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## **MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 13, 2011**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

### **YOUNGSVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

Mayor Samuel Hardwick called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Youngsville Board of Commissioners to order at 7:49 pm, immediately after the Public Hearing. Mayor Hardwick gave invocation. In attendance were Commissioners Catherine Redd, Graham Stallings, Marvin Roberts, Leelan Woodlief and Joseph Johnson. Also in attendance were Interim Town Administrator Bill Tatum, Town Clerk / Tax Collector 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 citizen's comments. Linda Jones, Kimberly Lane, stated that she has lived in Youngsville for 16 years and recently had a water issue. She stated that her water bill was four times the normal amount and she rarely goes over the minimum. She stated that she worked 64 – 82 hours a week and is rarely home, even on weekends she's not home. Ms. Jones stated that she has one roommate who has been there since her father died. She stated that she has been back and forth with the Town about this bill because she had a plumber come out and has never had a problem that she could think of with Youngsville until now. She stated that called the Town and stated that she did get a little bit excited due to the high bill and she did want to apologize for that. Ms. Jones stated that Tatum had raised his voice to her and stated that she had taken up enough of his employees time and she understood that but she had taken up quite a bit of her time on this as well. She stated that she was excitable due to the situation and apologize again for it but stated that Tatum used poor customer service and was very rude. She stated that all she wanted to do was fix her problem, not argue about it. She stated that she had someone check out and they found no leaks, even in the walls. When she requested a new meter, one was put in. Then she stated that she did want someone to come out and reread the meter since she didn't know how to make sure that the problem had been taken care of. She stated that she called the Mayor and he stated that he would have someone call her and no one called her. She stated that she wanted the Town to keep a check on it and she did go out and read the meter 4 times herself. She stated that she took the numbers so that someone could tell her if she was going to end up with another high bill. She stated that there have been no more problems. She stated that the meter had been sent off and tested fine and she accepted this. From her understanding that the older meter is the slower it turns. She stated that she did not expect the meter to come back bad. Ms. Jones stated that she has not fixed anything at her house but she no longer seems to have a problem. She stated that nothing was running or leaking and now that there is a new meter, her readings have gone back to normal. She stated that she didn't understand and she feels that she shouldn't have to pay this bill. Ms. Jones stated that if something was her fault she would pay for it but since there has been no problem found she feels that she shouldn't have to. She stated that she pays for everything that

she has and works hard for it. She stated that she's a single person that's working for her household and she doesn't ask for anything from anybody. Ms. Jones stated that she was just asking for help on this. Mayor Hardwick stated that he spoke with her on the phone; he explained that the Town would have the meter tested. He explained that they were tested by an independent company so that we receive an honest report on the function of the meter. He stated that the meter was good per the report and he can't explain why she had a high bill but the meter shows that there was water being used. He stated that anything before the meter is the Town's responsibility and it does not show on the meter. There is no control by the Town for what happens after the meter. He clarified with Hurd that the agreement was for Ms. Jones to pay the minimum bill until the meter test results came back. Ms. Jones stated she wanted help understanding why she should be responsible paying for something that she states she did not use. She reiterated that there were no problems at her house, no leaks at all and the meter shows normal consumption. Mayor Hardwick stated that the only way the Town can judge it is by what goes through the meter and Ms. Jones stated that she understood. She stated again that there were no leaks or anything and Mayor Hardwick stated that he can't explain what happens to the water after it goes through the meter. Ms. Jones repeated 10,000 gallons of water would have been seen. Mayor Hardwick asked if she had been out of the house for any extended period of time and Ms. Jones stated yes, she was out of town for 10 days. Mayor Hardwick asked if there had been an opportunity for something to have been running while she was gone and she stated no. She explained that she dead bolted her bedroom door which closed off the master bath and nothing was running when she got back. She stated that her roommate of four years was at the house while she was gone and told her that nothing had run while she was gone. Ms. Jones explained that her roommate worked as well and it was impossible for them to have used that much. She stated that if she had used it she would pay for it but if nothing has been fixed then she doesn't understand why her consumption was that high. Mayor Hardwick explained that at this point in time, the water has gone through that meter. He stated that the meter was reading correctly per the test results and it shows that the amount of gallons has gone through that meter. Ms. Jones stated that it was impossible and Mayor Hardwick stated that it was not leaking at this point but it did go through the meter and was therefore used in some way. He repeated the explanation that if the water went through the meter it was her responsibility to pay for it. He suggested that she come by Town Hall to discuss taking care of payment. Ms. Jones stated that she understands what Mayor Hardwick was saying but if there was a problem at some point there should still be a problem since nothing was corrected. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Board can't know what's happening in someone's home, all the Board can judge is what the meter tells them and this meter was saying that the water was used. Ms. Jones repeated that she had lived here for 17 years and at one point she had 4 people living in the house and still did not use this much water. She stated that if you look at her record, her bill has never been high before. If she had a problem, then she would have had to fix it in order for the readings to be back to normal but she has not fixed anything at this point so there seems to be no problem. Mayor Hardwick stated that she should come by Town Hall on Monday and see what could be worked out. Ms. Jones stated again that she felt that this is totally her responsibility she did understand that it was also not the Town's responsibility either. Mayor Hardwick stated again that they can discuss it on Monday at Town Hall. Linda Aronson, Kimberly Lane, stated that there was no swimming pool or hot tub at their house, they only wash clothes twice a week and they do not host parties. She stated that she paid the water bill each month and it's never above \$70.00. She stated that people

that are on strict incomes can't afford water bills like this. She stated that she didn't know where the water went but she was at the house every day and she doesn't know where it could have gone.

The next item on the agenda was the financial report. Tatum stated that the Town broke even in September. He stated that everything still looks solid until around April or May of next year.

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 Redd and was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. It passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Old Business. The first item under Old Business was a discussion of Powell Bill monies and sidewalk/road maintenance. Hurd stated that this had been tabled in the spring to be brought back up at the October meeting on how to spend the money on either repairs, paving or sidewalks. She explained that legislation this year changed how the Powell Bill money was distributed. It now comes in two payments (October and January) instead of one lump sum payment. Hurd stated that the October payment was \$17,362.00 which leaves a total \$41,416 in the Powell Bill account. She did state that the quote for the sidewalks approved back in the spring was for \$19,000. Hurd stated that she had mentioned before that the railroad crossing at Pine Street needed to be repaired and that a resident had come in asking about repairs on the sidewalk on Main Street. Hurd explained that there were two places that needed to be fixed as they were no longer safe. The first is on West Main Street in front of the trailers needed to be repaired. He stated that he could not get his wheelchair across that portion of sidewalk so he had to go out into Main Street and all that traffic to get to the Variety Pic Up. The second place that needed to be replaced was on East Main Street by the florist. She explained that the gentleman stated that area was too steep for his wheelchair. It activated his anti-tip mechanism. Mayor Hardwick asked if the maintenance guys could do these repairs and Hurd stated that they could probably level out the slope but she didn't think they would be able to do the repairs on the West Main Street issue. Commissioner Johnson asked if we had quotes on these repairs and Hurd stated no. Commissioner Redd asked what the \$19,000 quote was already approved for and Hurd explained that was for the sidewalk from Wilco Hess at the corner of West Main Street and North College Street to the entrance of the 400 block of North College Street. Commissioner Redd asked which side and Hurd stated on the East side. Hurd stated that there was already some sidewalk in that area and we would connect to those areas. Commissioner Redd asked where it would end and Hurd stated that it would stop where it split. Commissioner Redd asked about at the Wilco Hess and Hurd stated that it had been decided at the time to just use their parking lot instead of paving a sidewalk there. Commissioner Redd stated that she felt that downtown sidewalks were important even at the gas stations so that people can walk to the Luddy Park and places like that. Commissioner Redd stated that she did want to make sure to fix those areas on the sidewalks. She stated that there were no sidewalks on the North side of West Main Street which is preventing the Town from getting crosswalks. Hurd stated that this was because of ADA regulations. Commissioner Redd stated that from here on, the Town needed to

make sure that everything did conform to ADA regulations so the Town wouldn't have to backtrack and fix things to become ADA compliant at a later date. Commissioner Redd stated that she wanted to just focus on sidewalks in the area of West Main Street and from the Luddy Park towards 5 Points. Hurd clarified that the Board had already voted on the sidewalk from 5 Points to the 400 block of North College Street so that did not need to be voted on at this time. Hurd stated that she did need a motion to do the Pine Street repair as well as the repairs on the two places of sidewalks. Commissioner Redd agreed.

**MOTION: TO MAKE THE REPAIRS ON THE PINE STREET CROSSING AND THE TWO AREAS OF SIDEWALK REPAIR**

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

The next item on the agenda was New Business. The first item under New Business was the Special Use Application by Amidon for 409 Northbrook Drive. Commissioner Stallings asked when they started testing live rounds and Mr. Davidson stated that it was around January of 2010 with limited testing. Commissioner Stallings stated that he agreed with one of the gentlemen from the Public Hearing, that this Board was at fault. He stated that this should never have been allowed in the first place. Commissioner Stallings asked if they were still testing and Mr. Davidson stated that in the past 120 days they have stopped testing pending this Special Use Application. Commissioner Stallings asked why they stopped and Mr. Davidson stated that they stopped when the Town told them to. Larry Pritchett, Youngsville Zoning Enforcement Officer, stated that he went out to investigate and told them to cease fire until the Special Use Application had been approved. He stated that it seemed to be a failure in communication between Franklin County, the Town of Youngsville and Amidon. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Town started looking into it when we received complaints. Commissioner Redd asked if they hadn't fired in 120 days, how come the Board was just getting their Special Use Permit. Mr. Davidson stated that they did the application in July and also they wanted to go ahead and order the suppressors, which is a 90 day process with the ATF. He stated that they should have the new suppressors in 30 days. Commissioner Redd asked that even after the get the suppressors weren't they going to do something else that might take up to a 150 days and Mr. Davidson explained that the only other things that they would do would be to construct the concrete wall and put in the shooting platform. Commissioner Redd asked if they have already submitted the applications to the ATF and Mr. Davidson stated yes. He explained that they were now waiting on the ATF to act on those applications. They cannot purchase the suppressors until they have final approval from the ATF. He stated that they have already paid for them since they have to be special made and they are expecting that approval soon. He stated that they would not resume production and testing until they got those suppressors in but they do have orders coming up that they will need to fill. Mr. Davidson stated that they would need to start within the next 30 – 45 days in order to be able to fill those orders. Commissioner Roberts asked if they had another location and Mr. Davidson stated that they did not nor has there ever been another location in the area. Commissioner Redd asked if they could answer why they moved their facility to Youngsville from Zebulon and Mr. Davidson stated that they never had a production facility in Zebulon. He explained that they only had offices in Zebulon which were adjacent to the private home of Mr. Amidon. He stated that they

have always produced their blocks here in Youngsville. He stated that they got their first order in the fall of 2009 and had to get a license from the Army Corp of Engineers to produce this type of material. They did their first testing in early 2010. Mayor Hardwick asked who at Franklin County they spoke with that told them it was ok to fire weapons in this area or what department and Mr. Davidson stated that they had verbal communication with both the Franklin County Sherriff's Office and the Franklin County Office but he did not know who their employee spoke with. Mayor Hardwick asked if anyone had gotten in writing that it was fine to do that type of testing and Mr. Davidson stated that they did not. Mr. Woodlief asked why they chose this area and Mr. Davidson stated that they chose Youngsville because the concrete provider that they had worked with was already established here and it was logical for them to move into that facility. Commissioner Johnson stated that he had an issue with the fact that the residents living in that area had no idea about what was going on at this facility. He stated that common courtesy should have had them checking with the neighbors before firing that first shot. He stated that he felt there should have been some effort on the company's part to let the neighborhood know what was going on even though it was not required. Mr. Davidson stated that knowing now how things turned out that they would have done it differently. Mr. Davidson stated that he is trying to address all of these issues. Commissioner Johnson asked if there would be the opportunity for the residents to come out and see how things work at this facility and Mr. Davidson stated that the residents have not been able to go through. Mayor Hardwick asked if there were any restriction in place that would prohibit this and Mr. Davidson stated that there were not. He said that all they would see right now is an empty yard. Commissioner Johnson stated that as of right now, all anyone could see was diagrams on paper. He felt that everyone would agree that if this helped soldiers, he was all for it but it also had to be at the safety of the residents. Even if there was not a high probability but there was always a chance and Mayor Hardwick agreed. Mayor Hardwick stated that most of the people at the meeting did not live inside of city limits but their livelihood was affected by the decisions that this Board makes. Mayor Hardwick stated that what this Board wants to do is maintain the lifestyle that the residents moved to Youngsville for. Mr. Davidson stated that he understood and that is what their company wants as well. He stated that he could show people the facility and what they plan to make things better so there is no errant fire. He explained that it has not been built yet as they don't want to spend the money until they know if they will be able to continue testing on site. Commissioner Redd clarified that they had already gone through considerable expense ordering the suppressors. She stated that she was confused. Everything sounded good to her; it showed that they were working towards making things better; however, the lack of measuring decibels makes it seem as if they don't care. She stated that some of the things that they have said seem to contradict themselves. Commissioner Redd stated that if they were concerned about the residents' complaints that they would have purchased a decibel meter and gone to one of the closest residence to check and see how loud it was. Commissioner Redd stated that as is there is no way that she would pass this without at least going out there and testing the sound. Mr. Davidson stated that they could go out and buy a decibel meter, but that there was already louder equipment out there, and he felt like there should be a decibel limit for all businesses out at that park instead of just theirs. Commissioner Johnson asked if there was a way to test indoors and Mr. Davidson stated that he feels like they have come up with a plan that has addressed the issues especially in a Medium Industrial setting. He stated that they had taken more safety precautions than the average hunter and Mayor Hardwick stated that the average hunter only made one shot but Mr. Davidson countered

that their shooters were trained marksmen with an angle of fire limiter when hunters were not. Mayor Hardwick stated that he was impressed that once we had sent the inspector out there, Amidon had stepped up to help both the Town and the residents. However, he stated that there were two main issues, the first being the noise level near the horses. He explained that it was a hazard with children taking riding lessons. If the horse spooks due to noise with a child on its back could be very dangerous. The second issue is the fear. He stated that everyone is afraid that one bullet will leave the property and hurt someone. Mayor Hardwick stated that there's the possibility of a child sneaking into an area where they shouldn't be and possibly getting hurt. He stated that he didn't want to take that chance. Mayor Hardwick asked if tabled, would Amidon take the citizens out and show them what they plan to do and what it sounds like up close. This may help to relieve some of the questions and concerns. Mr. Davidson stated that they would be willing to do that. Mayor Hardwick stated that he felt the citizens would like to see how they were firing and that he felt the Board would be willing to allow that time frame. Mr. Davidson stated that they would do what the Board asks. He stated that the big cost item was the wall, though it could be built quickly. He asked for time to figure out how to do this presentation and they would need the presentation. He stated that once they had the logistics figured out he would get in touch with the Board and get a presentation set up. Commissioner Stallings asked how many employees they had and Mr. Davidson stated that they had 5 when they started in January 2010 and are up to 31 total employees with 15 of them on site in Youngsville. Commissioner Stallings asked how many live in the area and Mr. Davidson stated that one of their employees is moving into Franklin County, he stated that he lived in Wakefield and the Amidon's were looking to move into the area as well. He stated that they did expect to grow and employ more people as time goes on. He stated that they have a short term lease and the outcome of this application will depend on if they extend that or not. Commissioner Stallings asked who owned the property and Mr. Davidson stated that it was owned by Hazard Group which is a real estate holding group. Commissioner Redd asked if they continued to grow, would they stay in the same facility or would they have to move and Mr. Davidson stated that they would stay in the same facility since there was plenty of additional acreage for them to grow.

**MOTION: TO DENY THE SPECIAL USE APPLICATION FOR AMIDON AT 409 NORTHBROOK DRIVE**

The motion was made by Commissioner Woodlief. Tomlinson stated that it could not be denied until the full hearing had been completed.

**CORRECTED MOTION: TABLE UNTIL THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING THE SPECIAL USE APPLICATION FOR AMIDON AT 409 NORTHBROOK DRIVE**

The motion was made by Commissioner Woodlief and seconded by Commissioner Roberts. It passed unanimously. Mayor Hardwick asked what was out of order about the motion and Tomlinson stated that the Board had to work under the guidelines of the Zoning Ordinance with statutory requirements. Once the application has been received and gone before the Planning Board, then it goes before the Board of Commissioners with a Public Hearing and a full evidentiary hearing before the Board of Commissioners can make a decision on the application. He explained that there were questions that

needed to be answered and voted on. Commissioner Redd asked what part of the full hearing has not yet been done and Tomlinson stated that we had not yet had the formal hearing only the Public Hearing. He explained that this would be like a trial with sworn testimony. Tomlinson stated that there would an opportunity for cross examination. Mayor Hardwick asked if we needed to do that tonight or could they do that next month and Tomlinson stated that it could be done at a later date. Commissioner Redd asked if this had to be done for all Special Use Applications and Tomlinson stated yes. When asked why we didn't do this for Panic Point, Tomlinson stated that the permit for Panic Point was a temporary one. Mayor Hardwick clarified that if we tabled until the next month's meeting, then we would have the hearing where we go through the procedure, then the Board can either approve or deny the application. Tomlinson did state to Mr. Davidson that they would want to get things scheduled to help further their cause and he responded that was their intent at this point. Tomlinson stated that everyone should give their information to the ladies at Town Hall so that when the presentation was set up, the ladies could contact everyone to let them know the date and time. Hurd clarified that the Board Meeting next month would be located at the Community House as well since there will be a significant amount of people again.

The second item under New Business was corrective changes to the Town of Youngsville Ordinance book. Commissioner Redd stated that she and Commissioner Stallings have been working on them. She stated that she wanted to work on sign ordinances next as she's heard that Youngsville Elementary is saving up for a digital sign.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE ORDINANCE BOOK**

The motion was made by Commissioner Johnson. Tomlinson stated that you could not approve the changes in one motion; each change will need to be voted on. Commissioner Johnson rescinded his motion.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.001**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.008**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.201.1**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO  
ORDINANCE 1.204**

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

Commissioner Redd stated that 1.301 was a question and not a change. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Board could skip over that one. Commissioner Redd stated that the Board needed to make sure that they did look at them before voting on them to make sure that the questions have been answered. She stated that her question for 1.201.1 was how and when did the Mayor Pro-tem get appointed and for how long. Mayor Hardwick suggested that since the Board has to vote on each one individually, maybe they needed to do them in smaller sections from here on out each month. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Board needed to go through and make suggestions for changes that had questions. He suggested that everyone needed to look these through and make their suggestions and changes before the Board Meeting. He stated that everything from 1.301 and further needed to be gone through and brought back before the Board next month. He stated that typos could be changed immediately. Hurd clarified that typos should not be on this list as they could be changed without motions. Commissioner Redd stated that a lot of the changes were small clarifications and stated that she has already taken these ordinances and looked them over for the changes but only a few still had questions about them. When asked if some of these have been voted on before, Hurd stated that some of the changes basically removed the older rules and regulations that were still in the Ordinance Book. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Board could go through most of them tonight then.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO  
ORDINANCE 1.302, SECTION 1**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO  
ORDINANCE 1.302, SECTION 2 AND 3**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO  
ORDINANCE 1.402**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO  
ORDINANCE 1.405**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES 1.501, 1.502, 1.503, 1.503.1, 1.503.2, 1.503.3, 1.503.4**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.601, SECTION 1**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.601, SECTION 2**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.601, SECTION 3**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTINOAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 1.601, SECTION 4**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 2.107**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 2.107.1**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO ORDINANCE 4.301**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES 5.202 THROUGH 5.204.3**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES TO  
ORDINANCE 6.100**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES FOR  
ORDINANCE 6.109.6**

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

Commissioner Stallings stated that there was a change that did not have the word “days” after thirty (30).

**MOTION: TO APPROVE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES OF ADDING THE  
WORD DAYS TO ORDINANCE 6.109.6**

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

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CORRECTIONAL CHANGES FOR  
ORDINANCE 6.201**

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

The third item under New Business was a donation request for the Youngsville Halloween Carnival. Hurd explained that every year the Board donated \$250.00 to the Halloween Carnival for prizes. She stated that this year the Kiwanis Club has taken over many of the duties for the Carnival such as the ordering of the prizes, decorating and things like that. The Town workers will still help with the set up of the carnival and volunteers were still needed.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE \$250.00 DONATION FOR THE  
YOUNGSVILLE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

The motion was made by Commissioner Stallings and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. Carolyn Palmer asked why the Board was donating money to the Carnival if they didn't have that much money. Mayor Hardwick stated that the Carnival had been a Town event for years for the kids. He stated that if the Board couldn't find \$250.00 for the children then the Board needed to shut its doors. He stated that earlier Tatum had stated that our financial situation was improving and this was money that had been planned on each year to donate. It passed unanimously.

The next item under New Business was the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Application for the Youngsville Police Department. Tatum explained that the Board had been informed last month about the Police Department being awarded this grant. This grant will cover 85% match for the first year including equipping the new officer. He explained that the funds are available for the Town's portion as there is a vacant position and the Town would be using that position and designating it for the traffic officer this grant requires. He stated that there was a resolution that needed to be adopted that says we have applied and appropriated the money. He also stated that there was a contract document that also needed to be signed as well setting up the Police Chief as the agency representative contact for the grant, the Assistant Chief is the director and Tatum for reimbursements. Mayor Hardwick read the resolution. Chief Kirts wanted to explain that this would be a traffic officer; it will also cover 85% the first year, all the equipment will be 85% covered during that time period. He stated that he would have to replace the position.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE YOUNGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

The next item under New Business was the discussion of converting Town Hall and the Police Department to natural gas. Tucker explained that PSNC contacted Town Hall about converting to natural gas as they are installing it in the area. She stated that if the Town decided to switch now, then the costs will be minimal if not free. She stated that the savings would be significant, almost half price. Tucker also presented the Board with a quote from McGeeCo for the price of converting both Town Hall and the Police Department for less than \$1,000. She stated that it would be more cost effective if the Town decided to switch. If the Town decided to switch at a later date, then we would be responsible for the price of hookup. Commissioner Roberts asked if the Town could afford it and Tatum stated that the Town would break even the first year, then we would start saving each year after that.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONVERSION TO NATURAL GAS FOR THE TOWN HALL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

The next item under New Business was to discuss the sale of surplus equipment and the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department. Tatum stated that he was looking for permission to sell the 2008 F750 Dump truck, 40" mower, 72" mower, 2 inoperable police cars and one other police car. He stated that the Town did not use the dump truck or the two mowers. He stated that we just needed to get rid of the junk vehicles. Tatum explained that the Town would have to put them out for bids and establish minimum bids. He recommended that minimum bid be used for the dump truck. He stated that comparable vehicles range from \$45,000 to \$49,000 asking price, which makes him think

around \$42,000 - \$43,000 minimum bid. Commissioner Redd stated that was great and thanked Tatum for looking into that.

**MOTION: TO SELL THE 2008 F750 DUMP TRUCK, 40" MOWER, 72" MOWER AND THREE POLICE VEHICLES**

The motion was made by Commissioner Woodlief and was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. It passed unanimously. Tatum stated that about \$20,000 was still owed on the dump truck. Commissioner Redd stated that it was a great way to find money and she was happy about that. Tatum stated that there was also a need for a new police car and a suitable vehicle has been located. Union Bank has offered to finance it for the Town with a 5.25% rate for full financing for 60 months. He stated that they needed a Resolution from the Board to purchase the car. Tatum explained that the payments on this new car would be less than what was budgeted for. Mayor Hardwick read the Resolution.

**MOTION: TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR UNION BANK IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE CAR**

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

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session (if necessary). Mayor Hardwick asked the Board for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues.

**MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 9:03pm and came out at 10:43pm. Mayor Hardwick stated that no action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was Reports and Other Business. Mayor Hardwick stated that last month, the Board had voted to place Tatum on the ABC Board. Now, Everette Pearce has stepped down from the ABC Board and a replacement needed to be made. He stated that there was a lady in town, who was new to the area but still involved in things such as the Kiwanis Club. Mayor Hardwick stated that he thinks she cares a good deal about the town. Her name is Linda Lemar and she lives in East Woods of Patterson and he would like for her to replace Mr. Pearce.

**MOTION: TO APPOINT LINDA LEMAR ON THE ABC BOARD TO REPLACE THE SEAT VACATED BY EVERETTE PEARCE**

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

Mayor Hardwick wanted to remind everyone about the Halloween Carnival on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Hurd stated that the Halloween Carnival runs from 6:30 – 8:00pm and Trick or Treat from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Commissioner Redd stated that she had a hard time

getting the kids out for Trick or Treat and to the Carnival. Hurd stated that she had noticed a pattern when she had Trick or Treat at her house of children being there either really early before the carnival and a few last thing after the carnival. Mayor Hardwick stated that it was a lot of fun and for everyone to bring their kids on out. He stated that the Kiwanis Club was also helping out this year and Hurd stated that they had done a great job repairing some of the games and getting prizes.

Commissioner Stallings asked about the flags at Town Hall, there were none flying. Hurd stated that the ones that were flying were in terrible shape and had been taken down. She stated that several groups in Youngsville were working on purchasing new flags for Town Hall and they were waiting to hear back about them. Commissioner Stallings also wanted to mention that there was a pop up tent on the railroad tracks and Chief Kirts stated that the wind had blown it over and it had already been addressed earlier in the day with the owner. Commissioner Stallings asked how long the SPCA sign would be up and Tucker stated that they had a 45 day permit.

Commissioner Redd wanted to thank the Town Hall staff for getting the signs up on her road as quickly as they did.

Chief Kirts wanted to thank Tatum for all of the hard work he had done and that he was doing an excellent job.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 pm.