# TOWN OF GARLAND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioner of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, NC on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn R. Melvin Commissioner Barbara A. Peterson Commissioner Jo A. Strickland Commissioner Ralph Smith, Jr. Commissioner Andy Johnson

Also present: Mayor Austin Brown

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Austin Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone. Town Clerk Pamela Cashwell was absent due to sickness. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn R. Melvin recorded notes for the minutes.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Austin Brown led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### INVOCATION

Commissioner Jo A. Strickland led the invocation.

#### QUORUM

Mayor Brown established there was a quorum present.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Brown requested board members review the agenda for approval. It was requested the following items be added to the agenda.

- Street sweeping
- Xmas Light Poles

Mayor Pro Tem Melvin made a motion to adopt the agenda as stated above, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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#### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

#### **FINANCE**

Clerk Cashwell absent.

Budget Amendment 22-23-03.

Motion was made by Ralph Smith to approve the Budget Amendment 22-23-03, seconded by Barbara Peterson, and carried unanimously.

# **BUILDINGS/CEMETERY**

Patchwork on roof was done by Bradley it appears to be holding. Start on graveyard estimate. A motion was made by Ralph Smith to fix the night light over the front door entrance, seconded by Barbara Peterson, carried unanimously.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Ralph stated that some Christmas lights are not working. If we fix them we can use them next year. Ralph made a motion for Terry Long to fix the lights, seconded by Andy Johnson and carried unanimously.

#### **STREETS**

It was suggested to get a street sweeper for main streets; 411, Front Street, 701. We will get an estimate.

## PUBLIC WORKS - WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE

The sewer wall collapsed on the way to fix it.

## **SAFETY**

All is well

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Employee Leave Request-</u> Ralph made a motion to table the Leave Request until someone is hired, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Melvin and carried unanimously.

<u>Staff Christmas Bonus-</u> We have (2) employees with a year or more for the staff bonus, Pam and Randy. Motion was made by Ralph to approve the staff Christmas bonus for Pam and Randy it was seconded by Barbara Peterson.

<u>Wednesday Office Hours-</u> A motion was made by Ralph Smith that effective January 1<sup>st</sup> Town Hall will be open normal hours Monday-Friday, 9-5 pending we have someone in place, seconded by Barbara.

Zoning Administrator, Fee Schedule and Plan-Call Samantha to explain to the board about fee schedule & plan. We will table until our next board meeting.

<u>Envirolink Contract-Chemical Invoice-</u> On the invoice we will have to pay for chemicals. Ralph made a motion to approve the invoice from Envirolink, seconded by Andy and carried unanimously. Austin will contact Envirolink to let them bill us directly from company.

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## **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

EMS Building-Sampson County- EMS Building has been turned over to the County. Mayor Brown will look at the charter to see what can be done, see if there is a clause.

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

# Regular Meeting - November 1, 2022

The minutes will be approved with additional to Parks/Recreation

Kenneth will complete work during normal work days at no cost to the town. A motion was made by Ralph Smith to approve the minutes with stated changes made by Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Melvin, seconded by Barbara Peterson.

# 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-January 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION**- No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Ralph to adjourn meeting at 7:53 pm, Commissioner Andy seconded, and carried unanimously.

Duly adopted this the 3rd day of January 2023 while in regular session.

Austin Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn R. Melvin Mayor Pro Tem