

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

The February meeting of the Town Board was duly held at 7:00 p.m. on February 2, 2009. Commissioner Phillip Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tony Hall to accept the January 5th minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. All Approved.

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

Don Adams Grading, Inc	\$ 11,800.00
Ilderton Dodge	\$ 21,000.00
Insituform Technologies, Inc	\$ 93,460.40
JDT Construction	\$ 5,000.00
JDT Construction	\$ 7,450.00
Wesley CDG	\$ 8,500.00
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Mr. Wayne Matthews of Surry Community College signed up for Public Comments. He was pleased to announce that the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College has had great success and growth with the Early College Program. However, this success has resulted in a need to expand and the building process could take up to three years. In the meantime, they would like to get permission to set up mobile classrooms at the rear of the property to accommodate the students. Town Attorney Ben Harding said he did not see any issue with allowing the community college to set the mobile classrooms.

Yadkin County Commissioner Kevin Austin informed the Board that Baptist Hospital does not plan to renew their contract with Hoots Hospital. However, he said that several rural hospital management companies have expressed interest in taking over for Baptist Hospital. He is certain that Hoots Hospital will remain open throughout any transition in management.

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

Town Manager Ken Larking made the Board aware that the contract with Republic Waste Services, the company hired to haul refuse and recycling for the Town, is up for renewal in March. Republic Waste Services is willing to continue our contract with the same terms, with no fuel surcharge fee or a price increase for the upcoming year. Mr. Larking recommended that the Board approve the renewal contract. Mr. Norman made the motion to renew the contract with Republic Waste Services. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillip Graham. Ayes - 5, Noes - 0.

Mr. Larking informed the Board that bids were received for the construction of a home at 1023 Williams Road. He said that the CDBG Concentrated Needs Grant program is paying for this home to be built in place of an existing single-wide trailer. Mr. Branon made a motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Ace Homes, in the amount of \$84,900. Mr. Hall seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Larking recommended that Virgil Dodson serve as the ETJ representative on the Board of Adjustment and Josh Sheek serve as the East In-Town representative to the Planning Board. Commissioner Tony Hall made a motion to make the appointments and was seconded by Mr. Graham. All approved.

Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce Director Bobby Todd made the Board aware that there are two positions on the Yadkinville Tourism Development Authority (TDA) up for appointment. He said the TDA would like to recommend Melissa Trabelsi, co-owner of the Taste of Italy and Drew Renegar of Allison Oaks Vineyards for these positions. Commissioner Eddie Norman made the motion to accept the suggestions of appointments made by the TDA. Commissioner Betty Driver seconded the motion. Ayes – 5, Noes – 0.

The Town Clerk presented Budget Amendments No. 11 and 20 through 22 for adoption by the Board. Commissioner Phillip Graham moved that these amendments be adopted. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Larking said that the Tax Collector has asked the Board to void a tax receipt for Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Co. that was mistakenly valued too high. In addition, a refund of the difference is necessary, due to the fact that they already paid. Commissioner Eddie Norman moved that the tax receipt be voided and a refund be issued to Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Co. It was seconded by Mr. Hall. All were in favor.

The Public Works Director had nothing to report.

Captain Patrick Long submitted the Yadkinville Police Department's monthly report. He reported that the new police car, a Dodge Charger, is now in service.

No one was present to report for the Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department.

Town Attorney Ben Harding had nothing to report.

Mr. Larking asked the Board to exclude geotechnical services for the reservoir project from the provisions of the Mini Brooks Act. He said that the town's engineers said that this would enable the Town to hire its own independent geotechnical service provider for the project.

Mr. Larking said that the power pole at the corner of Highway 601 and Cherry Street will cost \$4,394 to move. He said that he tried to get NCDOT to share in the cost to move it and also looked into using Powell Bill funds to pay for it. However, the cost of the pole relocation would need to come from the General Fund. The Board decided not to pursue moving the pole at this time.

Mr. Larking asked the Board to take time to review the draft scripts for the community videos that will soon appear on Yadkinville's website. Commissioner Gene Branon said that he would like to see more information about the Yadkinville Volunteer Fire Department included in the video.

Mr. Larking reminded the Board that the Economic Development Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chamber.

Mayor Hubert Gregory said that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners asked the Town to suggest names to fill two slots on the Hoots Memorial Hospital board. He asked the Board to come back with suggestions for appointments at the March meeting.

Commissioner Tony Hall said that the pavement on Adams Street on the Old US 421 side of the creek needs resurfacing.

Commissioner Phillip Graham inquired about the status of the audio for the Commissioner's Chambers. Mr. Larking replied that he is waiting for a revised quote from TechGnome Productions and A/V Services. Mr. Graham notified the Town Manager that a street light is out on the corner of Shacktown Road and Progress Lane. He asked that the Police Department check street lights and report any outages on a regular basis.

Commissioner Eddie Norman announced that the Board is invited to the Taste of Italy on Tuesday, February 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a fundraiser by the Yadkin County Humane Society. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money for bullet proof vests for the Town and County's K9 units. Mr. Norman made a motion for the Town to purchase two sets of cold weather gear and boots for the Public Works Employees that work outside. The motion was seconded by Mr. Branon. Approval was unanimous.

Commissioner Gene Branon asked if anything could be done to get NCDOT to install a left turn signal at Highway 601 South at Lee Avenue. Mayor Gregory said that the best way to get NCDOT to act is to have the Police Department make the request for safety reasons.

Commissioner Betty Driver said that there is a new florist located at 507 E. Main Street and suggested that everyone visit them and the newly-remodeled McDonald's.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie Norman that the Board go into "Closed Session" in compliance with G.S.143-318.11(a) (3) to consult with the Town Attorney. Mrs. Driver seconded the motion. All Approved.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session. Mr. Norman made a motion to come out of "Closed Session". Commissioner Betty Driver seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Larking said that the current monthly allowance for the Board and Mayor are below the average for towns of similar size to Yadkinville. He suggested that the Board raise the monthly allowances to the average. Commissioner Eddie Norman made a motion to increase the Board's monthly allowance from \$175 to \$275 and increase the Mayor's monthly allowance from \$225 to \$350. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Ayes – 5, Noes – 0.

With no further business, Mr. Branon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Driver seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Hubert Gregory, Mayor

Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk