

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

Due to inclement weather, the March meeting of the Town Board was held at 4:30 p.m. on March 2, 2009. Commissioner Phillip Graham offered the invocation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Graham to accept the February 2, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Betty Driver. All Approved.

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

Bliss Products & Service	\$ 48,759.24
Jones Chemical Inc.	\$ 11,172.55
Law Enforcement Assoc	\$ 7,787.42
Sanford Holshouser	\$ 5,176.80
Tracom	\$ 11,280.13

Mr. John Willingham and Stephen Lyons of the Yadkin Arts Council addressed the Board. Mr. Willingham introduced Stephen Lyons, one of the partners in the husband-wife team that own the Lyons Way, a consulting and marketing firm. The Arts Council has contracted with The Lyons Way to run the day-to-day operations of the organization and conduct the capital campaign for the Cultural Arts Center. Mr. Willingham said construction of the building should start in June. Mr. Willingham ended by thanking the Board and Town for their support.

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

Town Manager Ken Larking made the Board aware that the Town opened bids for the reservoir project on Thursday February 26, 2009. The project was bid as two contracts, one for grading and one for the pipe work. The lowest bidder for the grading contract is Haymes Brothers at \$598,725. Jimmy R. Lynch was the low bidder for the pipe work at \$619,944.98. Mr. Larking recommended that the Board award these bids to the low bidders. Commissioner Eddie Norman made the motion to accept the bids as recommended by the Town Manager. Commissioner Tony Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Larking presented a resolution to apply for Economic Recovery Stimulus Funding. This resolution will need to be adopted in order to qualify for grants or low interest loan funds from the Federal Economic Stimulus Bill. This funding will be used to construct a water line extension along Hoots Road from the Austin Company to the water plant. An estimated \$28,000 will need to spent to hire an engineer to develop a plan that would make it shovel ready. The Board decided not to proceed with this project.

Mr. Larking suggested that the Board appoint Mr. Ed Hartman of 415 Spring Street to the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Norman made the motion to appoint Mr. Hartman to the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Branon seconded the motion. Ayes - 5, Noes - 0.

The Town Clerk presented Budget Amendment No. 23 for adoption by the Board. Commissioner Branon moved that this amendment be adopted. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Ayes – 5, Noes - 0 (See Attachment 1)

The Tax Collector asked the Board to refund Mark Manufacturing Corp \$64.26 for reason indicated. Commissioner Norman made a motion to refund Mark Manufacturing Corp \$64.26, which was seconded by Commissioner Driver. All approved. (See Attachment 2)

The Public Works Director Perry Williams was not present. Mr. Larking said that Mr. Williams supervised the public works department over the weekend and very early Monday morning as they worked on clearing the town streets of snow and ice. He said that the crews did an excellent job clearing the streets.

Police Chief Tim Parks submitted his monthly report. Chief Parks spoke with North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding installation of a turn signal at Highway 601 South and Lee Avenue. He said the NCDOT will perform a study to see if this is needed. Chief Parks said the police department helped three senior citizens enrolled in the Cops Care Program that were in need of assistance due to the bad weather.

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

Town Attorney Ben Harding had nothing to report.

Mr. Larking informed the Board that he received a letter from Yadkin County Manager Stan Kiser requesting an extension of the Hoots Road waterline to the proposed Jail site. Commissioner Branon made a motion to table this issue for more study. Commissioner Norman seconded the motion. Mayor Hubert Gregory declared the issue tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Larking said he will schedule a short work session to discuss the upcoming budget.

Mr. Larking informed the Board that the CMS Insurance and Financial Services luncheon is Friday, March 6th at 11:45 a.m. at Prime Sirloin.

Mr. Larking asked the Board if they wanted to discuss the Economic Development Strategic Plan. The Board decided to discuss it during their planned work session.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to go into “Closed Session” in compliance with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consult with the Town Attorney. Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. All Approved.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session. Commissioner Branon made a motion to come out of “Closed Session”. Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. Ayes – 5, Noes – 0.

Commissioner Hall notified the Town Manager that there are potholes in need of patching on Birch Street toward the Post Office.

Commissioner Graham inquired about Hoots Hospital. County Commissioner Kevin Austin said that the County has entered in an agreement with HMC/CAH group to run the hospital.

Commissioner Driver asked about the status of retrieving the money owed to the Town by Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI) for the Old Sara Lee Building. Town Attorney Ben Harding replied that he and the Town Manager will contact Mr. Bobby Todd to see what the status is on this issue.

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

Hubert Gregory, Mayor

Carmen Headen, Deputy Town Clerk