NORTH CAROLINA YADKIN COUNTY TOWN OF YADKINVILLE Commissioners Present: Gene Branon, Betty Driver, Phillip Graham, & Tony Hall

Mayor: Hubert Gregory Attorney: Ben Harding Manager: Ken Larking

Commissioner Absent: Eddie Norman

The July meeting of the Town Board was duly held at 7:00 p.m. on July 6, 2009. Commissioner Phillip Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tony Hall to accept the June 1st and June 29th minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. All Approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Graham, second by Commissioner Betty Driver and unanimous approval by the Board, the following invoice was approved for payment:

BB&T \$ 36,598.33

No one signed up for the public comments section of the meeting, therefore the period of public comments was closed.

Town Manager Ken Larking recommended that the Town contract with Withers and Ravenel to provide the engineering services for the Hoots water line extension. Michael Koser with Withers and Ravenel spoke briefly about the project and was available for any questions from the Board. Commissioner Branon made the motion to accept the contract with Withers and Ravenel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. All were in favor.

A public hearing was set for August 3rd, 2009 at 6:55 p.m. to amend the Flood Prevention Ordinance. In a related matter, Mr. Larking informed the Board that the Town needs to enter into an agreement with Yadkin County formalizing the arrangement we have whereby the County provides all building inspection services for the Town. He further explained that the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that this be done prior to admitting Yadkinville into the program. Motion was made by Commissioner Branon to enter into this agreement with Yadkin County. Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. Ayes – 4, Noes - 0

Town Manager Ken Larking presented Change Order #1 for the reservoir project in the amount of \$17,520 for the Board's consideration. According to the engineer, the grading company was forced to undercut unsuitable soils below the dam footprint, beyond which was anticipated in the scope of the project. Commissioner Branon made the motion for approval and was second by Commissioner Graham. All approved.

Mr. Larking told the Board that the piping contractor for the reservoir failed to install the pipe under the creek as called for in the design and that the Engineer had issued a "stop work" order on that portion of the project. He said they planned to meet with the contractor and engineer later in the week to discuss how to move forward. The Board asked Mr. Larking to keep them informed as developments occurred.

The Town Clerk gave the Board copies of the year end Budget Amendments. She had nothing else to report.

The Public Works Director Perry Williams had nothing to report

Police Captain Patrick Long submitted the Police Department's monthly statistics report.

Fire Chief Brian Southard submitted their monthly statistics report. He also reported that the July 4th event went well.

Attorney Ben Harding reported that he sent a proposal to Brent Brown's attorney that would lead to his closing of the Holt Grove Trailer Park. He said that it is now in their hands and he is awaiting their response. Mr. Harding reported that it would cost about \$1,500 in attorney's fees to complete the tax foreclosure proceedings for two trailers situated on a lot on Crescentview Drive. Mr. Larking said he would get estimates for the cost to remove the trailers once the Town takes possession of the property. Mr. Harding also explained that the lot would be too small to build anything on and is worthless to anyone except the adjoining property owners. Mr. Larking will attempt to contact the property owners to see if there is any interest in purchasing the property.

Town Manger Ken Larking requested a work session to discuss improvements to the downtown parking lot. The Board asked that it be held in the morning on either a Tuesday or a Thursday. Mr. Larking will notify the Board of the date and time.

Mr. Larking reported on the utility pole banners. The Tourism Development Authority is willing to pay up to \$700 for the banners. Mr. Larking will also approach the Downtown Business Association to see if they will be willing to pay the rest of the cost.

Mr. Larking shared a letter he plans to send to the semi-finalist candidates for the Director of Development and Planning position. He explained that it includes a questionnaire that he hopes will help him narrow the field to 3-4 finalists.

Commissioner Graham asked about the status of the Town's fueling situation. Deputy Town Clerk Carmen Headen said that the Town has established credit with the local Shell Station. She said that she is exploring other options for fueling, such as establishing an account with Fuelman. Mr. Larking said that Walter Beroth called and apologized to him for the poor service and lack of communication. He asked to meet with Mr. Larking and Public Works Director Perry Williams.

Commissioner Graham asked about the status of the old Dollar General building. Mr. Larking said that he spoke with the person with the Post Office who is responsible for facilities about the issues with the shopping center (Roger Fuller). He said that Mr. Fuller contacted David Heffner about the parking lot and asked that it be repaired immediately. It was reported that some of the potholes were partially repaired with a temporary asphalt substance. Mr. Larking said that the Town's intern from Appalachian State University's MPA program took the initiative to investigate alternatives to fixing up the shopping

center. Mr. Tom Hart shared some information about a company that specializes in purchasing and renovating old shopping centers. He said that the company, Hawthorne Retail Partners, requested additional information to see if it was economically feasible.

Commissioner Graham also asked about the status of the overgrown lot where the Roller Mill used to be on Monroe Street. Mr. Larking said that the owner plans to mow it this week.

Commissioner Graham asked about the status of the agreement with the County to allow an extension to the Town's water system to serve the proposed jail site on Hoots Road. Mr. Larking said that he is awaiting a draft agreement from County Manager Stan Kiser.

Commissioner Branon asked Mr. Williams to look into some pothole repairs near the Yadkinville Chiropractic Office on East Hemlock Street.

Commissioner Driver inquired about Pinebrook. Mr. Larking said that the owner of Pinebrook plans to expand the services he provides at the facility, which will lead to greater supervision of the residents. She also said that Cherry Street is in need of repaying and filling of potholes.

With no further business to be discussed, Commissioner Branon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Hubert Gregory, Mayor

Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk