

TOWN OF GARLAND
RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022
6:30 PM

The Reconvened Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Andy Johnson
Jo A. Strickland
Barbara A Peterson
Ralph Smith, Jr.

Also, present: Mayor Austin Brown. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn R. Melvin and Town Clerk Pamela Cashwell were absent due to sickness.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Austin Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

QUORUM

Mayor Austin Brown established there was a quorum present.

PRESENTATION AND UPDATES ON ALL CDBG AND AIA GRANTS – Mr. Rich Moore and Mr. Mike Barnette from *McDavid Associates* provided an update on the CDBG and AIA grants. Mr. Barnette reported the following on the CDBG housing grant. There are eight houses in the program. Two are complete, one is 90% complete, one is set to start in September, two are no longer eligible, and one has been rebid and will start once the deed of trust issue is resolved. One house is pending based on funds availability. He recommended prioritizing the projects by proceeding with the seven houses, handling the park improvements (originally new walking trail and a bathroom facility), possibly relocating the eighth house if funds are available, and finally adding other houses to the program if funds remain. If the park improvements need to be changed, a public hearing must be held, and the Board must approve the changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to update the park improvements to include repairing the field fences and installing LED lights at the Garland Softball Complex, constructing a large picnic shelter with a cement floor and four picnic tables, and installing new playground equipment at Cain Park. Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore gave a detailed report on the AIA sewer grant and discussed the state's revised guidelines. All sewer assets have been mapped into a geographic information system (GIS). The recommendations, based on an assessment of the assets, are:

1. WWTP rehabilitation needs
2. Rehabilitation of Hwy 701 and Gray Avenue pump stations
3. Replacing the sewer lines and upgrading the SCADA system
4. Relocating the pump station on Rich Road

The total projected cost of these projects is \$18M. The grant assessment/mapping project funded by the grant should be closed out by the end of August. Mr. Moore reported that the other 2019 CDBG-I grant project (\$707,323) had been awarded to the low bidder, *Herring & Rivenbark*. Stakes are out now, and work should start within two weeks.

Mr. Moore stated that the AIA will most likely want to see an evaluation of the water/sewer enterprise fund. He told the group that a \$2.7M state appropriation was made to Garland for water and sewer needs. The Town was also awarded a \$2.8M AIA grant for the wastewater treatment plant needs.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2022-23-01 APPROVAL

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve budget amendment 2022-23-01 to fund the *EnviroLink* contract at a cost of \$65,000, Commissioner Peterson seconded, and carried unanimously. (See attached).

ENVIROLINK CONTRACT

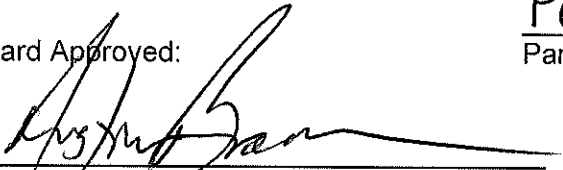
Mayor Brown discussed the *EnviroLink* contract and that he had spoken with the attorney about it, and the attorney's suggested changes have been made. Commissioner Peterson said she is happy with having the backup. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the *EnviroLink* contract at a cost of \$65,000, Commissioner Peterson seconded, and carried unanimously. (See attached). The current contractor will be given a thirty-day notice as soon as possible.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into closed session, Commissioner Johnson seconded, and carried unanimously.

The recorder was turned off after the motion to go into closed session. Clerk Cashwell requested the remainder of these minutes and closed session minutes be prepared by an attendee.

Board Approved:


Austin Brown, Mayor


Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer