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REFERENDUM

At its meeting on July 22, 2013 the Jonesville Tourism Development Authority approved a resolution requesting that the Jonesville Town Council call for a special election referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages within the Town. A representative of the TDA Board will be present at the Council meeting to present the request. Staff has included information in your agenda packet concerning the different types of ABC referenda and timing on the election. Ms. Laurie Lee of the North Carolina ABC Commission will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages within the Town, Council Member Lewis seconded the motion, vote 3-2. Council Member Pardue and Green voted against.

REQUEST FOR MATCHING FUNDS – FRIENDS OF THE GREENWAY

The Friends of the Jonesville Greenway will be conducting an auction sale to raise funds for improvements to the Jonesville Greenway. They also plan to conduct other fund raising efforts in the coming months. At the Friends meeting on August 5, 2013 the group agreed to request that the Town General Fund and the Tourism Authority provide matching funds for each dollar that they are able to raise through their fund raisers. Pat Benton, Chairman of the Friends group and member of the TDA Board, will be at the meeting to discuss the request and answer any questions.

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the matching funds for improvements to the Jonesville Greenway and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT DOCUMENT EXECUTION

The Pedestrian Planning Grant that the Town applied for last fall has been formally approved by the state. In order to accept the grant the Council needs to formally approve the Municipal Reimbursement Agreement and Resolution. To review, the NCDOT's grant program will pay 80% of the cost of developing the pedestrian plan. The total cost is expected to be less than \$25,000, of which the Town would pay 20% or about \$5,000. Mr. Marc Allred of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council has agreed to work with us on developing the plan.

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the Municipal Reimbursement Agreement and Resolution for the pedestrian planning grant and Council Member Moore, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – JUDY WOLFE

Ms. Wolfe has requested an opportunity to address the Town Council. Judy addressed the Board about Labor Day weekend and also trail markers that she would like to get approved that will be placed in Mineral Spring Park and key locations around Jonesville. No action taken by the Board. Enclosed in the minutes are notes from Judy.

TAX RELEASES

Finance Department during audit have prepared a list of proposed tax releases for the Council to consider.

Council Member Moore made the motion to release taxes and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet behind Tab 6. The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

Council Member Wall made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council Member Moore, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER

Council Member Moore made the motion to go into close session and it was seconded by Council Member Green, unanimous 5-0.

Council Member Moore made the motion to go back into regular session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 5-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Moore made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Lewis, seconded the motion, unanimous 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette