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

The November meeting of the Town Board was duly held at 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008. Commissioner Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Mr. Phillip Graham to accept the September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman. All Approved.

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

Carter & Kirk Paving Co \$7,647.90

No one present took advantage of the "Public Comment" portion of the meeting.

Mayor Gregory presented representatives from Mountain Valley Hospice with a proclamation announcing November as National Hospice/Palliative Care Month.

Town Manager Ken Larking said that the Town recently received and opened bids for the replacement of a mobile home on the corner of Tennessee Avenue and Williams Road. The lowest bidder was Wesley Community Development Corporation at \$98,500. Michael Walser, the Town's CDBG Grant Administrator and Mr. Larking recommended the bid be awarded to Wesley Community Development Corporation. Commissioner Hall made the motion to accept the bid from Wesley Community Development Corporation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. Ayes – 5, Noes - 0

Mr. Larking said the Town also received bids for the demolition of two structures located on Williams Road as part of the CDBG Concentrated Needs Project. Don Adams Grading was the low bidder at \$11,800 Mr. Walser and Mr. Larking recommended the bid be awarded to Don Adams Grading. Commissioner Branon made a motion to accept the bid from Don Adams Grading and then suggested having the two structures burned to give the Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department practice. Mr. Norman said that if the structures were burned by the Fire Department, the cost to remove the debris would be less. Mr. Gene Branon withdrew his motion and replaced it with a new motion to have the Town Manager, Fire Chief and Don Adams work together to see if they can use the structures for a practice burn and save the Town some money. Commissioner Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Gregory called for action on a Resolution Directing the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31. Mr. Larking explained that this is the voluntary annexation request of Mr. Billy Wooten of 1408 Cross Creek Drive. He said that Mr. Wooten must file for voluntary annexation in order to get a water and sewer tap. In addition, since water and sewer are available, he must connect to it. Mr. Norman said that he believed the policies that required this action needed to be re-examined. Mayor Gregory tabled this matter for a later date.

Mr. Larking said that Unifi Manufacturing, Inc. requested that the Town annex a portion of a road that is outside the Town Limits so that the Town could then take over maintenance of the road. He added that Unifi is requesting that this process move forward as quickly as possible and suggested that a public hearing be called for as soon as possible. With this in mind, Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the Resolution Directing the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S. 160A-31. Motion was second by Mr. Tony Hall. Ayes – 5, Noes – 0. During the meeting, Town Clerk Nancy Hollar signed a Certificate of Sufficiency for the request. Mr. Gene Branon then made a motion to set a Public Hearing on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Phillip Graham. All were in favor

Mayor Gregory tabled the annexation request for Mr. Roger Snow of 1431 Shacktown Road.

A Public Hearing was set by Mayor Gregory for December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 p.m. for a rezoning request from Mr. Gray Garrison. Mr. Garrison is proposing to rezone two lots on Taft Street from R-10, Residential to B-2, Highway Business.

Police Chief Tim Parks reported that there was an armed robbery at the Exxon gas station and that the suspect was caught. Also, a DWI Check Point was set up and resulted in 13 citations, 2 DWIs and 2 drug charges. In addition, the Police Department received another \$21,459 of Federal Drug Forfeiture Funds. Chief Parks said that 54 parking tickets were issued for the month of October, which generated \$535 for the Town. He also made the Board aware that changes to the way the E-911 communication center dispatches calls would result in the Town having to purchase a service that would cost about \$5,000 per year.

Mr. Larking said that Blue Ridge Cardiology and Internal Medicine, located at 108 South State Street, requested that the Town change the 1- hour parking limit to a 2- hour parking limit on Highway 601 from Main Street to Elm Street. Mr. Eddie Norman made the motion to accept the request. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. Ayes -5. Noes -0.

The Town Clerk presented Budget Amendments Nos. 10 and 11 for adoption by the Board. Commissioner Branon moved that amendment 10 be adopted. Commissioner Norman seconded the motion. Ayes 5 – Noes - 0 (See Attachment 1). Mr. Larking explained that Budget Amendment No. 11 was necessary to pay DOT for the cost of upgrading a water line along Highway 601 as part of their widening project. Although the work was completed in 2004, the Town is just now receiving the bill. Public Works Director Perry Williams said that the bill needs to be examined to make sure that the State is not over-charging the Town. For this reason, Mayor Gregory tabled Budget Amendment No. 11 until the issue is resolved.

The Public Works Director presented the Board with a water loss report from MACTEC Engineering. He said that there are several recommendations in the report that may need to be budgeted for at a later date.

Fire Chief Brian Southard submitted his monthly statistics report. He said the Christmas Parade date is set for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and asked the Town Manager to put a float entry application on the Town's website.

Attorney Harding said that he is still working on the Holt Grove Mobile Home Park/Brent Brown issue and should have more information at the December meeting.

Commissioner Hall notified the Manager that the property at the corner of Lee Avenue and Forest Lane had overgrown grass and weeds. He also said that the old roller mill property is in similar shape. He also asked about the status of the recording equipment for the Board Chambers. Mr. Larking said he is awaiting proposals from two companies.

Commissioner Graham asked about the status of several items, including the Town Park, the Economic Development Strategic Plan, the water line to Boonville and the proposed water line interconnection with Davie County. Mr. Larking said that the Park Project would go to bid on Thursday at 2 p.m. He said that the Economic Development Strategic Planning Process is moving along nicely. He said that the Town of Boonville is optimistic about getting funds for the water line and that Davie County is showing little to no interest in establishing an interconnection with our water system.

Commissioner Driver asked about the status of the Bepco Building. Mr. Larking said that Bepco is planning to close on the purchase of the property soon. She also inquired about the proposed apartments behind the Wilco Station. Mr. Larking said that the recent credit crunch and faltering economy has slowed the process some, but has not put it to a stop.

Motion was made by Mr. Eddie Norman that the Board go into "Closed Session" in compliance with G.S.143-318.11(a)(5). His motion was seconded by Mr. Phillip Graham. All approved.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to come out of "Closed Session". Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. All approved.

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