

NORTH CAROLINA  
YADKIN COUNTY  
TOWN OF YADKINVILLE

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

A public hearing was called at 6:45 p.m. on Monday evening, December 1, 2008 by Mayor Gregory. The purpose of the hearing was to consider a request to rezone property located at 109 and 113 Taft Street from R-10, Residential to B-2, Highway Business. The request was made by Gray Garrison. No one was present for comments during this public hearing.

The December meeting of the Town Board was duly held at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Mr. Phillip Graham to accept the November 3, 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman. All Approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Eddie Norman, second by Commissioner Hall and unanimous approval by the Board, the following invoices were approved for payment:

Charles Scott CPA, P.A	\$11,970.00
Paul, Cox & Todd PLLC	\$11,925.00
Sanford Holshouser	\$ 5,105.28
Utility Service Co., Inc	\$17,277.00
Wesley Development	\$30,840.00
Wright & Associates	\$ 5,240.00

Mayor Gregory called for action on the public hearing.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to accept rezoning the property located at 109 and 113 Taft Street from R-10, Residential to B-2, Highway Business. Commissioner Driver seconded. Ayes 5 – Noes 0

Mr. David Todd with Paul, Cox & Todd PLLC, presented the Town of Yadkinville's 2007-2008 Annual Audit Report. He commended Town Clerk Nancy Hollar and her staff for the great job they do with financial controls for the Town.

Town Manager Ken Larking presented the Board with a resolution to adopt the North Carolina Debt Set-Off Program. This program will allow the Town to collect unpaid taxes and water bills by having the state withhold tax refunds. Commissioner Graham made the motion to adopt the NC Local Government Debt Set-Off Program Resolution. This motion was seconded by Mr. Tony Hall. Ayes 5 – Noes 0

Captain Patrick Long reported on the monthly statistics for the Police Department. He said the Yadkinville Police Department will be featured in a press conference held on December 4, 2008

regarding the Federal Forfeiture funds they have received as a result of their drug interdiction program.

The Town Clerk presented Budget Amendments No. 11 through 17 for adoption by the Board. Town Manager Ken Larking said he and Public Works Director Perry Williams would contact NCDOT regarding the invoice for \$24,543.88 (Amendment 11) and suggested that the Board wait to approve this amendment until further notice. Mr. Eddie Norman moved that Amendments 12 through 17 be adopted. Commissioner Branon seconded the motion. Ayes 5 – Noes 0 (See Attachments)

The Tax Collector asked the Board to void the following 2008 Tax Receipts for the reasons indicated:

Financial Federal Credit Billed to wrong company	Receipt #497 \$106.38
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Ronald Stephen Messick 2008 tax county gave exemption for 07 and 08 on October 2008	Receipt #1001 \$413.97
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Commissioner Graham made a motion to accept the voids, which was seconded by Commissioner Hall. Ayes 5 – Noes 0

The Public Works Director had nothing to report.

No one was present from the Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department.

Attorney Ben Harding presented the Board with an Employment Contract for Town Manager Ken Larking. The Board will review the contract and reply to Mr. Harding with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Harding gave an update on the Town's efforts to amortize the Holt Grove Trailer Park. He said that he and Mr. Larking worked together to develop an agreement that would give the owner of the trailer park more time to remove the trailers in exchange for guaranteeing their removal by the agreed upon date. The consensus of the Town Board was to allow Mr. Harding and Mr. Larking to negotiate such an agreement as long as there was also language that would force the owner to keep the property free of weeds, junk and debris. Mr. Harding announced that Bepco recently purchased the old Sara Lee Building and suggested that Mr. Larking write a letter to YVEDDI requesting that the Town's \$200,000 Grant be returned to the Town.

Mr. Larking presented the Board with a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was sent to the local banks regarding financing for the Town Park. The deadline to return the information is December 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Board will meet on December 17, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. to review the information.

Town Manager Ken Larking also reported on the following: Quotes were received from Technome Products & A/V Services and Audio Unlimited for the audio and visual devices for

the Commissioner's Chambers. Mr. Larking stated that he would like to work with the two vendors to negotiate a better price. Commissioner Driver voiced her opinion that the Town needs to be careful about how it decides to spend money since the country is in recession. Mr. Larking said he was approached by a company that provides a "community video" at no cost to the Town. Mr. Larking showed a brief example of a video from Conover. The video is designed to showcase, educate and inform the public about our community. The Board gave Mr. Larking permission to proceed with the "community video". The Town Manager notified the Board that a NCDOT Pedestrian Planning Grant meeting will be held on Monday, December 8th at 11:45 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall.

Commissioner Graham inquired about the status of the old Dollar General Store site. Mr. Larking said that he is currently working with an inspector with Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments to have the building declared a public safety hazard. The owner will have to prove that the building is safe.

Mr. Graham asked about the status of the Reservoir. Mr. Larking said that the latest timeline has the construction completed by the fall of 2009.

Commissioner Norman asked about the status of the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Larking said that the consultants are in the research and interviewing stage of the process.

Commissioner Branon pointed out the sidewalk located at West Lee Avenue and State Street needs to be extended to serve North Lee Avenue. Mr. Branon requested that the Town Manager look at a sign that is blocking the view of drivers located at Hemlock and State Street at the Yadkinville Chiropractors Office. Commissioner Branon noticed that there are four unlicensed vehicles parked in the Town Parking lot off of Willow and Birch Street. He suggested that the Town have the vehicles impounded. Mr. Norman suggested that the Town Manager contact County Commissioner Kevin Austin and brief him on the situation.

Commissioner Driver reported that the stop light is out at BB&T Bank.

Commissioner Branon made a motion that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. All approved.

No action was taken following the closed session.

With no further business to be discussed, Mayor Gregory recessed the meeting until Wednesday, December 17 at 12:00 p.m.

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Hubert Gregory, Mayor

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Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk