

## TOWN OF BAILEY

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on November 21, 2016 at 7:00pm following the Public Hearing.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Timothy Johnson; Commissioners Shelley Carroll, Howard Wescott, Allen Daniels, Troy Conner and Jerry Bisette.

### **Called the meeting to order:**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and welcomed the following guests: John Ennis, Dean Holmes, Cecil and Janet Hawley, Ervin & Nichole Powell & daughter, Joe Burnette, Stuart Bass, Richard Collura, Vince Sievert, Susan and Mark Ward.

### **Approval of minutes and financial statement:**

The financial statement for October 2016 and the minutes of October 17, 2016, unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Howard.

### **Agenda items:**

**Bailey Chamber of Commerce;** Cecil Hawley, President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce updated the board with the upcoming events. He said that they had the Miss Bailey pageant with 23 contestants and about 300 guests. The Christmas tree lighting will be on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 6:30pm. Mr. Hawley asked if the Santa sleigh could be housed in the back of the garage from November 28, 2016 to December 5, 2016. The sleigh is needed for the tree lighting and the Chamber will then move the sleigh in the old Holland Antique building like they did last year. The Christmas parade is on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 2:00pm. Mr. Hawley said that they will not be raffling off the bikes. He said that the chamber would donate them to the Bailey Fire Department for them to raffle off. Mr. Hawley also said that a rifle will be raffled off the night of the Christmas tree lighting.

**EnviroLink;** Dean Holmes, representative of EnviroLink, was present and had nothing to report. Commissioner Daniels said that he is having issues with his water pressure. He said that the pressure is up and down. He also said he has checked all his strainers and added that it was not his system. Mr. Holmes said he would look into it.

**Pam Spalding;** Stephanie Sherrod was present representing Ms. Spalding. Ms. Spalding had given a cost of the damages to her property and the lost plants from the stump being ground at the corner. It was said that Ms. Spalding needs to call the tree company's insurance company. Commissioner Bisette added that Ms. Spalding replanted and the items are still in the town right-of-way. He said that she had been told not to replant anything within the town's right-of-way. Ms. Sherrod said that the plants are like Ms. Spalding's babies. Everyone agreed that Ms. Spalding has pride in her yard and has everything looking nice but also felt that the planting should not be on the town right-of-way. It was said that Ms. Spalding's yard was marked so she would know where items could be placed. Ms. Sherrod was told that Ms. Spalding's first step would be to file a claim with the tree cutter's insurance company. She was told that they could get the number from the town office.

### **Public Comment:**

Mayor Johnson opened the public comment section. Richard Collura, 6598 Pine St., said that he has lived there for 28 years and the street by his house has never been paved. He said there are some roads in town that have been paved several times. He asked the board to ride down his street and look from Joyner's Mini Mart to the Baptist Church.

Mack Ward, Williams St., addressed the board about the tree that fell on the house. He said that the tree was scheduled to be cut down but fell during hurricane Matthew. Comments were made that the tree would have been cut down two weeks before it fell had a phone call been made. It was said that Commissioner Bisette made the phone call during the September meeting saying if the job could be done for a total of \$10,000.00 then he would get the job. Mr. Ward asked that the town reimburse him his cost of having the tree removed off the house. He said the insurance company paid \$1,000.00 and he had to pay the rest. The board asked that Mr. Ward

to get the cost of the tree and a statement from his insurance company confirming the amount they paid and bring that information to the town office. Commissioner Daniels stated that the tree that fell was not one of the trees that the forestry service said needed to come down. Mr. Ward stated that now all the trees across the street are at risk of blowing down since the other trees have been cut down. Commissioner Bissette said that some of the neighbors said they would hate to see the other trees cut down. The commissioners did say that the stump would have to be removed before the street can be paved.

Ervin Powell came before the board asked if his section of Vance St. is still on the list to be paved. It was stated that once all the Powell Bill funds are distributed then the town can begin see what street can be paved.

With there being no comments, the Public Comment session was closed.

#### **Old Business:**

**No old business.**

#### **New Business:**

**Sub-division ordinance;** Mayor Johnson stated that all the information had been given to them on the sub-division ordinance and asked if they were ready to vote or did they want additional time to review the ordinance. Commissioners Daniels and Conner stated they would like more time to review the ordinance. The vote was tabled until the December 2016 meeting.

**Sponsorship of Bailey Christmas parade;** the Chamber gave out letters with levels of sponsorship for the parade from \$50.00 to \$750.00. Cecil Hawley stated that they rented a float for the Santa sleigh and the cost was \$500.00. After a short discussion Commissioner Carroll made a motion for the town to be a platinum sponsor at \$750.00. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**EnviroLink proposal;** the proposal presented to the board was for EnviroLink to bill and collect the town's water/sewer bills. EnviroLink would handle all the aspects of the town's utility billing. The contracted amount is \$16,740.00 yearly. The board decided this was not the way they wanted to go.

**Zoning Administrator/Finance Officer;** Becky Smith/Town Clerk announced she is resigning as Zoning Administrator effect November 21, 2016 and added that they need to appoint someone to fill that position. With not much discussion, Commissioner Carroll made a motion to appoint Tim Johnson as Zoning Administrator and Finance Officer. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### **Commissioner's remarks:**

Commissioner Conner said that the clerk and he have not always agreed but hope we are alright. He also stated that he thought the clerk had done a good job. The clerk stated that all is good between them.

Commissioner Carroll stated that she had known the clerk for 22 years and presented the clerk with a plaque of appreciation from the board on her years of service. The clerk thanked the board for the plaque and said that she had enjoyed her time here and has enjoyed the people in the town.

#### **Mayor's remarks:**

Mayor Johnson said that he had a FEMA meeting on Tuesday in Nashville. He said that they need to designate a primary and secondary contact person. The board designated Tim Johnson as the primary contact person and Commissioner Daniels as the secondary contact person. The other three names on the document is Commissioners Howard Wescott, Shelley Carroll and Troy Conner. Mayor Johnson then read the resolution that is needed by FEMA for State and Federal assistance (resolution follows). Commissioner Conner made a motion to accept the resolution. Commissioner Wescott seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### **Department Heads Remarks:**

Chief John Ennis also expressed his appreciation to the town clerk for all her help and support that she has given to him and his department.

**Closed Session:**

Commissioner Conner made a motion to go in closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318 (a) (6) to consider the qualification competence and performance of an employee. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the motion passed.

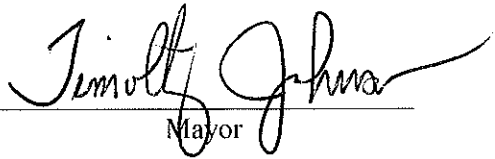
Commissioner Conner made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Open Session:**

Mayor Johnson announced that the town's attorney Elizabeth Fairman is retiring at the end of the year. He also stated that Fields & Cooper will assign another attorney that will work with the board.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Commissioner Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

  
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