

MINUTES
LOUISBURG TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Town Council met on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Karl Pernell and Council Members Bill Williamson, Tom Clancy, Joe Shearon, Boyd Sturges, Emma Stewart and Chris Neal were present.

Assistant Administrator Tony King gave the invocation.

Council Member Shearon moved that the minutes be approved. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve the Revised Capital Project Budget Ordinance SCADA System Improvements for the Water Reclamation Facility. Council Member Williamson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to approve the Capital Project Budget Ordinance for Influent Pump Station Improvements for the Water Reclamation Facility. Council Member Sturges seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to approve Resolution 2017-13 for the Tentative Award of the Influent Pump Station Project. Council Member Clancy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tony King, Assistant Administrator, presented the bid submitted for the construction of NCDOT Project C-5527 and C-5568; the construction of sidewalks and other items along South Main Street and connecting to Bickett Boulevard and from East Nash Street along Bickett Boulevard, turning onto Johnson Street and continuing to its terminus at the current sidewalk on the north side of Johnson Street (the project boundaries). Mr. King stated that the bids were advertised as required by law and only one bid was submitted. Having not received the required minimum number of bids, the Town re-advertised and once again only one bid was received. The Town opened the bid at the advertised time and date. The bid received for the construction of both projects was \$652,969.00. Mr. King stated that this price came in below the engineer's construction estimate for the project. He stated that upon awarding the bid to Hollins Construction Services, Inc., the staff would submit to NCDOT for final concurrence with the award and a Notice to Proceed will be issued. Mr. King stated that the project would begin within weeks and has a 120 day construction time frame. Council Member Neal moved to award the bid to Hollins Construction Services in the amount of \$652,969.00 for the construction of sidewalks Projects C-5527 and C-5568. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Representatives from Duke Lifepoint gave an update on the hospital. CEO Burt Beard explained that the hospital would be named Maria Parham Franklin – Duke Lifepoint Healthcare. He stated that due to state regulations Maria Parham has to be included in the name, but he hoped that citizens would focus on the fact that the hospital was coming to our community rather than the name of the facility.

Mr. Beard said that they planned to open the Emergency Services in June or July 2018 followed by a Geriatric Unit in October, and a Behavioral Health Unit in 2019.

During public comment, Maury York, Director of the Tar River Center for History and Culture thanked the Town for helping in the restoration of the exterior of the old Franklin County Jail.

Ernest Thomas, 304 South Bickett Boulevard, said he needed gravel at the end of his driveway where it meets the street, as there is erosion due to water runoff.

Brenda Neal, 822 Kenmore Avenue, Louisburg, N. C. was concerned with crime in the Kenmore neighborhood. She referenced Miss Lucille Perry who recently passed away. Mrs. Neal said Miss Perry slept on the floor as there were so many shootings around her. She explained that there were landlord issues in the area and she felt the Town should enforce the statutes that deal with landlords. Mrs. Neal said Kenmore Avenue was a war zone and she would like to see the Town take some action in the area to remedy this situation.

Veronica Hawkins, 936B South Main Street, Louisburg, N. C. said that cars speeding on South Main Street has become a safety issue. Mrs. Hawkins said it is worse when school gets out around 3:00 or 3:30 p.m.

Council Member Sturges moved to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m. for personnel and contracts. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Williamson moved to return to open session at 8:50 p.m. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved to increase the Town Administrator's annual salary to \$105,000 per year effective January 1, 2018. Council Member Neal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Sturges moved that the meeting be adjourned. Council Member Shearon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Carolyn D. Patterson

Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk CMC