

MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2014

REGULAR MEETING 7:00pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present except Council Member Moore.

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting January 13, 2014 and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Heather Macy addressed the Board concerning a fire station request. I would like the Board to consider the Police Department moving over to the old fire station. I volunteer at the Police Department and they really need the space. The space would help out with car storage, record storage, criminals want be at the Town Hall or visitors area, training location, hands on for canine or lectures, exercise equipment, conference room space, because the Town of Jonesville is growing.

UPDATE ON YADKIN VALLEY SEWER AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES

YVSA Executive Director Nicole Johnston will be at the meeting to update the Town on the activities of the Sewer Authority. The power point presentation is enclosed in the minute book for reading.

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin asked Nicole about Weyerhaeuser...Over 25,000 gallons a day, YVSA has to look at pre-treatment program.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON FIRE STATION REQUEST

As discussed at last month's meeting, Friends of the greenway would like to use the old fire station as the location for a thrift store. The thrift store would be for the purpose of raising funds for the improvement and promotion of the Town's greenway. Town staff has also been approached by a current tenant in another Town owned building about the possibility of moving into the fire station.

Mayor Pardue says the Police Station wants the fire station. Council Member Green addressed the expenses that it would cost for the Police Department to move and remodel and the library needs a place to move to also. Renting the fire station would bring revenue to the Town.

Mayor Pardue wanted to know when the first budget workshop was going to be scheduled and Council Member Wall wants all information on the fire department to look at. Council Member Green would like to look at architect proposal that was done for the fire station being remodeled for the use of the Police Department.

Council Member Green made the motion to table any more discussion on the fire station until next month and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

The Town has solicited bids for the construction of two pedestrian bridges on the greenway. The greenway committee has met with the engineers, Ron Niland and a bridge contractor to discuss the project. The project will be below the formal bidding threshold of \$300,000 (meaning that we may receive informal bids with no minimum number of bidders required), the project will require a licensed general contractor and permits and inspections from the Yadkin County inspections office.

The Jonesville Tourism Development Authority has agreed to fund a portion of the project up to \$30,000 to help offset the additional cost of the covered bridge. Currently we have approximately \$80,000 remaining in the two grants for a total of \$110,000 that could be allocated to the bridges.

If the bid is higher, the law allows bid to be negotiated and we hope Mr. Brown will lower. If Mr. Brown want lower the bid we can take the \$87,200 for bridge and use the \$37,300 for other projects. Can we negotiate on both bids? Should we just go ahead without the negotiations? Negotiate with Mr. Brown doing both bridges? Town Manager, Scott Buffkin said Powell Bill money can be used for the improvement of entrance way to greenway (\$4,000). Why does it have to be a covered bridge? The covered bridge makes the bridge the “focal point”.

Council Member Green made the motion to move forward with the bid, but with negotiation for both bridges or no negotiation do covered bridge and Council Member Darnell seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE GREENWAY ENTRANCE ROAD

Town staff has met with Carter and Kirk Paving Co. about improving the entrance road to the greenway trailhead (at the end of Plaza Street behind Starmount Plaza Shopping Center and Conley Carpet) Carter and Kirk has submitted a price of \$12,000 for this project. The Town and the Tourism Authority have both agreed to match the funds that the Friends of the Greenway has raised (currently \$4,006).

Carter and Kirk proposed that the Town make one entrance out of two entrances.....

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin says Carl Rose has the right-a-way to the road.....

Council Member Green made the motion to approve Carter and Kirk for \$12,000 to improve the entrance road to the greenway and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH AND REMOVE STRUCTURES – GREENWAY

Town staff has solicited bids to demolish and remove the structures on the former Martin property on the greenway (near the entrance road discussed above.) The bids that we have received to date are:

Hudspeth Grading	-	\$12,000
Guy Brown	-	\$12,000
Carter and Kirk	-	\$ 7,500

Council Member Wall made the motion to approve the hauling off of two houses and the debris and to except the Carter and Kirk bid of \$7,500 and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT POSITION

The Town Council adopted a hiring freeze for all non public safety positions when it adopted the fiscal year 2013/14 budget. The Public Works / Utilities Department has a vacancy for a General Maintenance Worker position (Salary Grade 1, \$22,291 – \$31,500. Staff is requesting that the Council unfreeze this position and authorize the position to be filled.

Council Member Green made the motion to unfreeze new hires in order to fill the position available and then put the hiring freeze back in place and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

Arlington Fire Chief, Kevin Macemore reported 71 calls for January.

Tim Collins is ready for the snow. Warranty meeting is on the 18th at water plant. The water plant is working great and water complaints have decreased. The guys are doing a great job and they keep the place neat and clean. We need to discuss fixing the road going down to the water plant at budget time.

Roger Reece is trying to keep the crime rate down. We need to discuss issues with our police cars at budget meeting. We have hired 3 new officers (want to pay a decent salary) and need to discuss employee raises at budget meeting. Mineral Springs is still used as a by-pass and will always be a speed road.

Town Manager, Scott Buffkin asked Council to give Town Attorney approval to write a condemnation letter to condemn properties for greenway.

Council Member Darnell made the motion to ask Town Attorney to write a condemnation letter to condemn properties for greenway and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Wall made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 3-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette