

TOWN OF POLLOCKSVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2017
Regular Meeting

Present: James V. Bender, Jr., Mayor
Samuel F. Lincoln, Mayor Pro Tem
Michael Duffy, Commissioner
Sherry Henderson, Commissioner
Ellis Banks, Jr. Commissioner
Nancy Barbee, Commissioner

Guests: List Attached

Jimmie Hicks, Jr., Attorney
Heidi McLaughlin, Town Clerk
Tony Hawkins, Public Works Director

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Pollocksville held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 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 as amended with a motion made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Lincoln. All were in favor. Commissioner Lincoln made a motion to approve the minutes of the the June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, and the June 27, 2017 Recessed Meeting. Commissioner Duffy seconded; all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Martha Meetre suggested a Town Board Meeting sign be put outside the Town Hall on HWY 17 a few days leading up to the meeting for public interest.

CDBG Report: Mr. Richard Moore of McDavid Associates presented the Board with a resolution for change order number four, see attached a copy. The change order reflected a tie in with the county where a vault would be installed to interchange/share water with Jones County in case of emergency. Also included in the change order was a request for the utility easement on Payton Lane to have gravel added on the Town's portion of the easement. Manhole covers would be raised to be at gravel level. The increase is for \$204.00. The project contingency would stay around \$60,000. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the change order and Commissioner Banks seconded; all were in favor. Other updates on the project included that work was beginning down Highway 58 and clean up was underway in Garnett Heights. Mr. Moore also brought to the Board two applications for grants. These grant requests would be through the Golden Leaf Foundation. Golden Leaf received money to distribute on behalf of the government for disaster recovery for infrastructure and hazard mitigation prevention. The grants are on a first come first serve basis and he wants to get the applications in as soon as possible. Grant request one was for the partially exposed water line in town and to relocate it. The second request is to fix the electrical panel. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to authorize Mayor Bender and the clerk to sign the grants on behalf of the Town. Commissioner Banks seconded and all were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.) Water System Proposal: Mayor Bender reported that there had been no conversation. Jones County had a purchase offer in on property outside of town and have expressed no interest in the Town's system or customers. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to suspend conversations with Jones County and to release attorney Beth Faleris. Commissioner Henderson seconded and all were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department: Chief McCain was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Duffy reported on his behalf that the department had done a road check in Maysville with the Sherriff's office and he was working on a list of properties needing nuisance violation letters.

Mayor Bender reported on the properties still in violation for nuisances; 202 Trent Street and been cleaned and 210 Trent Street still had heavy overhang on the back and still needed to be taken care of. The property at 233 Beaufort Road had also been cleaned. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to cancel the abatement for 233 Beaufort Road and waive the fines. Commissioner Banks seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Bender reported that at the June 27, 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed the Trent Woods ordinance on golf carts. Attached is a copy of the ordinance before the Board and would be set to begin on August 1, 2017. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to adopt the ordinance regulating golf carts in Pollocksville. Commissioner Lincoln seconded and all were in favor. Commissioner Lincoln made a motion to add a five dollar annual fee for golf cart registration to the Town's fee schedule with proof of liability insurance. Commissioner Duffy seconded and all were in favor.

Public Works: Mr. Hawkins reported that general maintenance has been done on the sewer pumps and that the CDBG project is moving along. The spray heads at the spray field do need to be replaced and it was the consensus of the Board that he order new ones.

Commissioner Duffy brought it to the attention of the Board that Mr. Tew currently is using his personal bush hog for Town work and proposed that the Town purchase one. Mr. Hawkins will look into it. Commissioner Duffy also suggested that the excess Town equipment be considered for the auction in Trenton. He will get a list together for the August meeting.

Beautification: Commissioner Barbee reported that the Development will have an event coming in August. She asked if the Town would consider accepting buildings for the sole purpose of revitalization. The Development would like to get grants, but need the Town to own the property that the grants would be used for. The Board's consensus was they would consider it on a case by case basis as they were brought to them. The Trent Bridge Development also requested reimbursement of \$944.73 for work done in a planter box on Main Street. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the Town paying the nonprofit upon receipt of an invoice. Commissioner Banks seconded and all were in favor.

Planning and Zoning: No referrals.

Attorney: No report.

Finance: A property tax report was provided, see attached. Mayor Bender reported that 504 Main Street and 202 Trent Street were still unpaid for three and two years respectively. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to request that the Finance Officer begin the foreclosure process. Commissioner Banks seconded and all were in favor. The Trent River Lodge property also has outstanding taxes, but no contact information/owner of the property. The Board took no action.

Mayor Bender reported that Mrs. Jessie Darius Banks LaVerne had asked if the Town would like to purchase her property of a residential lot in town that measured fifty by one hundred fifty five feet. It was the consensus of the Board that they would not purchase, but it could be conveyed to her that they would accept it as a donation to the Town.

Mayor Bender reported that the Finance Officer and emailed the Commissioners financials. He noted that there was a positive cash flow in the water system of \$15,000-\$20,000.

Town Clerk: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

Announcements: None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi McLaughlin, Town Clerk

Date Approved