



**Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Tony Lapish
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Chris Carter (absent, excused)
Commissioner Steven Dixon
Commissioner William Meadows
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney John Scarbrough
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Erin Burriss, April Coble, Deputy T Canaday, Ally Schueneman, and Senior Deputy C Camille.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tony Lapish called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor John Taylor Brantley of Boger Reformed Church led the Board in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lapish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to excuse Commissioner Carter was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Carter absent)

1. Public Forum

No one spoke.

2. Conflict of Interest

The Mayor and Commissioners are asked at this time to reveal if they have a Conflict of Interest with any item on the Agenda in order to be recused for that item.

(No member shall be excused from voting except upon matters involving the consideration of the member's own financial interest or official conduct or on matters on which the member is prohibited from voting under G.S. 14-234 or 160D-109(a). NC State Statute 160A-75 and no public official shall knowingly participate in making or administering a contract, including the award of money in the form of a grant, loan, or other appropriation, with any nonprofit with which that public official is associated. NC State Statute 14-234.3)

No one had a conflict of interest.

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3. Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda as submitted was made by Commissioner Meadows with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Carter absent)

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes June 24, 2024
- B. Budget Amendment #26 Year End Adjustments for FY23/24

Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Carter absent)

5. Staff Reports

- A. Town Manager-Randy Holloway
- B. Town Asst. Manager- Planning & Economic Development Director - Erin Burris
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Officer - Amy Schueneman
- D. Events- Crystal Smith
- E. Code Enforcement/Grant Writer- Jim Sells
- F. Public Works- Daniel Crowell
- G. Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department
- H. Fire Department-Dustin Sneed

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Discuss any concerns with the performance of the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department

Randy Holloway stated that the Town was very happy with the Sheriff's Department. This is something he tries to do with the Board annually. Occasionally, there are some issues or concerns that may come up that the Board or residents may have. Typically after getting the concerns he and the Mayor will schedule a meeting with Sheriff and Chief Deputy.

Commissioner Meadows has been requesting Mr. Holloway contact the Sheriff's Department with speeding on Main Street on a daily basis. The reports each month show only 12 traffic stops in a month and sometimes 0.

Commissioner Furr mentioned working with the Highway Patrol again to write tickets on Main Street and Franklin St. It slowed things down for a little while afterwards.

Mr. Holloway said the Traffic Enforcement group came in after the last meeting with the Sheriff and they issued quite a few tickets.

Mayor Lapish stated Monday used to be seatbelt ticket day in Mount Pleasant because he got stopped for not wearing his.

Senior Deputy C Camille addressed the Board and stated that Officer initiated calls from April 1 to June 30 were 612. Number of traffic stops for June was 18. She can provide a breakdown each month with the types of stops they do to the Board if they would like. The Board agreed with that suggestion. Senior Deputy C Camille spoke with the traffic unit and in October they will be coming to community meetings to hear concerns. One issue the traffic unit found is the

short 20mph section of road to the stoplight on Franklin St. She asked if the Town could lengthen the 20mph zone on each side of the stoplight. The Town had requested the same thing to NC DOT 4 or 5 years ago and it was turned down. A collaborative effort between the Town and the Sheriff's Department may be needed to change the speed limit. The county can put the speed trailer sign up which will help until it is removed.

The Board discussed purchasing solar speed limit signs to put up on Main St and Franklin St. Town Staff will investigate it.

Senior Deputy C Camille talked to the officers about making more stops.

Commissioner Meadows mentioned Deputy vehicles sitting for hours in the same spot and people notice. He understands they are doing paperwork but for that long doesn't seem right.

As far as the shooting last night off Franklin Street, the investigation is still ongoing, and arrest have been made. Victims are being treated.

The National Night Out will be held at the Cabarrus Arena on August 6th from 5-7pm. It is a free event with snacks, ice cream, and other goodies for the kids. It is an outreach by first responders to show their vehicles and talk to the kids to let them know they care. The Board was invited to attend again.

Staff Report from Erin Burris

Randy Holloway asked Ms. Burris to present the same information that she gave this morning for the utility project coordination that will be going on in the square. This is just some of what will be going on in the future.

Ms. Burris stated that there was a coordination meeting for all the upcoming utility projects with approximately 20 people from NC DOT, Windstream, Spectrum, Duke Energy, LKC Engineering, Carolina Conduit, McAdams Engineering, Allen Dobson as a representative of Town Square Properties which owns a lot of property in the downtown, and Town Staff. *A copy of the Power Point Presentation is the Minute Book.* She then used engineering drawings to show the scope of the work and areas that would be effective.

A motion to go into Closed Session was made by Commissioner Meadows with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Carter absent)

- 8. Closed Session 143-318.11.(a)(#5) Property Purchase/Exchange-***To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.*


A motion to come out of Closed Session 143-318.11.(a)(#5) was made by Commissioner Meadows with a second by Commissioner Furr. All were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Carter absent)

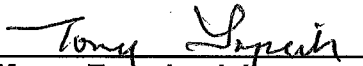
9 Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Carter absent)

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted on Monday, August 12, 2024 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor Tony Lapis

