

TOWN OF WEBSTER

Minutes for October 5, 2016 Board Meeting



The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Webster met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 1411 Webster Road. Mayor Tracy Rodes called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Billie Bryson, Commissioner Allan Grant, Commissioner Danell Moses, Commissioner Larry Phillips, Commissioner Leigh Anne Young, and Mayor Tracy Rodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Will Morgan, Michele Smith, Louise Stephens

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mayor Rodes asked to add Old Business item 2: Halloween Schedule. Moses asked to add New Business items 1: Council Stipends and 2. Shirts.

MOTION: Commissioner Grant motioned to approve agenda as amended; Commissioner Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the September council meeting were presented for review. Commissioner Bryson said that “low enforcement” should read “law enforcement.”

MOTION: Commissioner Phillips motioned to approve the September meeting minutes as amended; Commissioner Grant seconded. Motion carried.

Informal Comments by Public

Louise Stephens commented that the decorations made Town Hall look friendlier.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Report

Danell Moses presented the end-of-month reconciliation and budget report for September 2016:

Beginning town fund balance per August report:	\$136,934.99
Deposits	5,594.60
Cleared expenditures totaled	10,404.23
Checking cleared balance Macon	79,611.37
Macon CD 12	25,034.28
Macon CD 48	37,142.49
Ending town fund balance	\$141,788.14

- Moses indicated Ad Valorem line would be broken into personal and real estate taxes on future budget reports. Smith said that the titles should be Ad Valorem (for real estate) and Personal Property (for vehicles).
- Commissioner Bryson said “remaining amounts” for Council Stipends and Repair Funds lines did not show.
- Commissioner Phillips asked how often QuickBooks was updated. Moses indicated a new iteration is released yearly: she updates every two years.

MOTION: Commissioner Phillips provided a motion to approve the financial report and Commissioner Grant provided a second. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Rodes' Report

- a. She asked who was attending the Joint Commissioners Meeting. Council members attending will be Bryson, Phillips, Moses, and Rodes.
Confusion had arisen because Jan Fitzgerald had emailed both Rodes, commissioners, and Moses.
- b. Rodes will open on Halloween to set up at 5. Phillips will come at 5. Moses will come for 6:30 p.m. and close around 8. Safe Kids will set up in front of Town Hall. Commissioner Young mentioned we should ask Ms. Davis if she'd like to participate.



- c. Mrs. Kent had called to say the noise had started again. She believes the noise is coming from Duke Power lines or TWASA plant noise. Her daughter, Dr. Ange, corroborated her story. Rodes suggested that she call Jon Jelenewski.
- d. The tax office had sent a check to PO Box 7 instead of Box 1. Moses and Young reported the incident to the Post Office. Moses said she didn't have any other issues and receives all other county mail to Box 1. Commissioner Phillips mentioned that when he visited the Post Office now the fragrance would knock your hat off and the mail handler was on the phone talking about her "horrible boss." He said he was going to mention the issue to the Sylva Post Master.
- e. She called the Sheriff Hall but has not heard back. She also asked about the lighting for Halloween.
- f. She has not received a quote for sidewalk repair from Parker yet: she said that it was going to be very expensive. Commissioner Phillips said that we should only replace the sections that are totally gone. Commissioner Bryson said it should not be our responsibility to fix issues that are caused by UPS, Fed Ex, and Duke Energy trucks. Commissioner Young asked if the disturbance would continue and if it would get more cracked up by next year. Commissioner Phillips indicated some of the cracks are significant. He said some are totally disintegrated into gravel. He said about 21 sections need some level of repair. Most of the sections are the oldest; some curbing is gone as well. Mayor Rodes asked that commissioners walk down the sidewalk and see what they would like to do regarding repairs.
- g. Clarified that if a legal question arises, the mayor should call the attorney. Board members call the mayor to pursue legal counsel. If the issue regards the mayor, the board member should contact the vice-mayor.
- h. Indicated she had read some legislation updates from federal and state levels including HB2, new rules regarding passing bicyclists, and zoning.
- i. Provided Smith with a confusing email from Jon Jelenewski regarding the one-acre ordinance. She informed him that fill dirt was being brought in on Buchanan Loop and should not be permitted for building and asked that we always be informed when new permits were issued.

Council Member's Reports

- Commissioner Moses NCLM is having a small cell wireless forum and she will get access for the webinar. She will let the board know so they can watch on their own or arrange a watch party.
- Moses got sample shirts to show the board since it was discussed during the annual planning meeting. Shirts run from \$22 to \$25 for polos and button downs. Set up for embroidery would be extra. Board members were not interested.
- Moses also told the board that SCC Professor Bucky Dann's Social Problems class will host Jane Higgs and Sam Davis on October 11. Joe Sam Queen and Mike Clampitt will debate on October 25. Students prepare and ask questions with Dann acting as the moderator.

OLD BUSINESS

1) We Love Webster event

- a. Moses said she had talked to John Faulk and he would be glad to work up a menu. She will call the Senior Center to find out available dates in February.

2) Halloween Schedule

- a. Rodes and Phillips will work from 5-6:30. Moses will work from 6:30-8.
- b. Phillips said that he would ask his daughter in law to come take some snapshots.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Council Stipends

- a. After speaking to several payroll professionals, the suggestion was to go with invoices from council members. Checks will be issued accordingly after the W-4 is filled out and returned. Each council member will be responsible for their own taxes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Grant motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bryson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Tracy Rodes, Mayor

Danell Moses, Town Clerk