

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 January meeting of the Town Board was duly held at 7:00 p.m. on January 5, 2009. Commissioner Phillip Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gene Branon to accept the December 1st and December 17th minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Hall. All Approved.

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

Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates	\$ 10,000.00
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JDT Construction	\$ 12,520.00
Key Chemical	\$ 12,100.74
Wesley CDC	\$ 35,460.00

Leanne Cloudman, the new reporter for the Yadkin Ripple, introduced herself to the Board.

Town Manager Ken Larking recommended that the Town Park construction contract be awarded to Wishon and Carter Builders, Inc. Mr. Norman made the motion to award the Town Park construction contract to Wishon and Carter Builder, Inc. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. Ayes 5 – Noes 0

Town Clerk Nancy Hollar presented Budget Amendments No. 18 through 19 for adoption by the Board. Mr. Graham moved that these amendments be adopted. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. Ayes 5 – Noes 0 (See Attachment 1)

The Tax Collector asked the Board to void the following 2008 Tax Receipt for the reason indicated. Mr. Hall made a motion to accept the void, which was seconded by Mr. Graham.

Triology Leasing	Receipt #1665	\$18.61
Incorrect valuation		

Public Works Director Perry Williams had nothing to report.

Police Chief Tim Parks submitted his year end statistics report. He also reported that the Police Department was involved in another drug seizure and will receive an estimated \$10,000. The Police Department recently purchased two new police cars with the Federal Forfeiture Money received from past drug raids.

Fire Chief Brian Southard submitted his monthly statistics report.

Town Attorney Ben Harding made the Board aware that he is still working with Brent Brown, owner of Holt Grove Trailer Park, and his lawyer.

Mr. Larking reported that Sanford Holshouser, the firm that is performing the Economic Development Strategic Plan, has completed the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis portion of the plan. They plan on having their recommendations completed in January.

Mr. Larking made the Board aware that the County's engineers used misleading information to obtain permits for a waterline extension from the Town's waterline to the proposed jail site located on Hoots Road. Mr. Larking stated that he had the documents in his office if anyone wanted to review them.

Mr. Larking suggested allowing a cell phone allowance to the Commissioners that are using their personal cell phones. After some discussion, Mr. Larking said he would work with Mrs. Hollar to come up with a plan to present at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Larking said that he and Mr. Hefner, owner of the Old Dollar General Store building, met last week to discuss the state of the building. Mr. Hefner was able to produce an engineer's report stating that the building is structurally sound. He has agreed to expand the fencing and to place a "For Sale" sign on the property. Mr. Hefner has no interest in tearing down or fixing the building unless he is able to rent the building to a long term, "credit-worthy" tenant.

The Town Manager presented a proposed 2009 meeting schedule.

Mr. Larking also made the Board aware of the Annual Meeting of the Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce that will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at the Holiday Inn Express in Jonesville.

Mr. Larking said he and Public Works Director Perry Williams will work together to decide on a Christmas tree pick up date for the Town.

Commissioner Hall inquired about the status of the water reservoir. Mr. Larking said that the engineer's timeline calls for bids to be accepted in January. However, it seemed more likely that this would occur in February.

Commissioner Graham inquired about the status of the audio/visual equipment for the Commissioner's Chambers. Mr. Larking said he has not spoken with TechGnome Productions about their quote. Mr. Graham also asked about the old Sara Lee building and the Town's request for reimbursement from the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI). Mr. Larking said that Mr. Bobby Todd is working with YVEDDI's accountants to determine how much money is left to give back to the Town and County. Mr. Harding suggested giving YVEDDI a deadline to respond by and suggested that it be the end of January.

Commissioner Graham said that he and others were not happy with the service and food served at the Board Appreciation Dinner. He suggested that the Town look into hiring a different caterer or plan something different for next year.

Motion was made by Mr. Norman that the Board go into "Closed Session" in compliance with G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel issue. Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. All Approved.

No action was taken in closed session. Mr. Norman made a motion that we come out of "Closed Session". Mr. Branon seconded. All approved.

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

Hubert Gregory, Mayor

Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk