

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2016**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Kosem, Blackwell, Callahan, and Kellis. Commissioner Mosley was absent.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the agenda. All were in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report for August 2016
3. Police Report for August 2016

C. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business:

D. Water Treatment Plant

The Board discussed the possibility of taking back ownership of the water treatment plant in town. Phillip Boles had come in to Town Hall and asked the Clerk if the town would like to have the water treatment plant back. There is someone interested in purchasing the property. Mayor Callahan stated he will contact Randy Gould and Phillip Boles regarding this issue and report back to the Board.

New Business:

E. Flagpole Donation

Town Clerk reported to the Board that Phil Keith wants to make a donation of \$200.00 to the Town towards the purchase of a flagpole for the Memorial Park. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to accept the donation and to use money in Deferred Revenue for the park to purchase the flagpole and flag to be installed. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to approve. All were in favor.

F. Alma Street Subdivision Street Lighting

Town Clerk reported to the Board that Duke Energy Progress is inquiring about street lighting for Phase I of the new subdivision on Alma Street. Scott Caddell with Caviness Land Development attended meeting to help answer questions by the board. The Board was given the choice of paying a one-time underground service charge of \$521.00 per light or pay a monthly charge of \$3.37 per light in addition to the pole charge of \$2.71 each per month and light fixture charge of \$10.96 each per month. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve nine street lights and chose the payment plan to pay the underground service charge monthly. The total monthly charge for the new street lights will be \$164.10 including tax. All were in favor.

G. Update To Code of Ordinances

Town Clerk presented to Board the estimate from Municode Corp. to update the Town Code of Ordinances to add new ordinances adopted since 2009 for an estimated cost of \$1,200.00. Commissioner Kosem requested that Town Clerk have Kathy Liles, consultant to review Ordinances. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to table item until the review could be done. All were in favor.

H. Buddy Bench Project

Town Clerk presented to the Board a request by Mark Wagner, Parks & Recreation of Pinehurst to participate in the Buddy Bench Project. This project would be to accept a bench donated in honor of Thomas Embrey III to be placed at the Sandy Ramey Keith Park. The Board was also asked to choose a color of either green or red for the bench. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the bench project and green for the color of the bench. All were in favor.

I. Recycling Dumpster

The recycling dumpster outside Town Hall is becoming a problem. The police have been checking license tags and there are a lot of "out of town" people using the dumpster. There have also been a lot of non-recyclables being placed in the container and trash being left on the outside on the ground. Mayor Callahan asked Town Clerk to verify with Republic Services that removing the dumpster would not be a breach of contract. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to remove the dumpster. All were in favor.

J. Flail Blade For Tractor

Commissioner Kosem and Andy Layton talked to Board about cleaning up the roadsides in Town. They propose to the Board to approve the purchase of a flail blade for the tractor. Andy would like to propose to use approximately (\$14,000) of the (\$20,000) budgeted for a dump truck and use for purchasing a flail blade. He stated he could delay purchasing a dump truck for a few more years. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the purchase of a flail blade. All were in favor.

K. Code Enforcement Update – Chief Beck

Chief Beck reported to the Board they have handled eight occurrences and have been in contact with residents to get these resolved. The Board discussed issues on different properties in Town. Chief Beck suggested letters to be sent to residents to make them aware the Police are now handling Code Enforcement.

Recess

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to recess meeting. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk