

MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2014

REGULAR MEETING 7:00pm

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members present.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting June 30, 2014 and Council Member Green seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

Earlier this year the Town Council declared the foreclosed properties located at 115 Foster Street, at 416 W. Main Street and at 114 Osborne Street surplus and authorized their sale by sealed bid. Thus far we have not received any bids on any of the properties. The foreclosure was done in association with Yadkin County and the County has now agreed to convey their interest in the properties to the Town for disposition. Therefore, we can now move forward with the sale of these properties.

The properties on Foster Street and Osborne Street are vacant lots. The West Main Street property has a partially dilapidated home located on the lot. The Town may advertise for bids on the properties as they are, although the property on West Main is unlikely to garner any bids until the dilapidated structure is removed. If the Council so desires, we can have the structure on West Main demolished prior to advertising it for sale.

Council Member Green made the motion to direct the Town Manager to investigate options for demolishing the structure located on 416 W. Main Street by fire or demolition before bids are received to sale it. Further, the Manager is authorized to continue to solicit bids for all three properties and to bring all offers to the Council as they are received.

Council Member Darnell, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The newly appointed Beautification Committee has met on two occasions since the last

Town Council meeting. They have set a regular meeting time for the second Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Thus far the committee has set a number of priorities for itself and recommendations for the Town Council to consider. The recommendations for the Town Council are:

- 1.) To strengthen the Town's Public Nuisance and Junked Vehicle Ordinances.
- 2.) To focus beautification and/or enforcement actions on the Town's entryways to include the elimination of existing, non-conforming uses in these areas.
- 3.) To establish an "Adopt A Street" program to encourage citizen participation in beautification efforts.

The Town staff asks that the Council direct us to begin action on any or all of the recommendations that the Council feels appropriate.

Council Member Wall made the motion to approve all three recommendations from the Beautification Committee and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – OFF SITE BUSINESS SIGNS (BILLBOARDS)

At a previous meeting the Town Council discussed amendments to the Town's Sign Ordinance (Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance) to limit or restrict the location of Off Site Business Signs (Billboards). At that time the Council placed a moratorium on any new Off Site Business Signs until staff could research the situation and make recommendations.

We have determined that Hwy. 67 and 21 Business in Town are not considered Federal Aid Primary Highways and, therefore, the NC Outdoor Advertising Act does not apply to these locations (except within 660 feet of Interstate 77). As a result, the Town of Jonesville may place any restrictions it deems necessary to limit or restrict the number, size or location of any signs in the Town's zoning jurisdiction. For review, the Council discussed increasing the minimum distance between signs to 1,200 feet (now 1,000 feet) or prohibiting any new Off Site Business Signs altogether. However, North Carolina state law prohibits local governments from forcing the removal of any existing off site business sign.

The Town Council must conduct a public hearing before any amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be considered. The public hearing must be advertised once per week for two consecutive weeks in a local news publication. Therefore, the Town Council may now set the date for a public hearing to be held at our next Council meeting to hear public comments on any proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance and consider adoption of an amendment after the hearing.

This discussion will be tabled for another month.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO THE YADKIN VALLEY SEWER AUTHORITY (YVSA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Wayne Moore's term on the Board of Directors of the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority is set to expire at the end of June 2014. The Sewer Authority has requested that we make an appointment to fill this vacancy. Mr. Moore may be reappointed if that is the decision of the Town Council. Under the bylaws of the Authority, any "qualified citizen" may be appointed to serve.

Council Member Green made the motion to approve Mr. Wayne Moore to fill the vacancy for the YVSA Board of Directors and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

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 Moore made the motion to approve the financial reports and Council Member Green, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

The Town Manager reported that the Town had a customer service training class on July 9, 2014. The NC Rural Water Association hosted the training class, Daniel Wilson.

Also this year Roger Reece would like to have an SBI reception in place of the Greg Martin Memorial Ride to thank everyone involved in solving the case, October 2014.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER

Council Member Green made the motion to go into close session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 4-0.

Council Member Moore made the motion to go back into regular session and it was seconded by Council Member Wall, unanimous 4-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Darnell made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

Mayor, Gene Pardue

Lynn Trivette, CMC