

REGULAR BOARD MEETING of June 2, 1999, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners Mike McCall, H. N. James, Ron Sanders, Amy Patterson, and Zeke Sossomon present.

Also present were Richard Betz, Lamar Nix, Kathleen Snyder, Jerry Cook, Selwyn Chalker, Kim LeWicki, Brenda Pierson, Dennis DeWolf, Stuart Armor, Helen Meisel, Rosemary Fleming, Virginia Fleming, Pat Moore, Tony Chambers, Isabel Chambers, Paul Chmar, Jan Chmar, Gladys McDowell, Richard Rhodes, Teddy Rhodes, and others.

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Trott called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda.

Copies of the agenda had been distributed by mail.

MOVED BY COMM. MCCALL, SECONDED BY COMM. SANDERS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the May 19 Regular Board Meeting had been distributed by mail.

MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED.

IV. Reports.

1. The Mayor reported that the Macon County Vision Y-2025 Committee had held another meeting in Franklin the previous evening on the subject of infrastructure, including discussion of natural gas, transportation, water/sewer, and solid waste. The next meeting was scheduled for June 8 at the Nantahala Power & Light building; a public forum was scheduled for June 15 in Tartan Hall on the subject of telecommunications.

The Mayor also commended the Police Department on the success of the recent "ABC" program, "America Buckles up Children."

2. Comm. McCall had attended a meeting of the Bowery Road Committee on May 27, and said that he was pleased with progress thus far; the next meeting was scheduled for June 17, and Division Engineer Dan Martin would be present.

3. Each Board member had received a copy of the Town Engineer/Public Services Administrator's written report for the month. Lamar Nix also reported that he had been discussing possible alternatives to chlorine gas for the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant; he would have more information, including costs, at a later date. He also reported that the Main Street project was 85% complete, with paving scheduled for this week. Work had begun on the Bowery Road Water Project the previous week, and the Mirror Lake Pressure Sewer Project was now 85% complete.

4. Each Board member had received a copy of the Police Department's written report for the month.

5. Each Board member had received a copy of the Recreation Director's written report for the month. Selwyn Chalker reported that the concrete slab had been poured for the picnic shelters, summer camp had begun, the pool was open, and softball was scheduled to begin June 10.

6. Each Board member had received a copy of the Town Planner/ Zoning Administrator's written report for the month. Kathleen Snyder was present and said that she had issued many zoning certificates and sign permits in May, and also said that the Planning Board and Appearance Commission had approved a subdivision plat for T. C. Scroggins and the enclosure of a dining room at Wild Thyme Gourmet.

7. Each Board member had received a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the month.

MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. SANDERS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

8. Town Administrator Richard Betz reported that new accounting Centralized Collection System software was being installed in the Town Office. He also reported that he and Comm. James had appeared in Macon County Superior Court with the Town Attorney the previous week on the Town v. Edwards et. al. case; the Court had been recessed until June 7.

V. Old Business.

1. Several Board members had submitted nominations for various Boards and Committees; by consensus, it was agreed that the Town Administrator would tabulate the nominations and determine if they were willing to serve.

2. Each Board member had received a copy of an "Example Calendar" for the year 2000, provided by the Performing Arts Center Inc., together with a copy of the Town's lease with the Chamber of Commerce, which had been marked by attorney Jack Mayer with suggested changes, pursuant to the previous meeting. Pat Moore was present, and he and the Board reviewed the proposed lease at some length. Among the items discussed were the term of 25 years; the difference between the lease and the Chamber of Commerce and Playhouse leases; the degree of control by the Town over organizations using the facility; and the cost of utilities, which it was proposed the Town would defray. The Board agreed to forward the lease to Town Attorney Bill Coward for review.

VI. New Business.

1. The Clerk advised that the filing period for the Town election scheduled for November 2, at which three Commissioners would be elected, was July 2 through August 6.

MOVED BY COMM. SANDERS, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SET FILING FEES AT \$10 FOR MAYOR, \$5 FOR COMMISSIONER.

2. Formal bids had been requested pursuant to advertisement for an addition to the Fire Department, but the Clerk reported that no bids had been received. By consensus, the Board agreed to re-advertize for June 16.

3. Sealed bids were received pursuant to advertisement for paving and/or re-surfacing various Town streets. The following bids were opened and read:

A.	HMC Paving & Construction.....	\$83,090.06
B.	Rhodes Brothers Paving Inc.....	58,461.59
C.	APAC-Carolina Inc.....	55,277.20

MOVED BY COMM. MCCALL, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO AWARD THE BID TO THE LOW BIDDER, APAC-CAROLINA INC., SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE TOWN ENGINEER.

4. Isabel Chambers was present representing the Highlands Historical Society, and informed the Board that a previous Board of Commissioners, on October 3, 1979, had agreed to permit that

organization to use the Old Jail on Maple Street. She said that the Historical Society now wished to reinstate the earlier approval, using the building to store artifacts of the Town; the small building, 14' X 20', was sound and dry, and it was proposed that it would be open periodically to the public. Ms. Chambers said that the building would be a "stepping stone" to a larger facility in the future. Lamar Nix was present and confirmed that the Town Christmas decorations currently being stored in the building could be stored at the old Sewer Plant.

MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. MCCALL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO PERMIT THE HIGHLANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO USE THE BUILDING AS PROPOSED.

The Board also agreed, by consensus, to have the Clerk prepare a simple lease for the building, with a term of five years. It was also agreed that the Town would replace the door on the building, and the Town Engineer was asked to review the possibility of installing two parking spaces adjacent to or in the rear of the building.

VII. MOVED BY COMM. SANDERS, SECONDED BY COMM. MCCALL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 8:15 p.m.

Richard Betz, Town Clerk