

NORTH CAROLINA
YADKIN COUNTY
TOWN OF YADKINVILLE

Commissioners Present: Gene Branon,
Betty Driver, Phillip Graham, & Eddie
Norman
Mayor: Hubert Gregory
Attorney: Ben Harding
Manager: Ken Larking
Commissioner Absent: Tony Hall

The August meeting of the Town Board was duly held at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2008. Commissioner Phillip Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie Norman to accept the July 7th minutes. Mr. Graham seconded the motion with the following corrections:

- The last paragraph on the first page will be corrected to read, “Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the dedication of the waterline at Little Lake Drive and forgiveness on the debt of \$1,550.05. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Branon.”
- The first paragraph on page two will read “Commissioner Norman made the motion to accept the dedication of the waterline and for Tim Mongeon to incur the debt of \$1,550.05. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. Ayes 4 - Noes 0.”

All Approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillip Graham, second by Mr. Branon and unanimous approved by the Board, the following invoices were approved for payment:

Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates	\$ 6,000.00
R.E. Griffin Plumbing Co.	\$ 10,500.00
Quality Steel Fabrication, Inc.	\$ 5,980.00

Mayor Hubert Gregory asked if there was anyone signed up to speak during the public comments portion of the meeting. Mr. Conrad Brown of 408 Spring Street asked the Board to reopen the end of Coolidge Street at Pine Street. Mr. Graham stated that there was no reason to reopen the street and asked Town Attorney Ben Harding about the reopening of the street. Attorney Harding said if the Board wishes to consider reopening Coolidge Street, a public hearing will have to be held prior to any decision by the Board. Mr. Brown also stated that pavement on East Spring Street is cracking and is in need of resurfacing.

With no one else desiring to speak, the period of public comment was closed.

Town Manager Ken Larking discussed the NCDOT Pedestrian Planning Grant. Yadkinville received a \$20,000 grant to pay for the cost of conducting a sidewalk master plan. Mr. Larking received four proposals from consultants that would like to perform the work for the Town. He recommended hiring Wirthers and Ravenel to perform the plan. Mr. Norman made the motion to hire Wirthers and Ravenel to perform the Town’s

sidewalk master plan. Commissioner Phillip Graham seconded the motion. Ayes 4 - Noes 0.

Mr. Larking asked for suggestions for the steering committee. Some of the suggestions were: Tim Parks, Perry Williams, Gray Garrison, Gene Renegar, April Pardue, James Sheek and Thom Sumney.

Mr. Larking spoke about the Downtown Parking Lot. He said that by adding a driveway at Birch Street and Elm Street and putting a fence up separating the lots, ten to twelve parking spaces will be lost. Mr. Graham asked Police Chief Tim Parks what he thought. Chief Parks commented that it would be beneficial to determine the part of the parking lot that the Town owned. Commissioner Phillip Graham asked where the two cardboard dumpsters that are on the County's parking lot would be relocated. Police Chief Tim Parks made the suggestion to move them to the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Eddie Norman made the motion to put up a fence to separate the parking lots. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Gene Branon mentioned that the EMS is doing a shift change in the Jackson Street parking lot. Anywhere from ten to twelve EMS employee vehicles are parked in the parking lot allowing less customer parking. Town Manager Ken Larking said he will talk to EMS Director Brent Hawks about the situation.

Police Chief Tim Parks reported that \$335 was taken in for parking tickets for the month of July. He also reported on the Martin White (Crash Computers owner) incident that occurred at Town Hall on July 29, 2008. Mr. White entered Town Hall to pay a parking ticket and used profane language and inappropriate behavior toward a Town Hall employee. A letter was served as a notice that he is no longer permitted on Town Hall property without police escort.

The Town Clerk presented Budget Amendments No. 2 through 4 for adoption by the Board. Mr. Norman moved that these amendments be adopted. Commissioner Betty Driver seconded the motion. Ayes 4 – Noes 0 (See Attachment 1)

The Tax Collector asked the Board to void the following 2008 Tax Receipts for the reasons indicated: Commissioner Phillip Graham made the motion to accept the voids and was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Norman. Ayes 4 – Noes 0

Amanda Bray Martin New value issued by the county	Receipt #142	\$20.19
Jeffrey Haynes Mobile Home not inside town limits	Receipt #671	\$62.94
Titus Construction No longer in business	Receipt #1408	\$59.93
Triad Municipal ABS Store Property is exempt	Receipt #1431	\$1,587.98

The Water Department asked the Board's permission to write off the following uncollectable debits.

Hobert Cline Acct#1041 \$61.44
Foreclosure

Misty Dinkins Acct#3683 \$108.80
Foreclosure

Theresa Morrison Acct#4480 \$18.13
Cannot collect - meter deposit applied.

Jeremy Ramey Acct#4581 \$83.50
Cannot collect - no meter deposit collected since customer claimed to be in the process of owning the property and property owners are not required to provide a deposit.

Mr. Graham made the motion to accept the write-offs and was seconded by Mr. Norman. Ayes 4 – Noes 0

The Public Works Director was not present due to a sewer line break on West Cherry Street.

Fire Chief Brian Southard submitted his monthly statistical report.

Attorney Ben Harding had nothing to report.

Town Manager Ken Larking gave an update on the Town Park. He has currently received playground equipment proposals and will be visiting examples of playground equipment in the near future.

Mr. Larking said he will set up a date for a work session on the Economic Development Strategic Planning in late August.

Mr. Larking informed the Board that he has not received an upset bid for the 2.36 acre tract located off Gospel Way Church Road that was declared surplus at the June 27, 2008 meeting. The land will be sold to the current bidder. The cost of selling the land will be incurred by the new land owner. The Town will not have any costs involved in selling of the land.

Commissioner Phillip Graham asked about the status of the erosion control permit violations at the Wesley Community Development subdivision. Mr. Larking said that an appeal of the fines resulted in a reduction of those fines from \$14,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Graham asked the Town Manager if he has received any response regarding the Post Offices. Mr. Larking replied that Virginia Fox's office forwarded the letter to the Post Office and he is awaiting a response. Mr. Graham asked about the status of the County's

request for a waterline extension to the proposed jail site. Mr. Larking said that Perry Williams is reviewing the plans and has not had time to comment on them. In addition, he said that before any connection would be made to the Town of Yadkinville's water system, Yadkin County and Yadkinville would need to come to an agreement on how to manage the line. Commissioner Phillip Graham also asked about the ABC Store revenue. Mr. Larking said that the most recent quarter resulted in about \$10,000 in profit from the store, which was twice what was expected for that period of time. Mr. Graham stated that the street light at East Lee Avenue near Coolidge Street still does not have the correct type of light bulb. Mr. Larking said that he recently spoke with Anna Woodruff from Duke Energy who apologized for the delay in getting that corrected.

Commissioner Eddie Norman commended the Yadkinville Police Department, Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department and EMS on handling an emergency situation at Unifi.

Mr. Branon visited the Boonville Town Hall and was impressed with the audio/video recording they had for their meetings. He asked the Town Manager to check on the cost of having the meeting room equipped with recording devices.

Commissioner Betty Driver commented that the Holt Grove Trailer Park, located at Lee Avenue and Carolina Avenue has been looking better. She also inquired about the water levels at South Deep Creek – the Town's water supply. Mr. Larking replied that the levels are higher than they were at the worst part of the drought last year.

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

Hubert Gregory, Mayor

Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk