

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
September 12, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Coats Chamber of Commerce.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Walter Weeks, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson, Commissioner Don Pleasant, Commissioner J. C. Allen, Commissioner Allen Mosby, and Commissioner Jerry Beasley were in attendance.

Attorney Al Bain was present.

**III. CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Don Pleasant delivered the invocation. Mayor Weeks lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weeks asked to move item VI. Public Forum before item V. New Business: Tour of Coats Museum so we could adjourn the meeting in the museum.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER DON PLEASANT; SECOND BY: PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON**

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**B. Approval of Attorney Bill**  
**C. Review of Financial Statements**

Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to accept both Approval of Minutes and Approval of Attorney Bill, but remove and discuss the Financial Statements.

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

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

Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Cortney Kerns then explained the difference in the Financial Statement in the packages previously handed out, and the Financial Statement placed at their seats prior to the meeting. She explained why salaries were higher this month because of three pay periods instead of two, and she explained the revenues she added prior to the meeting. Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to approve the new Financial Statement.

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

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

**V. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

Town Manager Kenny Cole started off by informing the board about speed limit reductions within the town. Mr. Cole met with DOT last week about HWY 27 intersection. They did not agree to put caution lights in, however they did agree to reduce the speed limit gradually from 55-45-35 mph. Washington Street is not likely to reduce in speed, and Orange Street will be reducing to 35 mph. They will also begin looking into a sidewalk project in front of the IGA, extending down in front of Wal-mart. This will include landscaping. Mr. Cole had contact with four different vacant building owners, and they have all had positive responses about getting the buildings where they needed to be.

Public Works director Gary Denton stated that the State Inspection Public Water Supply Survey went great and there is no lead or copper in the water.

Police Chief Jeremy Hall went through the citations written, arrest made, reported incidents, cases cleared, and reported wrecks.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Collins stated that soccer is just beginning and they had a very nice turn out. Games will begin in October.

Rebecca Dallamura from the Library explained that the circulation percentage went up even with the new computers.

Mayor Walter Weeks summed up the reports by thanking the Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to hold our Town Meeting there.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Presentation of World Trade Center Relics: Commissioner Allen Mosby made a special presentation of three pieces of steel he gathered from the World Trade Centers after the 9/11/2001 attack. DH Griffin in Greensboro informed Commissioner Mosby they had steel pieces from Tower One of the World Trade Center, so on 8/22/13, Commissioner Mosby traveled to Greensboro to collect these relics from ground zero. It was his honor to present the town with such a value keepsake. The pieces of steel will be kept in the Town Hall building. Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson suggested we write her husband a thank you note. He was the one who informed the Town about these pieces in Greensboro. Dr. Linda Robinson has been encouraging the Town for months to collect these items, and Commissioner Allen Mosby got it done. Commissioner Allen Mosby suggests that we don't take this keepsake for granted and that we never forget the true meaning of the pieces of steel. Mayor Walter Weeks suggests we put together a committee who is in charge of incorporating these pieces of steel in town events. The committee will consist of two commissioners, Mayor Walter Weeks and Commissioner Allen Mosby as the President, a member from the Chamber of Commerce, and a Fire and Rescue Member. Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to establish this committee.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:  
COMMISSIONER DON PLEASANT**

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

B. Sale of Town Property. Mayor Walter Weeks explains we have had interest in the old Town Building but no proposal. Mr. Cole received a letter about a potential offer. No action has been taken; therefore there is not a motion for action. Mr. Cole explains we have sold two items on GovDeals.com, both the stove, and an old Impala Police Car. He also states that at the August 2013 meeting, the Board approved the sell of the Town Equipment. Town Manager Kenny Cole has placed approximately (4) 10'x10' office cubicles on GovDeal.com. Twenty four hours before the auction closed, Mr. Cole removed the cubicles due to low bidding. He suggest we set a minimum bid of \$400.00 for all four cubicles

**Resolved** to accept a minimum bid and place the cubicles back on GovDeals.com for auction.

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

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

#### **X. Public Forum**

Mayor Weeks opened the Public Forum.

A. Pat Godwin from Coats Chamber of Commerce: she handed out a flyer for Coats Farmer's Day 2013 October 11-12, 2013. She invited everyone to attend. She then explains the poster for Adam Kempf Memorial Fund, "Just Stop," and states that this poster is in all schools in Harnett County. She thanks everyone for attending the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Weeks closed the Public Forum.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Tour of the Coats Museum: As a group, the Mayor, Commissioners, Town Employees, and attendees of the Town Meeting went next door to Tour the Coats Museum. Facts were given about the crowd the museum has had and about the finances of the museum. Before the official tour started, Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

#### **XI. Adjourn**

Mayor Weeks ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Resolved** to adjourn the board meeting for September 12, 2013

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

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



Cortney Kerns, Town Clerk/Finance Officer



Mayor, Walter Weeks