

TOWN OF GARLAND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

6:00PM

The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, NC on Tuesday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Jo Strickland, Commissioner Lee Carberry, Commissioner Anthony Norris, Commissioner Timothy Blackburn, Town Clerk, Shauna' Harper. One resident attended the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE: was recited by all in attendance.

INVOCATION: was offered by Commissioner Norris

QUORUM: Mayor Pro Tem Strickland and Deputy Clerk Shauna' Harper established there was a quorum present.

ADJUSTMENT(S)/ ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was one addition, the sale of the old police department. A motion to adopt agenda with said changes by Commissioner Norris, Seconded by Commissioner Carberry; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Greg Griffin will be attending the next meeting on April 29th. He will give professional references for service.

Commissioner Norris has invited a Wealth Advisor to attend the next meeting on April 29th as a meet and greet. He will discuss options available to make money for the town and residents. The board will also discuss additional names on account(s) for FDIC purposes. Not to sign checks only listed on accounts.

Commissioner Carberry suggested online banking for efficiency. We will discuss it with Mid Carolina Regional Council.

The employee uniform contract will be reviewed. One employee was not satisfied with the pants after several attempts. He purchased his own. Mayor Pro Tem Strickland suggested a \$500./year clothing allowance after the 90day probation period. That is up for discussion.

Commissioner Carberry suggested per the ORC to change chemicals to an automatic switchover chlorinator at both wells. This tank prevents the wells running out of chlorine and it distributes the correct amount to remain consistent. The chlorinator, injectors and chlorine cylinders would last 6-8 months, costing at start up approximately \$9500.00 There are many other things to consider in preparation for the transition. A motion was made by Commissioner Carberry to purchase the automatic chlorinator, Commissioner Norris seconded, all in favor and motion carries.

There was also discussion for getting a new generator for well #3.

7:17 Recess

7:22 Back in session

Mayor Pro Tem Strickland and Town Clerk Harper presented CIVICPRO quote to build a new TOG website. It will be modern and up to date with residents' access to different areas of information regarding the town. Collect data of how many pay by credit card to get online payments added to website. Motion by Commissioner Carberry to approve quote and get new website for the town. Seconded by Commissioner Norris and all in favor of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Strickland presented a quote after Town Clerk Harper mentioned security issues from her office, not being able to see outside of the office. Motion by Commissioner Norris to install security monitor in clerk office. Commissioner Carberry seconded the motion and all in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Carberry discussed vacuuming the sewer lines on 4th St, he asked to find out who to call and is this covered by the Powell Bill for streets? He also discussed the flashing speed limit signs to deter speeding, the cost is \$10,000.00 to purchase however SCSO uses these signs and Mayor Pro Tem Strickland will inquire to borrow from her contact at SCSO.

Town Clerk Harper wanted clarification on the purchase and delivery of the Kauffman Equipment trailer and the leaf vacuum/trailer combo. Commissioner Norris motioned to approve both purchases and delivery. Seconded by Commissioner Carberry, all in favor, motion carried. To save 500.00, we could pick up the Kauffman Trailer in Bennettsville SC which is a couple hours away. Commissioner Norris states nothing personal is covered under the town insurance and Commissioners should not be physically working, they are considered under law, clerical. That poses an issues because the commissioners want to see things get done, not just talk about and discuss.

Commissioner Carberry was using his personal tractor to do work for the town and his windshield broke. It was brought to the board from another to reimburse him some, if not all for the damage. Commissioner Norris states that no one should use personal anything for the town, not covered under the insurance, therefore the town will not reimburse.

Commissioner Norris made a motion to publicize and open bids for the old police department building, opening bid \$5000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Carberry, all in favor, motion carried.

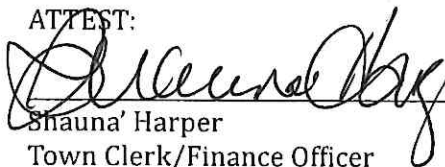
Commissioner Blackburn revised the "scope of work" for the cemetery maintenance bid. Motion to accept changes by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Carberry, all in favor, motion carried.

Reminders, work session moved to April 29th and regular board meeting set for May 7th.


Commissioner Blackburn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris, all in favor, made a motion to adjourn.

Duly adopted on the 7th day of May, 2024 while in regular session.

ATTEST:


Shauna' Harper
Town Clerk/Finance Officer




Austin Brown, Mayor