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MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Samuel Hardwick called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Youngsville Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Hardwick gave invocation. In attendance were Commissioners Catherine Redd, Leelan Woodlief, Graham Stallings, Marvin Roberts, and Joseph Johnson. Also in attendance were Town/Zoning Administrator Brenda Robbins, Deputy Town Clerk Emily Hurd, Administrative Assistant Kathryn Tucker, Town Attorney Pete Tomlinson, and Chief Daren Kirts. Representatives from The Franklin Times and The Wake Weekly were also present.

The first item on the agenda was citizens' comments. Fletcher Palmer asked if anyone was allowed to come to the Board Meetings even if they lived out of town and Mayor Hardwick stated yes and explained that the Commissioners were elected by the residents of the Town to represent them. He explained that they are there to make the best decisions for the residents. Mayor Hardwick explained that information came from the residents that spoke with their Commissioners or went to Town Hall and spoke with the employees there. Any information given to Town Hall is passed along to the Board. All the information received from all sources is used for the Board to make the best decision for all residents. Carolyn Palmer asked if they voted with the residents in mind and Mayor Hardwick stated that all votes are made with the best interests for all residents. Mrs. Palmer stated that it seemed like it was only what the Commissioners thought was best instead of the residents. She explained that the meetings were the same every month with very few residents showing up. Commissioner Roberts stated that he felt the residents thought they were doing things the right way. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Board could only work with the information that it is given. If the citizens don't come then the Board has to base its vote on the information that they have.

The next item on the agenda was the financial report. There was no comment.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

The motion was made by Commissioner Woodlief and was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. It passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was New Business. The first item under New Business was a rate increase from Franklin County Public Utilities. Robbins explained that Town Hall had received information from Franklin County Public Utilities about their rate increase. They were going up \$.70 on water and \$.58 on sewer. The recommended rate increase for Youngsville was \$.70 for water and \$.60 for sewer. Robbins explained that the Town normally passed on the increase from FCPU to the customers. Hurd explained that the sewer rate needed to be rounded up to make it easier to program the computer.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE INCREASE FOR WATER RATES AS \$.70 AND SEWER RATES AS \$.60.

The motion was made by Commissioner Roberts and was seconded by Commissioner Woodlief. It passed unanimously.

The second item under New Business was a discussion on an exchange of property with Jim Moss. Robbins explained that she had contacted the North Carolina League of Municipalities to see if this would be legal and what procedure would need to be followed. She stated that first the Town would need to adopt a resolution of intent and set a Public Hearing for August 12th. Robbins showed the map and explained which parcel belonged to the Town and which one belonged to Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss would be unable to develop the land that he currently owns due to a creek and power lines. However, if we were to swap properties, it would benefit both the Town and Mr. Moss. The property that the Town would receive would open up more storage area for the Town as well as a possibility of expanding the Franklin County lift station that is beside the property in question. Mr. Moss would benefit with the ability to build possibly two houses on that property which would also benefit the Town with additional tax money. Robbins stated that any cost related to this transfer of property would be paid for by Mr. Moss. Commissioner Woodlief stated that it was more acreage for the Town and we could use it better than Mr. Moss could. However, he wanted more time to study the proposal.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE AND JIM MOSS.

The motion was made by Commissioner Woodlief and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. The motion passed unanimously.

The third item under New Business was a discussion of a Yard Sale Ordinance. Robbins stated that she had done some research online for neighboring towns but the closest town that had one that resembled what Youngsville was interested in was Elkin. She stated that Tomlinson had taken a look at it and had made some modifications. The ordinance would read 2 sales per year with a permit each time from the town that would include a permit fee of \$5.00 each to cover the time of town employees. Katie Murray asked if the yard sales were permitted, would there be sales tax added and the answer was no. Mrs. Palmer stated that she had a few problems with the ordinance. First, was that only one individual didn't want weekly yard sales so an ordinance was done to tell residents that they can only have yard sales twice a year. Robbins stated that one of the reasons behind the ordinance was to help keep the residents from leaving the items out all week. She stated that it looks bad. Mrs. Palmer stated that it just felt wrong that the whole town be punished for one person. Mayor Hardwick stated that the ordinance would also help to keep the problem from growing. Mrs. Palmer stated that her neighbor had junk in their yard but there was nothing being done about that. Mayor Hardwick stated that the ordinance may not be perfect but the Town had to start somewhere. Any ordinance can be changed if it does not suit the Town's needs. Commissioner Stallings stated that Mrs. Palmer was correct in some areas. He stated that the intent for the ordinance was not to clean up. He stated that the approach was going in the wrong direction. Mrs. Palmer stated that she understood the problem of junky yards, where people start with a yard sale

and what doesn't sell just stays in the yard. Mayor Hardwick stated that if there was a complaint about any issues with yards or something else, the residents can bring those complaints to Town Hall and they can help to resolve those problems. Mayor Hardwick explained that there were other requirements to the ordinance than just the part about clearing out the items. He stated that there were consequences and accountability for the residents that had yard sales. Commissioner Woodlief stated that maybe it should be tabled for a month or two to let the Police Department check into the yard sales. Robbins explained that without the ordinance the Police Department had no power to regulate yard sales. Commissioner Woodlief stated that the Commissioners could go speak with the residents about their yards. He stated that he's spoken with some of the property owners in his section of town and has mostly worked on getting the problems resolved. Mayor Hardwick stated that it would take everyone's effort to help keep the town clean.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE ADOPTION OF THE YARD SALE ORDINANCE FOR 1 MONTH

The motion was made by Commissioner Stallings and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. It passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Reports and Other Business. Mayor Hardwick stated that WQDR would be at McDonalds from 6-10am to help raise money for UNC Children's Hospital. He also stated that the temperatures were getting extremely high, for people to stay indoors and try to stay cool and hydrated. He stated to water the yards as little as possible and keep a check out for leaks to help maintain a lower water bill. Mayor Hardwick mentioned that Lyme Disease has been found in local areas and to keep a check on ticks. If you start to feel bad after a tick bite, please seek medical help as soon as possible. Mayor Hardwick also stated that the High Speed Railroad was having their Public Hearing on July 29th at 7pm at the Franklinton High School gym. There would also be an open house from 5-7pm where the DOT personnel would be able to answer questions. He stated that this was the time for everyone to express their concerns and desires for the Youngsville area.

Commissioner Stallings asked about 104 W. Franklin Street. He stated that the grass was getting really high. Hurd stated that the owner had been sent a grass cutting notice that would be due this coming weekend. When asked about 213 S. Nassau Street by Ms. Murray, Hurd stated that she thought that one had a grass notice as well and if not, she would send one out.

Mrs. Palmer asked about how the Board voted on things. She stated that it seemed like the residents had no say in the vote. Mayor Hardwick explained that the Commissioners tried to stay in touch with the people of Youngsville and Town Hall to get information, some of the information even comes from people approaching them in stores and restaurants. Once the Commissioners have the information provided by Town Hall and the residents, they do the best they can to make decisions that's best for everyone in town. He stated that even though they do the best they can, they may not always be right. He explained that the Commissioners are voted by the people to make those decisions for them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.