

State of North Carolina

County of Rutherford

Town of Spindale

August 19, 2019

The Spindale Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on August 19, 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 Walker made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes from July 15, 2019 and the Special Meeting minutes from August 5, 2019. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No members of the Public chose to comment.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Mr. Webber requested that Donna Stephenson with SpinDazzle be added to the agenda to discuss a sidewalk event in front of the business. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Commissioner Harmon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. Spindale K-9 Unit Introduction – Sgt Hooper and Karma – Sgt Hooper introduced Karma, the newest member of the Spindale Police Department. The K-9 unit vehicle is nearing completion and Karma will be ready to begin her police career with Spindale. Karma is a black Czech German Shepherd.

2. Phase I Streetscape Project Update – DbD & RCTDA – Eric Woolridge with Destination by Design updated the Board on the 1st Phase of the Streetscape Project. Mr. Woolridge reported that the surveying had been completed. Efforts are underway to coordinate with NC DOT and Duke Energy. We have a preliminary layout ready. The Town needs to decide whether or not to replace existing sewer lines while the sidewalk is open. Stormwater is another issue that will need to be addressed for the downtown area. Next steps include obtaining additional survey data and preparing a stormwater design. Final coordination with DOT and Duke, lighting and master arm decisions as well as a direction from the Town on the possible sewer line replacement. And then, we will be ready for construction documents. Mr. Woolridge also discussed the possibility of 'selling' the naming rights for a stage to be built on the

Spindale House lawn. He is proposing a 10-year one-time gift of \$100,000. By Board consensus he will proceed with this plan.

Mr. Don Cason, with Rutherford County Tourism and Development presented the Town a large check for \$100k to be used towards Phase I of the Streetscape Project.

New Business

1. Rutherford County Sports Hall of Fame Request – Jack Huss – Again this year the RCSHF is asking for a donation of \$250.00 as a patron sponsor. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the donation. Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Spindale Girl Scout Troop 13221 Request – Stacie Holloman – Ms. Holloman requests that her Girl Scout Troop be allowed to use the Dining Room of the Spindale House on a weekly basis on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM as well as occasional Saturdays for special events on a gratis basis. After some discussion the Board asked Ms. Holloman if she could work with Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Ms. Holloman indicated that she would be appreciative of that time frame. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to allow the Girl Scout Troop to use the Dining Room on a gratis basis to be determined on a yearly basis. Commissioner Hamilton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Sewer Availability Fee Releases – Ms. Swafford requested that 3 properties, located at 257 Poplar St., 250 Poplar St. and 233 Mill St. be released from the annual fee. Each of these houses have been demolished and the property remains unimproved. Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the Sewer Availability Fee releases. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. NCDEQ Diesel Vehicle Replacement and EV Charging Station Program – Grant funds will be available from the NC Division of Air Quality through the Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Program. This money is intended to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. There are certain requirements that have to be met and several of our vehicles would qualify to apply. In order to make our application look more favorable staff is requesting that we match 10% of the cost of the vehicles. The Town has several pieces of equipment in both the Fire Department and the Public Works that qualify for this program. The application deadline is September 30, 2019. We have up to around \$2M in vehicles and equipment that we could apply for between the two departments. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion that the Town apply for this grant opportunity and that up to 10% or \$200,000 be used as matching funds. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request from Spindazzle – Donna Stephenson and Rhonda Hardin – These ladies are representing Spindazzle, located on West Main St. They would like to have a small fashion show on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00PM and would like permission to use the sidewalk in front of their properties to set up a small stage. They would like to block 5-6 parking spaces directly in front of their business for safety reasons, starting around 3:00 PM. Commissioner Walker made a motion to allow the use of the sidewalk and blocking off the parking spaces. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

- TBRT progressing – the bridge over Hwy 74 is nearing completion.

- Had a request from the current renter of the Depot building that his rent be reduced by ½ in the winter months (4 months). After some discussion the Board chose to leave the rent as is.
- We have made an offer to Guy O'Connor for the WWTP Superintendent position. He has accepted and will begin August 26, 2019.
- The Code Enforcement / Fire Inspection, Shane Jackson, will also begin his new duties on August 26th
- Introduced Walker Harrison, our Lead for NC fellow.

Mayor and Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Hamilton – asked about his perceived legalities of a candidate for the upcoming Council elections. Mr. Webber indicated that Mrs. Debbie Bedford had jurisdiction over that matter.

Commissioner Walker – asked if any properties had been purchased by the State for the 221 by-pass. She also asked that we do resolutions for churches who are celebrating 100 years. And finally she inquired if the Crain Service Station property had been sent a notice about mowing their grass.

Commissioner Roberson – none

Commissioner Harmon – thanked Public Works for keeping the bridge area at Oakland Road so well maintained. Noted that he understood that the rusty guardrail could not be replaced or repainted, but wished there was something that could be done.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to go into Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) Potential Land Acquisition. Commissioner Hamilton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

After returning from Closed Session, Commissioner Roberson made a motion that the Town offer a sum of \$29,400 for the purchase of tax pins 1206403 and 1205588, located along Old Ballpark Rd, and currently owned by Stonecutter Mills Corporation with a 60-day due diligence period. The survey and title search should not exceed \$3500. Commissioner Hamilton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

R. Mickey Bland, Mayor

Cathy Swafford, Town Clerk