

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of March 8, 2006, with Mayor Don Mullen and Commissioners H. N. James, Alan Marsh, Amy Patterson, and Hank Ross present. Comm. DeWolf was out of Town.

Also present were Richard Betz and Lamar Nix.

#### I. Call to Order.

The Mayor called the Special 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. ROSS, SECONDED BY COMM. MARSH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

#### III. Business.

The Board had set this Special Meeting to discuss the Capital Improvement Program and other capital items for the upcoming budget year. The Town Administrator had prepared a timeline for developing the FY 06-07 budget and a list of expenditures that had already been identified. In a wide-ranging discussion, the Board discussed the budget, including the following:

- The status of funding for silt removal from the lakes.
- A culvert at US-64 near the raw water intake, which the Town Engineer was asked to discuss with the D. O. T.
- Mandatory sewer connection policy; the Public Works Committee agreed to meet at 8:30 a.m. on March 20 to finalize policy.
- The Harris Lake Drainage Basin sewer project.
- Warehouse building No. 2, which had been deferred for several years; clearing of the cemetery and replacement of the Satulah Mountain water tank were deferred to FY 07-08.
- A sidewalk along Chestnut Street from Fourth Street to the Performing Arts Center, subject of a Public Works Committee meeting prior to this meeting; the Town Engineer was asked to discuss possible funding with the D. O. T.
- \$200,000 for Capital Outlay/Paving/Sidewalks, to include planters between Third and Fourth Street, handrails, trash cans, sidewalks, and additional paving.
- Commissioning of a Master Plan for the Recreation Park.
- \$25,000 in the Electric Department for Christmas lights.
- \$100,000 in the Electric Department for the first phase of bringing electric poles and clearances into compliance.
- Trash pick-up, and the possibility of a Town Beautification Coordinator.

IV. MOVED BY COMM. ROSS, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, 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.

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Richard Betz, Town Clerk