

TOWN OF COATS

Board of Commissioners  
June 14, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on June 14, 2012 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

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

Attorney Stacy Weaver was present.

**III. CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting to order.

Mayor Weeks delivered the invocation and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Weeks asked that under New Business Item C to change Consider Conditional Use Public Hearing Date to Text Amendment Discussion.

**RESOLVED**, to approve Agenda as amended.

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

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Weeks asked that correction be made on the spelling of Official.

**RESOLVED**, to approve Item II.A-Minutes with correction to the spelling of Official, II.B-Attorney Bill, II.C- 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 ALLEN, PLEASANT, MOSBY AND BEASLEY. NOES (0)**

#### **V. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### Department Updates:

Town Manager Kenny Cole shared that the Town Newsletter went out and that there has been good response from the residents. Attorney Al Bain has completed the title work for the new property and this has been sent to USDA. Closing date should be a couple of weeks after USDA receives package from Mr. Bain. C.T. Clayton has all the specifications ready for bids to be sent out for any changes and/or repairs that were previously approved once we have closed with USDA. Ethics training went well with two (2) Board members participating. Mr. Cole will inform the other commissioners of future training dates. Mr. Cole informed the Board of the Chambers summer kick-off on June 21, 2012 at Smith Farms.

Police Department – Chief Jeremy Hall presented the Board with a fax from the N C Department of Revenue concerning the permissible uses of the Drug Fund Account (**reference #1**). Commissioner Beasley questioned how the account was managed and Chief Hall confirmed that this account is managed by the Town Hall and all checks received and expenditures are recorded by the Town Hall office. Town Clerk stated that this is managed by the clerks' office and is audited by the accounting firm and included on the financial report. Chief Hall reported the stats from May 9<sup>th</sup> through June 14, 2012 (**reference #2**).

Library – Librarian Rebecca DallaMura updated the Board of the June 9<sup>th</sup> Bee Keepers Association presentation at the Library and informed them of 32 new items added last month and about that amount so far this month.

Public Works – Gary Denton updated the Board of the delivery of the Town's Newsletter and the CCR report. Mr. Denton shared that he had received so many good comments concerning the newsletter. Sample reports are coming back with good results.

Recreation Department – Mike Collins report a total of 157 baseball games played this season. Mr. Collins informed the Board of the 4 day tournament beginning on June 23, 2012 which Coats has been selected to host. Area teams that will be involved in this district are Lillington, Dunn, Erwin, Wayne County and Coats. This could total around 175 games played this season. Monthly safety meetings continuing with all staff present.

Recreation Committee – Laura Weeks shared with the Board the topics of discussion:

1. Cutting and Sales of timber at the park. The committee recommended that this was not a good idea at this time.
2. No Smoking policy. Changes that Mike has put in place seem to be working well at this time.
3. No Pet policy
4. Advertising policy.
5. Concession stand fee for outside vendors.

Town Manager Kenny Cole informed the Board that the minutes from the Committees will be posted on the Town's web site. Mr. Cole also updated the Board about posting that have been placed on Govdeals. Mr. Cole shared the report that was prepared by the Town Clerk of the estimated revenues and expenditures. Mr. Cole shared that as it appears from our estimates that the Town will not be pulling funds out of reserves unless something comes up unexpected (**reference #3**).

## **V. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Discussion of Property Disposal.**

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested the Board to consider disposal of Town Property consisting of Vacant Lot on East Lemon Street, Delma Grimes Road Well site, Honeycutt Road Well site and present Town Hall at 237 North McKinley Street. Mr. Cole stated the method of disposal for the Town Hall first as sealed bids and second as auction which is the method directed by the Board. Mr. Cole informed the Board that seal bids require an adopted Town Resolution which will be presented at the next Board meeting. All sealed bids must be advertised with 30 days notice prior to bid openings. Mr. Cole informed the Board that conditions of sale can be included as long as the conditions' doesn't devalue the property.

Mayor Weeks stated that the concern is to assure that the purchaser of the present Town Hall be responsible in not leaving the building in disrepair.

Commissioner Jerry Beasley requested a copy of each lot, size and tax value.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Discussion of Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.**

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested the Board to review the Schedule of Fees for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Mr. Cole shared tax rate of 59 cents (.59), water, utilities and recreation fees will remain the same as last year with the exception of highlighted items. Correction on Golf Cart Registration should be \$15. Mr. Cole informed the Board that the changes include the reflection of fees pertaining to Video Gaming, Zoning Permit Fees, \$3.00 per month yard waste/furniture collection fee and a charge for copies (CD/DVD) of Town Board Meetings. Mr. Cole informed the Board that the Privilege License are set by State Statutes. Mr. Cole also presented a Schedule D (Exempt from Tax). Mr. Cole commented on the fee of Electronic Gaming Operation set at two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and a five hundred dollars (\$500) fee per machine (**reference #4**).

Mayor Weeks clarified with the Town Manager that all businesses that have existing gaming machines will fall under this Fee Schedule for 2012-2013 privilege license.

Chief Jeremy Hall confirmed that at the present time there are no Internet Sweepstakes operating in the Town.

B. Consider Award of Paving Bids.

Public Works Director Gary Denton requested the consideration of awarding bids for street paving of East Washington Street(from Isabella to Lincoln Street), Intersection on Mason and Durane Street, East Erwin Street(Orange to Mason Street) and Denise Street(399 Denise Street to end). Mr. Denton informed the Board of needed curb work on Whippoorwill Drive and requested consideration of warding bids for this repair.

**RESOLVED**, to accept bid from Johnson Brothers Utility Paving in the amount of forty one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$41,750) and Terry's Trucking and Paving in the amount of seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$7,100).

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

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

C. Text Amendment Discussion:

Town Manager Kenny Cole requested the Board to consider Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinances allowing Government and Civic uses as "Use Permitted" as opposed to the current "Conditional Use" in the MUV District. Mr. Cole requested a public hearing date of July 12, 2012 to amend the zoning ordinances (**reference # 5**).

**RESOLVED**, to set Public Hearing date of July 12, 2012 to amend the zoning ordinances.

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

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Weeks opened the floor for comments concerning the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

Hearing none Mayor Weeks closed Public Hearing.

**VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Weeks opened Public Forum.

Hearing none Mayor Weeks closed Public Forum.

**X. RECESS:**


**RESOLVED**, to recess meeting to June 21, 2012 at 7 pm.

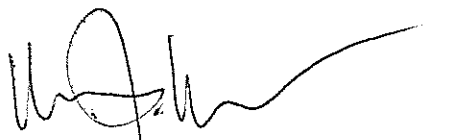
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**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, PLEASANT, MOSBY AND BEASLEY. NOES (0)**

Mayor Weeks called meeting recessed at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Karen Wooten, Town Clerk

  
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Walter Weeks, Mayor