

State of North Carolina

County of Rutherford

Town of Spindale

September 16, 2019

The Spindale Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on September 16, 2019 in the Commissioners' Room of the Spindale House. The following elected officials were present: Mayor Mickey Bland; Commissioners James Hamilton, Tom Roberson, Glen Harmon and Nancy Walker. Staff present included Scott Webber, Town Manager; John Crotts, Town Attorney and Cathy Swafford, Town Clerk.

Mayor Bland called the meeting to order and asked that we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes from August 19, 2019 and the Closed Session minutes from August 19, 2019. Commissioner Harmon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Linda Smith, 292 Ledbetter Rd., Spindale – Mrs. Smith is requesting the use of the Spindale House on June 27, 2020 from 8 – 12. She will come before the Board in October to make a formal request.

Ben Garris, 120 Savannah St., Spindale – questioned the candidacy of a sitting Commissioner running for another seat on the same Board.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. Budget Amendment 2020-01 – At the August meeting the Board moved forward with purchasing the property located on Old Ballpark Rd (Tax pins 1206403 and 1205588) for \$29,400 and associated costs not to exceed \$3,500. This budget amendment pulls those funds from Fund Balance to cover the costs involved. Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Annexation Ordinance Amendment – Attorney Crotts explained that this ordinance was merely an explanatory amendment concerning the Annexation Ordinance passed on October 16, 2017 for several parcels located on the Isothermal Community College campus. This further clarifies what parcels

are included via a survey performed by Professional Surveying and recorded at the Rutherford County Register of Deeds as Map #23769B, Plat Book 40, Page 229. Commissioner Walker asked whether there were any additional expenses incurred for this additional survey. Attorney Crofts stated that there was an additional fee of \$2700. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the Annexation Ordinance Amendment as presented. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Spindale Bike & Ped Plan Presentation – Kenny Armstrong, J.M. Teague Engineering – Commissioners each received a detailed Bike & Ped plan from J.M. Teague Engineering. Mr. Armstrong spoke about the process Teague used and recommendations that were made. Recommendations have been prioritized and link together in part with the Downtown planning currently in process. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to adopt the Spindale Bike & Ped Plan as presented. Commissioner Hamilton requested that they be given 30 days to review the rather lengthy report. By consensus Board members agreed to revisit the Plan at the October meeting.

2. Golf Cart Ordinance Amendment – Attorney Crofts has been working with another municipality concerning their golf cart ordinance and it that process discovered that our current ordinance allows the use of UTVs. In order to allow UTV's on streets special legislation has to be approved by the NCGA. Only this particular part of the ordinance is invalid and needs to be removed. The model ordinance put out by the School of Government has some further suggestions that Mr. Crofts feels would be prudent to include in a revised ordinance. These changes relate to safety and liability on the part of the golf cart owner. Commissioner Roberson indicated that he agrees with the verbiage of the revised ordinance. Commissioner Hamilton asked how many golf cart permits were currently in existence. Mr. Webber replied that that number is 10 or less. Mayor Bland asked that the insurance limits be verified. The discussed changes will be incorporated into the document and brought back to the Board on a future date.

3. Rutherford County Law Enforcement Memorandum of Transportation Agreement – Mr. Webber commented that this Agreement memorializes what is already taking place. Nothing will change for the procedures involving IVC Orders. Each Town and the County will sign this Transportation Agreement so that everyone knows the procedure and how it is to be carried out. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the presented Transportation Agreement. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Christmas Parade Grand Marshal Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton noted that the Parade was cancelled last year due to inclement weather. He would like to request that last year's Grand Marshal be asked again for this year, which is Mr. Russell Lynch. Commissioner Hamilton will check with Mr. Lynch to be sure he would still like to participate.

Manager's Report

- Candidates forum on 10-8-19, put on by the Chamber of Commerce
- Thermal Belt Rail Trail ribbon cutting will be on 10-19-19
- Finalized location of water fountain and bench
- Bike rack is staying as originally planned

- County-wide litter sweep October 10-13
- Introduced Shane Jackson as the recently appointed Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor/Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Harmon – thanked Public Works for the work they've done on the Rail-Trail

Commissioner Roberson – echoed Commissioner Harmon's comments on the Rail-Trail. Noted that a sitting Board member who was up for re-election was using the Town's official seal on his campaign signs. He believes that our sign ordinance prohibits this use.

Commissioner Walker – asked that the Town look at the 4-way intersection at Davis and Nebraska St. The no parking lines are not visible and people are parking right up to the intersection.

Commissioner Hamilton – Stated that he would not be removing his campaign signs and that he would pay any fine associated with that. He believes that Commissioner Roberson is using the image of the Spindale House on his re-election webpage, so how is this not the same thing? He is adamant that the negativity stop. Commissioner Walker voiced her agreement concerning the negativity.

At this point, Lou Gilliam, who is running for a Board member seat, asked what the sign regulations were. Mayor Bland stated that signs could be no larger than 9 square feet without a permit and only one sign per lot. You need to ask permission from private property owners.

With no further business, Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

R. Mickey Bland, Mayor

Cathy Swafford, Town Clerk