

TOWN OF GARLAND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR
2022/2023 PROPOSED BUDGET, LAND USE PLAN & SPECIAL USE PERMIT
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland & Public Hearings for the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget, Land Use Plan, & Special Use Permit was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Carolyn R. Melvin, Mayor Pro Tem
Jo A. Strickland
Barbara A Peterson
Andy Johnson

Also, present: Mayor Austin Brown and Town Clerk Pamela Cashwell. There were approximately seven citizens in attendance. Commissioner Ralph Smith Jr. was absent due to a prior obligation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Austin Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present recording notes for the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mayor Austin Brown led the attendees in the recitation of the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mr. Todd Marshall provided the invocation.

QUORUM

Mayor Austin Brown and Clerk Pamela Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Austin Brown requested board members review the agenda for any changes they may have. Commissioner Strickland requested to add under Public Works #3. Fencing for Dumpster and under Buildings #4 Building Reorganization. Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to approve the agenda with said changes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried unanimously. (See attached).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2022/2023 BUDGET

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 Proposed Budget, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Town Clerk/Finance Officer Cashwell noted the 2022/2023 Budget Message, Proposed Budget and Proposed Fee Schedule was presented to the Board of Commissioners on May 3, 2022. This information was placed on the town website on May 4, 2022. Copies of each document has been available for inspection by the public in the clerk's office and a notice was placed in the local newspaper informing the public that this information was available and that a public hearing would be held tonight to receive public comments on the 2022/2023 Proposed Budget. No comments have been received to date.

Mayor Brown opened the floor to receive comments on the 2022/2023 Proposed Budget. No comments were received.

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 Proposed Budget, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LAND USE PLAN

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for the Land Use Plan, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown recognized Ms. Allison Evans, Senior Planner with *Stewart* who has been assisting the town with developing the Land Use Plan. She noted they have engaged public input through a survey that was made available to the public and providing a booth to disseminate information on the land use plan during a local park event. Copies of the plan were given to members of the public during this event and copies have been available for review at town hall. Mayor Brown asked Board members if they had any comments or questions for Ms. Evans. Hearing none, Mayor Brown opened the floor to receive public comments on the Land Use Plan. No comments were received.

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Land Use Plan, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to adopt the Land Use Plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously. (See attached).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit, seconded by Commissioner Strickland and carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown informed board members the purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider a Special Use Application submitted by Mrs. Woodlief to have a small business on Lamb Road. He noted the Planning & Zoning Board made a recommendation for board members to approve this Special Use Application. The adjoining property owners were notified of the application and no comments have been received to date. Mayor Brown opened the floor to receive public comments. No comments were received.

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Special Use Permit, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit for Mrs. Woodlief, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Melvin and carried unanimously. (See attached).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Below is a summarization of public comments. An audio version of public comments is available upon request.

Mr. Bob Graczyk- 2556 Greensbridge Road, Garland- addressed board members regarding a public records request he made for information on the person working on the concession stand on Memorial Day. He stated he went there, and the guy said he did not work for *D & D Construction*. He said he was at the last meeting and the only one that was approved to do the work was *D & D Construction*. He said he filed an open records request and has not received the

information and it had been over a week. He stated the board took up the matter of a town attorney at the last meeting, and today he filed a potential conflict of interest against Commissioner Smith and Attorney Maynard with the N.C. Bar Association. He went on to explain why he thinks hiring Attorney Maynard as the town's attorney was a conflict of interest, unethical, and a potential breach of public trust. He then discussed piles of wood, tires and other debris that is on town property next to the ballpark complex that poses a safety and fire hazard risk. He asked if this was on anyone's checklist to take care of. He thanked board members as he concluded his comments.

Mr. Johnnie Gibbs- addressed Mr. Graczyk stating he is the gentleman he was talking about painting and said, "You came out there questioning me about my work." He continued to speak to Mr. Graczyk and Mr. Graczyk asked if he wanted him to comment. Mayor Brown spoke and stated, "No, we can't get into back and forth." Mr. Gibbs asked Mayor Pro Tem Melvin if she had found any problems with his work, and she replied to Mr. Gibbs saying, "No". Mr. Gibbs asked if Mr. Graczyk lived in the city limits. He continued, "If he doesn't live in the city limits, why is he doing all this ranting and raving?" Mr. Gibbs said he lived in the city limits and paid taxes. Mr. Gibbs said, "If y'all want to do sealed bids, then I like to make a motion to get three bids, then you can't say this one was favored over the other one. That's all I have as far as I know."

Mrs. Wanda Johnson- addressed board members and spoke at length regarding her frustrations and disappointment that the concession stand repairs were not completed in time for this year's opening of softball season. She also noted the bathrooms were closed on opening day as well. She discussed conversations that were held during the January board meeting when Mayor Brown noted there was \$12,000.00 in the parks and recreation budget and he tasked the parks and rec committee to get the needed repairs on the concession stand ready by spring. She discussed several emails she had sent to both board members on the parks and rec committee discussing repair items and maintenance needed. She stated Mayor Pro Tem Melvin didn't respond to her emails and Commissioner Smith responded saying the repairs identified were doable. She discussed she and others offered to assist the committee and Commissioner Johnson had volunteered to buy the needed materials and complete the maintenance and repairs at the concession stand at no cost to the town. She said, once again, there was no response from either board member. She stated she called both board members to ask if the concession stand would be operational for the opening day of the season, as she listed the many things that had to be done, including getting the health department to inspect it before it would be operational. She stated within one hour of speaking to both of them she was told they were not on her time, and neither would give her updates on the concession stand. She voiced her frustration at a lack of response to her communication attempts when she was instructed to speak to the board members on the parks and recreation committee. She stated she asked Mayor Pro Tem Melvin if the town could make copies of the waivers. They requested copies and was told if the town made copies, they would be charged. She thanked Mayor Brown for making the copies. She continued discussing past and present issues with communication among different elected officials and getting things accomplished for the ballpark complex. She gave a brief history of the concession stand being dedicated and spoke of how disappointed those individuals would be that the concession stand isn't operational. She stated Mayor Brown had asked that the repairs be made by March 20th, and he was responsible as well that this wasn't completed as he is the mayor. She said she doesn't understand where the hostility toward the softball league is coming from but as board members, they should be doing what is right for the town. Clerk Cashwell requested a copy of her notes for the minutes.

Mr. Johnnie Gibbs asked to speak again and reviewed what repairs he had left to do at the concession stand and stated he would be finished by Friday. He said, "This gentleman here took pictures of my car with my tags on it and also blasted it on Facebook". He said, "if you got something to say about my work that is one thing, but putting personal stuff is messing with me and my family."

Mr. Bob Graczyk stated he had something to say. He said, "*D & D Construction* was the only one approved to complete work at the park in a motion approved by the board." He asked, "How do we get other people working there who aren't approved and they don't even have waivers? Why do we have kids on baseball diamonds doing waivers and then we have people working and nobody knows about it?" He stated, "He needs to donate his time."

Mayor Brown announced we are going to move on to Commissioner Reports.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

FINANCE

Credit Card Purchases – Clerk Pamela Cashwell provided a statement of and reviewed all the credit card purchases for the month. (See attached).

BVA & A.P. Check Listing- Clerk Cashwell reviewed the BVA reports with board members. The A.P. Check Listing Report was provided and reviewed for the month of May 2022. (See attached).

Reports Completed- Clerk Cashwell reported the following reports have been completed: bank reconciliations for May 2022 for all three bank accounts, monthly reports, and Auditors Questionnaire Report. (See attached).

Budget Amendment 2021-2022-08- Clerk Cashwell presented and read Budget Amendment 21-22-08 amending the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund as indicated. (See attached). Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to approve the budget amendment as read, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried unanimously.

Proof of Loss on Gray Avenue Lift Station- Clerk Cashwell provided a copy and reviewed the sworn proof of loss statement for damage incurred at the Gray Avenue Lift Station during a recent storm. (See attached).

BUILDINGS/CEMETERY

Update on Replacing Flooring in Town Hall- Commissioner Strickland reported flooring installation is scheduled for next week and she has asked some board members to assist in moving stuff from the back offices to help speed up the installation of the flooring.

Update on Spraying Cemeteries- Commissioner Peterson has coordinated with Mr. Newkirk to spray both cemeteries for fire ants. He will give notice of the spraying and the cemeteries will be closed from 7:00pm to 7:00am after the application is completed. Commissioner Peterson reported the trees have been cut and removed from the Senior Center.

Quote for Air Conditioner Unit for Board Room- Mayor Brown reviewed the quote for a new air conditioner for the board room that was in the board packets. (See attached). Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the quote as presented, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Building Re-Organization- Commissioner Strickland stated she was under the impression that all town-owned buildings were under the building committee until she obtained a quote for concession stand repairs and was told the concession stand was under the parks and recreation committee. Commissioner Strickland made a motion to place the concession stand under the buildings committee effective July 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Mayor Brown called for the vote with Commissioners Strickland and Johnson voting in favor of the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Melvin and Commissioner Peterson voting against the motion. Mayor Brown voiced, "We have a tie vote, and the mayor breaks the tie. Therefore, I vote in favor of the motion that it goes to buildings, so the motion passes."

PARKS/RECREATION

Update on Hot Water Heater Installation & Concession Stand Repairs- Mayor Pro Tem Melvin said, "I am going to take my mask off for this one. I am very, very, disappointed that as hard as I have worked to get the building ready before June 6th, that did not take place. I had the approval

for D & D, which did not pan out, but I messed around and got it approved by my three board members to go ahead and get someone else so I could get the project completed. I got nothing but grief the whole time I was getting this done, and it is not fair. It is not fair to me because I worked really hard to try and get that building up to par. It is almost completed, with no thanks to my board, except for some that was in my corner. So, some of the things you are saying is totally not true, totally not true. I am so happy that Mr. Gibbs did step in and do the work for us. Thank you, Gibbs, for all you did even though no one else is appreciating you for it, which I do not get any appreciation either, but that's okay, because I know where my appreciation is going to come from. I already know that. And he stood out there with me and helped me to get this building just about ready, and then I come in here and I have to hear all this stuff, and people coming around asking questions and bothering people so they couldn't get the work done. I am appreciative of the people that afforded me the opportunity, not \$8,000.00 that we could not afford. We could not have afforded \$8,000.00 to fix that concession stand up. And the people that I got to do the work did not charge half that much and did all that work. We should, the Town of Garland, be appreciative instead of sitting here hollering and bickering at me for trying to get the concession stand up and running. Yes, I am very upset. Very, very upset because I don't have the backing of the board. Ugh, I'm talking. I don't have the backing of the board and you even stated in the minutes last time that you did not care who did the work as long as it got done, Jo Strickland. And it was getting done. It didn't make no difference if D & D did it or not. Gibbs was helping me do it. I talked to, yes, I talked to Wanda, and she got on the phone talking about she was telling me, you don't call me and tell me you are telling me anything. You can ask me, but you can't tell me anything." Mrs. Wanda Johnson responded and said, "I did ask you." A debate ensued about whether Mrs. Johnson had asked or told Mayor Pro Tem Melvin, and Mr. Bob Graczyk called out "Mayor, mayor" and Mayor Brown replied, "Yes, let's get back to the table here." Mayor Pro Tem Melvin discussed repairs that have been completed at the concession stand and asked, "What more can you ask of a person to do when they do everything that they can to get things ready? I don't understand it and then you sit back and bicker and bicker and bicker and talk ugly and have ugly comments. Do you think that helps me any? No, that didn't help me any." Mr. Bob Graczyk asked, "Did you want me to respond?" Mayor Pro Tem Melvin replied "No, I don't want you to respond to anything. No, definitely not." Mr. Graczyk said, "Then don't make a point of it." Mayor Brown said, "Okay let's", and Mayor Pro Tem Melvin said, "Let me continue and just listen. But anyway, as I was saying, all of the work has been completed. He has a little bit more work to do and the paint has to dry. So, what more can the parks and rec do to help you? We made the statement, and I am making this statement, because on our sign it says, what about the funds? I am asking, what about the funds for our town? Our sign states that the park is for rent. It's for rent, not for someone to just come out there and start taking over and doing what they want to do. It's for rent. So how do we get our money back when we put out money? Because we have spent a lot of money in the park, so how are we going to get our monies back? So, when we spend money and it don't come back, then our funds are depleted. So, with that being said, the hot water heater has been installed for \$250.00. Give me a second. The concession stand repairs are completed. And yes, the floors did get painted, and it is with a high grade of paint. And if you have any questions, my last contractor that did the work is available to answer any questions. And he is licensed, and he is bonded, he has a W-9, and he has insurance. So that answers a lot of those questions as well. I try to get people who are reputable that can do work and as cheap a price that will get you what you need. With that being said, I am concluding parks and recs." Commissioner Strickland said, "Well since you made it a point, I would like to speak in reference to your comments. It is my understanding in that you made it a big point in the meeting when a new commissioner was unfamiliar with the way of getting the money in the right place to spend it to buy a trailer, you made it a specific point to let him know that it was illegal to spend funds." Commissioner Strickland was interrupted by Mayor Pro Tem Melvin who said, "That's a bid amendment, we are not talking about a bid amendment. We are talking about a budget that was

already in the budget." Commissioner Strickland said, "Excuse me. I am talking. I got the floor. It is illegal for you to go and get a contract with D & D. And when they could not complete the job, it is your job to bring that information back to the board." Mayor Pro Tem Melvin responded and asked, "Have we been doing that, Mrs. Jo?" Commissioner Strickland said, "Excuse me. I am talking. This is my time to talk." Commissioner Strickland said, "You have not contacted me, not emailed. You have not texted. I have nothing or no idea what's going on or what's being spent at the park. I am a commissioner, and you are one commissioner." Three board members were speaking at the same time when Commissioner Strickland said, "Excuse me. I have the point of order." Commissioner Peterson replied, "I didn't know anything about the repairs being done to town hall and I am on buildings with you." Commissioner Strickland replied, "Yes, you have." Commissioner Peterson replied, "You have not." Commissioner Strickland said, "You know all about the floors that is what we voted for." Commissioner Peterson said, "You have not informed me that you were getting ready to have some work done at town hall come next week." Commissioner Strickland said, "Oh, lord, we have." Commissioner Peterson asked, "When was the last time you emailed me, Jo?" Commissioner Strickland asked, "When is the last time?" Commissioner Peterson interjected and asked, "When is the last time you texted me, Jo, about buildings?" Commissioner Strickland started to reply when Commissioner Peterson said, "I am just asking because we need to be straight across the board." Commissioner Strickland stated, "I have brought everything" when Commissioner Peterson interjected and said, "Things do happen where, like she did with D & D, things do happen where it don't fall through, it is what it is. As long as you get the work done, what difference does it make?" Mr. Bob Graczyk and Commissioner Strickland replied at the same time, "It is illegal." At this time citizens and board members were all talking at one time. Commissioner Strickland said, "Because it is illegal. It is illegal." Commissioner Peterson asked if the man that she got to do the roof on the head start building over there, "Was he the one that was supposed to do it?" Commissioner Strickland replied, "We got three bids. We voted," when Commissioner Peterson interjected and asked, "Was he the one that was supposed to do it?" Commissioner Strickland replied, "Yes." She said, "We voted in this meeting to have Smith do it." Commissioner Peterson said, "I am just asking." Commissioner Strickland said, "We voted. Go pull it up. And we got three estimates." Commissioner Peterson said she got three votes of approval. Commissioner Strickland replied, "No, no, no, no, no, no. She needs all of us, need to vote. That is the way it operates. That's why we have a board." Commissioner Strickland said, "For your information, per Monica Jackson, who is the attorney I have spoke with at length, the board, since they did not vote to have anybody but D & D, we are not required to pay any of these bills at all. Call Monica Jackson. I will be glad to give you, her number." Commissioner Peterson replied, "I don't need it shug. I don't need it." Commissioner Strickland said, "We haven't voted on it, and we don't have to pay for it." Commissioner Strickland and Commissioner Peterson began talking at the same time. Commissioner Peterson said, "We are sitting here as a board for the Town of Garland being petty." Commissioner Strickland said, "It is not being petty." Commissioner Peterson said, "We are dumb and being petty." Commissioner Strickland said, "It is the town's money." Commissioner Peterson replied, "And it is being spent on what, the town?" Commissioner Strickland said, "It was not board approved." Commissioner Peterson said, "Nobody pocketed nothing." Commissioner Strickland said, "It doesn't matter. It's not board approved. It's not board approved." Commissioner Peterson asked, "Can we move on, please, so we can get this meeting over with?" Commissioner Strickland said, "You can get it over with, but it is not going to change the illegality of what she did." Commissioner Strickland and Commissioner Peterson began talking at the same time. Mayor Pro Tem Melvin said, "I asked." Commissioner Strickland replied, "I didn't get a call. Nobody asked me." Mayor Pro Tem Melvin replied, "I have my three votes." Multiple people began talking when Commissioner Peterson said, "You are not even on parks and rec." Commissioner Strickland replied, "It doesn't matter." Commissioner Peterson said, "Yes, it does." Mayor Brown said, "Let's move on." Commissioners Strickland and Peterson were debating when Mayor Brown hit the

gavel to bring a point of order. Commissioner Strickland said, "It requires a board vote. Commissioner Peterson replied to Commissioner Strickland and said, "You can't run all committees." Commissioner Strickland said, "Go ahead, Austin." Mayor Brown asked, "Are y'all done?" Commissioner Peterson replied, "Yes, we're done." Mayor Brown said, "Let's move on to streets."

STREETS

Commissioner Johnson reported signs are ordered and he plans to get with Hannah Brown about the new city limits signs we need to put up because of the speed situation. Commissioner Strickland stated Commissioner Smith asked that the new signs have information about the jake break on the signs.

Powell Bill Assessment Scheduled for June 8, 2022 @ 1:00 pm- Commissioner Johnson will complete the street assessment with the surveyor tomorrow.

PUBLIC WORKS – WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE

R. Boone Vacation & Sick Time Approval- Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve 112 hours of vacation time and 112 hours of sick time to be added to R. Boone's hours retro to his full-time status as of June 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Update on Needs Assessment List- Board members received the updated list in their board packets. (See attached). Clerk Cashwell reviewed the items on the list that have been completed to date.

Fencing for Recycle Dumpster- Mayor Brown requested board members obtain quotes to place fencing around the 8 yard recycle dumpster that will be placed at town hall and to present those quotes at the next board meeting.

SAFETY

Commissioner Strickland reported Commissioner Smith notified her today that the old shop had been broken into again and some cooper supplies were stolen. She noted this is about the tenth time this building has been broken into in the last three months. She stated Commissioner Smith wanted to look into putting additional security cameras at town hall and at the old shop if they planned to continue housing supplies in the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Bidding Procedures & Contractor Liability- Commissioner Strickland reported she had spoken with an attorney regarding contractor liability for contractors hired by the Town of Garland. She passed around some pictures for board members to review of a home that sustained damage after a licensed contractor completed repairs. (See attached). She stated the attorney told her if the Town of Garland hires non-licensed contractors with no liability insurance, that the town is not covered for any liability from the contractor and the town is therefore assuming the liability for any damages sustained. Commissioner Strickland stated she has requested a copy of a bidding form used for contractors being hired by the City of Clinton that outlines all the requirements of a contractor prior to them bidding on a job. She stated board members could review the form for use by the Town of Garland.

Employee Leave Requests- Clerk Cashwell requested vacation time from June 13-June 17, 2022. (See attached). Commissioner Strickland stated this was a long span not to have anyone in the office. She stated she was willing to assist with taking payments as she has assisted with this in the past, but she could not commit to every day. She asked for suggestions. No responses. She stated she would take a day and asked if anyone else was willing to take a day. Commissioner Johnson stated he would take a day. Mayor Brown stated they may have to do abbreviated office hours for the week. He then asked if there were any other commissioners willing to help out in the

office that week. Commissioner Johnson stated he would definitely take a day and do his part to help out. No further responses were received. Commissioner Johnson replied, "Talk up people. Here we sit." No responses were received. Mayor Brown asked if there was a motion. After a period of silence, Commissioner Johnson stated "I make a motion to approve it because it's going to put us in a bind probably, but peoples got to take off. That's life." Clerk Cashwell replied, "It is not my fault there isn't any help, and that we did not get a two-week notice of resignation from the former employee." Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. Commissioner Johnson and Mayor Brown stated they would work out coverage for the week and Commissioner Strickland volunteered to answer the phone and take credit card payments. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Cashwell reminded board members she has jury duty again tomorrow morning.

Waste Industries, LLC Amendment to Contract Agreement- Mayor Brown explained in detail the proposed contract amendment to the original contract with Waste Industries, LLC signed in 2016. (See attached). This amendment would be in effect from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, if approved. The amendment includes eliminating curb-side recycling while adding a recycling dumpster at town hall for residents to use for their recycling debris. This dumpster will be serviced weekly at no charge to the town. A dumpster at the town shop to be serviced weekly at no charge. A 30-yard container will be placed in town two times a year for spring and fall clean-up at no charge to the town. The dumpster at the ballpark complex will be charged to the town and should be removed once ball season is over. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract as presented, seconded by Commissioner Strickland and carried unanimously.

Audit Contract from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams, and Co., PA- Clerk Cashwell briefly reviewed the contract as it was included in the board packets for board member's review. (See attached). Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Resignation/Vacancy- Mayor Brown informed board members that A. Ricketson came into work last week and after working for about an hour, she informed Clerk Cashwell she was done, left her keys, and walked out without notice. He stated according to personnel policy if an employee leaves without notice, vacation time is not paid out. He stated, "We now have a vacancy in our office for deputy clerk." He noted there is no notice to approve so this is more informative. He said, "We need to be looking for someone for this position if you don't have someone in mind already." He thanked Deputy Clerk Ricketson for the service she did provide for the town.

Monthly Fee for On-Site Meter Reading- Mayor Brown noted our employee has to go manually read a resident's meter monthly as he continues to use items to obstruct radio reads. This has been an ongoing issue discussed several times in the past. Mayor Brown stated it is his recommendation that a fee be assessed to the resident monthly for manual reading of his meter. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Strickland made a motion to assess a \$15.00 monthly fee to this resident for manual meter reads, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

Invoice/Purchase Approvals- No invoices or purchases were presented for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Regular Meeting- May 3, 2022- Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried unanimously. (See attached).

Closed Session- May 3, 2022- Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and carried unanimously.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

Condolences: The Town of Garland sends our sincerest condolences to all of those who have recently lost loved ones.

Regular Board Meeting – July 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Town Offices Closed Monday, June 20th, in Observance of the Juneteenth Holiday

BRIEF RECESS

Commissioner Strickland made a motion for a brief recess, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to enter into closed session (*Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11- (6) Personnel*), seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and carried unanimously. Board entered into closed session at 7:46 pm.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to exit closed session at 8:25 pm, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Back in open session at 8:25 pm. No action taken in closed session.

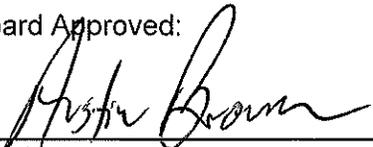
Commissioner Peterson made a motion to hire Sandy Reites at \$14.00/hour for a temporary full-time position as deputy clerk with a three-month probationary period. She will begin work on Thursday, June 9th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to hire Kenneth White at \$16.00/hour for a temporary part-time position in public works with a three-month probationary period. He will begin work June 9th and will be paid from the NCORR grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Peterson and carried unanimously.

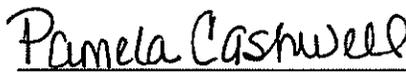
RECESS TO RECONVENE

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to recess this meeting to reconvene on June 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and carried unanimously. Meeting recessed at 8:27 pm.

Board Approved:



Austin Brown, Mayor



Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer