

**MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Green made the motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting February 10, 2014 and Council Member Darnell seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Heather Macy.....addressed the Board briefly on a few other ideas/opinion about the Police Department moving to the old Jonesville Fire Department building. Heather wrote her comments on paper from last month's meeting and they were for the Board to read and also enclosed in the minute book for documentation.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG APPLICATION**

In preparation for a Community Development Block Grant Application the Town Council must conduct a series of public hearings to gather community input. Town staff will discuss utility projects that we believe would be applicable for this program. We will need to conduct two (2) other public hearings before April 1, 2014. We have scheduled these for March 21 at 2:00 pm and March 24 at 6:30pm.

1995 was the last time the Town had a block grant. This block grant is for \$3,000,000.00 and no matching funds are required. A few ideas for this block grant:

Re-routed lines, work on pumping stations, bigger pumps ran to Eck Road, meters at every location for reading purposes, fixing no pressure issues and work on areas where new customers want to hook on, but we have to make sure we are in compliance with the State.

No one spoke at the Public Hearing. Meeting March 21, 2014 at 2:00pm has been canceled and the meeting has been rescheduled for March 31, 2014 at 6:30pm.

**YADKIN COUNTY DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
PRESENTATION**

Ms. Vernia Wilson of the NC DOT will be at the meeting to present the draft of the

Yadkin County Transportation Plan. At this point the DOT is presenting the draft plan to the County and each Town asking for feedback. They will take the feedback from each Town and the County to develop the final plan. The final plan, when complete, will be presented to each Town and the County for discussion and endorsement.

Mr. Dean Ledbetter presented the plan presentation, because Ms. Vernia Wilson was sick. The Town would like to see the project added to the CTP to replace the old bridge between Jonesville and Elkin. The consensus of the Commissioners was to construct a new roadway from the NC 67/Valley Drive intersection in Jonesville to the NC 268 Business/Johnson Ridge Road intersection in Elkin.

There was also a question about a greenway project that is on the map, but not listed in the recommendations section of the report.

No action needed at this meeting. Written recommendations will be sent to Town Manager to be discussed with the Board and adopted at a later date.

### **AWARD OF AUDIT CONTRACT**

Town staff has solicited bids for the provision of audit services. Three firms have submitted bids which are outlined below. As you can see Canon and Company are the low bidders. Town staff has checked with some of their other clients and all have favorable reports.

	<u>Canon &amp; Company</u>	<u>Gibson &amp; Company</u>	<u>Preston, Sims and Darden</u>
FY 13/14	\$14,900	\$17,500	\$17,500
FY 14/15	\$15,300	\$18,025	\$17,500
FY 15/16	\$15,700	\$18,565	\$17,500

Council Member Wall made the motion to award Canon & Company as the new auditor and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF URBAN ARCHERY SEASON RENEWAL**

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has contacted the Town about a renewal of the Deer Urban Archery Season for 2015 (Jan. 10 – Feb. 14, 2015). In order for the Town to continue our participation in the Urban Archery Season in 2015 we must notify the NC Wildlife Resources Commission before April 11, 2014.

Council Member Green made the motion to renew the Deer Urban Archery Season for 2015 and Council Member Darnell seconded the motion. Council Member Moore and Council Member Wall voted no to the 2015 renewal, therefore Mayor Pardue had to vote, because it was 2-2. Mayor Pardue voted yes, which made the vote unanimous 3-2.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO PEDESTRIAN PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

Town staff has met with personnel from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) to discuss the start of the Pedestrian Planning project. As you may recall the Town was awarded a grant from the N.C. DOT to help complete a pedestrian plan for the Town. PTRC staff member Jesse Day will be the project coordinator. We propose that the following people be appointed to the steering committee to help produce the plan:

- 1 or 2 members of the Town Council (any volunteers?)
- 1 or 2 members of the Town Planning Board
- Town Manager
- NC DOT Division 11 Representative (Dean Ledbetter)
- Yadkin County Director or Planning & Development (Michael Poston)
- Jonesville Business Association Representative
- Friends of the Jonesville Greenway Representative
- 1 or 2 at large members of the community

Mayor Pardue and Council Member Darnell agreed to volunteer.....

## **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 due to the retirement of the former Public Works Director. Management recommends that this position be reclassified to an Equipment Operator position (Salary Grade 5, \$27,095 - \$38,289.) Staff is requesting that the Council unfreeze this position and authorize it to be filled as described.

Council Member Green made the motion to unfreeze the hiring status for the position of Equipment operator, but then put the hiring freeze back in place once filled 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 Wall, seconded the motion, unanimous 4-0.

## **CLOSED SESSION – LEGAL MATTER**

Council Member Moore 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 Green, unanimous 4-0.

Council Member Moore made the motion to release taxes for Walker's parcel 123085 and parcel 123308 after court's decision and it was seconded by Council Member Green, unanimous 4-0.

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

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Mayor, Gene Pardue

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Town Clerk, Lynn Trivette