

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
May 20, 2013
Recessed Meeting May 9, 2013
6:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on May 9, 2013 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall. This meeting was reconvened on May 20, 2013 at 6 p.m. as a budget work session.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Walter Weeks, Commissioner Don Pleasant, Commissioner J. C. Allen, Commissioner Allen Mosby and Commissioner Jerry Beasley were in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson was absent.

III. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Weeks delivered the invocation.

Mayor Weeks asked to resume the Agenda. Mayor Weeks asked that we add to the Agenda under New Business Item. C- The Sale of the Property at 237 N. McKinley Street. Report on the opening of the closed bid sale and the board could act if so choose.

Resolved, to add under New Business Item C-Sale of the Property at 237 N. McKinley Street.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND
PLEASANT.**

NOES (0)

Mayor Weeks noted that for the record all Commissioners were present except the Mayor Pro-Tem and all voted in the affirmative on that action.

Mayor Weeks asked if anything else to be added to the agenda. Mayor Weeks added that a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143.318 11A, 3 & 6 were on the agenda and that N.C.G.S. 143.318 11A5 to be added to consider property acquisition of 262 McKinley Street. Mayor Weeks said for clarification that consideration of the request had come from the property owner and asked for a motion.

Resolved, to add to **Closed Session N.C.G.S. 143.318 11A5**.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY; SECOND:
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY AND
PLEASANT.
NOES (0)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr.Linda Robinson came in at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

C. Sale of Property at 237 N. McKinley Street

Town Manager Kenny Cole reported the bids for the sale of the old Town Hall at 237 N. McKinley Street closed at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon, May 20, 2013. There were two (2) bids received, the first being Mr. Billy & Mrs. Margaret Coats of 82 N. Zeb Street, Coats, N.C., with a bid of \$100,000.00 with a bid deposit as required. The second bid was made by Mr. Harold Dixon, P.O. Box 656, Coats, N.C. in the amount of \$50,001.00 and the required bid deposit as required.

Discussion on the condition of the property, work that needed to be done to the property and what the bids were along with questions about the value of the property and land value.

Mr. Cole reported the property value is \$354,000 and the land is valued at \$48,000. The work on the building at this time is estimated at \$200,000.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley made a motion to accept the highest bid of \$100,000. Mayor Weeks asked for a second and it would put us into discussion. Second by Commissioner Allen Mosby. Mayor Weeks pointed out the importance of looking at all of our options.

Resolved, to accept the bid from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Coats for the old Town Hall at 237 N. McKinley Street, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY; SECOND:
COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY**

**APPROVED, AYES (5) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY,
MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON AND PLEASANT.
NOES (0)**

V. OLD BUSINESS - CONTINUED

A. 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget:

Town Manager Kenny Cole presented the Board with the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Mr. Cole met with a new health care carrier and our insurance rates are increasing by 14.4% which is better than last year's increase of 28%. Benefits will be the same with a 2500. deductible per person. This increase in insurance has an additional increase at about \$15,000 to be included in the budget. To adjust some of the cost he split the Deputy Clerk's salary 75% water, 12.5 % general fund and 12.5% solid waste. This would add \$2500. to un-appropriated surplus. This is the reason also for the revision of the budget.

Mr. Cole presented the Board with proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Expenditures by Funds and Departments. (reference #1)

General Fund :

Governing Board – Proposed \$49,427:

Legal fees decreased to \$8,000. Audit decreased \$8300. Increased cost of Christmas Bonus due to the cost of purchasing of the cards. **Added Election of \$5000.** for this year.

General Management- Proposed \$299,962:

Unemployment prepay of 1% included and increase in workman's compensation. Discussion concerning auto gas Mr. Cole shared the uncertainty of gas prices again but kept the same as last year; **Proposed \$64,800. Capital Outlay; Proposed \$3500** to update the payroll system. **Cemetery Fund increase \$3975. Debt Service USDA \$15,018 and USDA 1 (one) year reserve \$1661.**

Police Department- Proposed \$393,073(Revised)

Discussion concerning part-time salaries due to the Farmers and Christmas Parade. Chief Hall confirmed the expense needed for ammunition to supply the police department with proper training; **Proposed \$4,000.** Mr. Cole explained that the Chief had requested a vehicle under Capital Outlay however he was proposing purchasing a vehicle through USDA or the Bank. After much discussion **Capital Outlay increased \$32,500.** for purchase a police car. **Ammunition decreased \$2000.** and **Debt Service decreased \$5056.**

GHSP Grant- Proposed \$53,862:

Increase health insurance and no Grant money.

Mr. Cole explained that the budget does propose a 2% salary increase for the staff.

Public Works – Proposed \$119,782:

Street Lights Proposed \$52,000 due to increase in Duke Energy. **Street Signs increase: Proposed \$5,000.** Gary states that all signs, street and stop sign must be replaced by 2015 according to NCDOT. **Tipping Fees decreased \$5,087. Debt Service Principle for Leaf Truck at FCB \$7,500.**

Zoning – Proposed \$15,650:

Mr. Cole explained that the Contract Services remained the same. The Planning Board will be working on updating the zoning ordinances. He does not see that we will need this but let it remain.

Library – Proposed \$36,876:

Reduction in **Capital Outlay to \$1,500.** Discussion concerning repairs to building and the present condition of the air conditioning. Mr. Cole explained that a replacement of the air conditioning would be around \$3,700. **Building Repairs increased \$2,200.** The Board asked Mr. Cole to find the additional money to fix the air conditioning unit in this budget.

Park & Recreation – Proposed \$67,893.

Increased part time salaries; **Proposed \$7,500.** Umpires increased; **Proposed \$14,000.** The Board discussed cutting some of the programs. Mike stated the umpire fees are increasing per game.

Total General Fund Proposed - \$1,036,525.00

Powell Bill Fund: Proposed \$64,500:

Fund reflects the salary expenditures transferred from General Fund. .

Kenny Cole confirmed that all Powell Bill Funds' rolls over to the next fiscal year and show as reserved funds.

Total Powell Bill Fund Proposed - \$64,500.

Water Fund: Proposed \$347,380

Salary increase due to clerk's position that was moved to Water Fund; **Proposed \$110,241.** Water purchases increase; **Proposed \$104,000.** Included in this budget is Capital Outlay for computer and camera system and our debt service with USDA.

Total Water Fund Proposed - \$347,380.

Solid Waste Fund: Proposed \$186,293.

Waste Industries will increase their rate by 3 percent (3%) the next fiscal year. Mr. Cole said he was not sure about this and they are having a 1% increase that the revenue will offset. Mr. Cole left the tipping fee expenditure for solid waste same as last year; **Proposed \$8,000.**

Total Solid Waste Fund Proposed - \$186,293.

Cemetery Fund: Proposed \$6,275

Included increase in street lights.

Total Cemetery Fund Proposed - \$6,250

Mayor Weeks asked for a motion for a 10 minute recess.

Resolved, to take a 10 minute recess.

MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY

APPROVED, AYES (5) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY, MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON AND PLEASANT. NOES (0)

Mayor called the meeting back to order at 7:40 pm.

Mr. Cole presented the Board with proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Revenues by Funds.

Discussion about tax base dropped due to the new building, WalMart and the old school building not in this budget.

The parks and recreation revenues and expenses were discussed at length and different suggestions what to do about the park.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley asked for a motion to be made to have another work session. Mayor Weeks called for a motion.

Resolved, to recess meeting to have another budget session.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY; SECOND: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON

**APPROVED, AYES (5) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY, MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON AND PLEASANT.
NOES (0)**

Mayor Weeks asked Mr. Cole to schedule for another work session and let the Board know of the date.

Mayor Weeks called closed session.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley asked the Board if we would put a plaque in the Library in memory of Mark Parrish.

Resolved, to put a plaque in the Town of Coats Library in memory of Mark Parrish.

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY; SECOND: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON

**APPROVED, AYES (5) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY, MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON AND PLEASANT.
NOES (0)**

Mayor Weeks told everyone that the Girl Scouts had invited them to Coats Baptist Church at 7:00 pm for food and entertainment tonight.

Tomorrow night at 7:00 pm State Representatives David Lewis and Senator Rabin.

Mayor Weeks also called meeting to be recessed after closed session, until May 23, 2013.

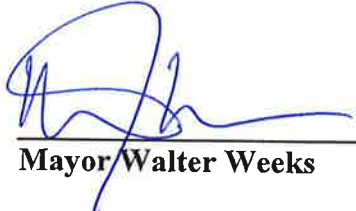
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**APPROVED, AYES (5) COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, BEASLEY, MOSBY, MAYOR PRO-TEM ROBINSON AND PLEASANT.
NOES (0)**

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Strickland, Interim Town Clerk



Mayor Walter Weeks