

TOWN OF POLLOCKSVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 10, 2017
Regular Meeting

Present: James V. Bender, Jr., Mayor
Doris Oliver, Mayor Pro tem
Samuel F. Lincoln, Commissioner
Michael Duffy, Commissioner
Sherry Henderson, Commissioner
Nancy Barbee, Commissioner

Guests: List Attached

David Baxter, Attorney
Heidi McLaughlin, Town Clerk
Patrick McCain, Chief of Police
Tony Hawkins, Public Works Director

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Pollocksville held its regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00PM in the Pollocksville Town Hall/Depot. Mayor Bender called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was adopted with a motion made by Commissioner Lincoln and seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor. Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Lincoln seconded; all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None provided

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.) Sewer Main Extension: Mayor Bender reported that everything had been completed and the Town had received the final check from the Golden Leaf Foundation.
- 2.) Christmas Lights: Mayor Bender reported that the lights looked great and thanked Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Tew, Chief McCain and Commissioner Duffy for taking them down. Last meeting, it had been discussed to look at improving/replacing American Flags to hang on Main Street. Commissioner Duffy will get a count on what brackets the Town has and what needs to be replaced. Mayor Bender mentioned that some people asked about adding additional lights for next Christmas and asked if there should be another fundraising campaign. He will contact Duke Energy to see about the possibilities of getting electric on some poles in the business section of town.
- 3.) Fire Suppression System: Mayor Bender reported the system was tested on Wednesday December 28, 2016. Coastal Beverage was billed for the water usage used during the test. The Town, Fire Marshall, and County Manager agreed that were some

issues/liabilities with the pump. No agreement between the Town and Coastal Beverage has been executed for an annual maintenance fee. Commissioners expressed concern over the asset and discussed options. Attorney Baxter offered that there may be ways to deed the asset back to the county or transfer ownership to Coastal Beverage. Commissioner Lincoln made a motion to dispose of the fire suppression system by first offering it to Jones County, and if declined, offer to Coastal Beverage and then if no agreement made, shut down the system. Commissioner Barbee seconded and all were in favor. Mayor Bender will write a letter to Jones County and give them thirty days to respond.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief McCain reviewed his monthly report, see attached. He reported that his department was involved in four governor's safety campaigns. Ms. Morris was sworn in just before Christmas as a new reserve officer and Ms. Rogers-McKee will be sworn in once her oath of office is received. Chief McCain also brought up some of the past properties that had received notice of violations and abatement letters. The cars at Executive Auto had been removed and the 207 Pine Valley grass had been mowed. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to assess the costs of mowing once at 207 Pine Valley and declare the nuisance abated as of January 10, 2017. Commissioner Oliver seconded and all were in favor.

Public Works: Mr. Hawkins reported that it was time for the biannual water tank cleaning. It would be done Friday January 20, 2017 and the Town would be purchasing water from Jones County. Commissioner Lincoln made a motion to call a special work session meeting to tour the water and sewer facilities on Saturday January 21, 2017 at 11 AM. Commissioner Henderson seconded and all were in favor.

Beautification: Mayor Bender reported that Commissioner Barbee had received a tentative agreement with a CPA to work on getting a 501c3 set up. He also reported that Mr. Jeff Mallard had a possible plan for re-landscaping the area between the post office and Kitty's Corner and they would be looking into dates for a Spring Clean-up in the future.

Zoning: Mayor Bender reported that the day after 206 Barrus Street had been rezoned, the property owners asked to take it back as the potential buyers backed out. They were informed that they would have to do the whole process of re-zoning again to change it back to Industrial.

Attorney: Mr. Baxter had no report. He announced the Eastern Carolina Council Ethics Training to be held on Wednesday February 15, 2017.

Finance: A property tax report was provided to the Board for 2016 outstanding taxes, see attached. Mayor Bender reported that the audit had been completed and copies should be available at next month's meeting. There was \$29,000 in excess revenue over expenses in the water/sewer fund. Expenses had been reduced and there was revenue added in penalties, etc. The General Fund balance saw a decline due to legal and zoning fees.

Town Clerk: no report

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

CLOSED SESSION: None

Announcements: The Jones County Aging and Planning Board are looking for volunteers to serve on their board from the Pollocksville area.

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Oliver and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi McLaughlin, Town Clerk

Date Approved