

**RED SPRINGS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
7:00 PM**

The Red Springs Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

**Present:** Mayor John M. McNeill; Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Sumpter, Commissioners Duron Burney, Edward Henderson, Shearlie McBryde, Murray McKeithan and Eula McNeill, Town Manager James Bennett and Finance Director Kathy Pittman, standing in for Town Clerk.

- 1) Mayor John M. McNeill opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Rev. Shelley Dial gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor McNeill asked if anyone was signed up for the Public Input Session and the Town Attorney said there were two.

4) **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2017 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2016 Board Meeting
- C. Approval of Budget Amendment #2017-02-01
- D. Approval of , February, 2017 Releases and Refund Request
- E. Approval of DMS Contract moved from 9A Closed Session(as requested by Town Attorney)

Mayor McNeill reviewed the list of items on the Consent Agenda and explained them to those in attendance. Mayor McNeill asked if there were any questions or comments. Having no discussion, **Commissioner McKeithan made a motion to adopt Consent Items A-E. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve.**

5) **Presentations**

- A. Mayor John M. McNeill presented Mr. Jennings Jacobs with the February, 2017 Citizen of the Month Award as well as a framed proclamation, a pin and a coin in appreciation for all she has done for the Town of Red Springs.
- B. Tom Keyserling with the Dept. of Medicine, UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention made a presentation regarding a new diabetes project that he feels will be very helpful to the citizens of Red Springs. Mayor McNeill requested information on this program that the town can add to their Facebook page and Mr. Keyserling agreed.

- C. The Town Manager spoke regarding front yard and back yard storm debris removal. He said the program is going really well with the initial \$25,000 approved by the board for this purpose. To complete the project, there is a need for an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 appropriation. The Mayor asked if this expense will be reimbursable by FEMA and the Manager said it will not. Commissioner Duron Burney made a motion that \$20,000 be appropriated for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKeithan. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Henderson asked if this project will include removal the large tree located on N. Edinborough. The Manager explained that it will not be included because a separate contractor will be handling its removal, which will be covered by FEMA.

Commissioner Henderson asked if the manager has talked to the residents regarding this matter and the manager said he had not. Commissioner Henderson said to please do so. Tim Mauldin was asked to talk to the residents and report back to the town manager of the results.

Commissioner McBryde stated that bagged debris is still on Richardson St. Tim Mauldin was asked to check on this. The Town Manager stated that some residents had paid private contractors to work along ditch bank. Tim Mauldin added that the town is only allowed to handle within 6' of the ditch.

The Mayor asked Commissioner McBryde if she would meet with Tim Mauldin to show him what she is talking about, but she declined. Commissioner McKeithan agreed to meet with Tim in her place.

- D. Billie Owens, Public Assistance Grants Manager of the NC Dept. of Public Safety reported that his job is to make sure the town gets all they deserve of the FEMA reimbursement. The 1<sup>st</sup> request was for \$56,000 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> request was for \$183,000. He complimented the town on its handling of these requests and hopes they will continue on this path.

Mr. Owens stated that the state has agreed to pay the 25% balance left from the 75% FEMA funding.

**6) Solid Waste Management Fees**

Code Enforcement Officer Ernest Stephens reported that the Finance Dept. had discovered the list of some residents who were not paying for garbage collection as required in the town's ordinance. He stated that the either the board could decide to leave the ordinance as it is now and require all residents to pay or they can change the ordinance as they desire.

The Mayor suggested that if no one is living in the home, doesn't pay for electric or water/sewer service they should not pay for garbage collection. He asked if the Mr. Stephens would write a revised version of the current ordinance to include this terminology and bring it back to the board for approval at the March, 2017 meeting.

The board agreed.

- 7) **Budget Retreat**  
The Town Manager explained that the 4 FY2017/2018 Budget Retreat is to take place on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He will send out a tentative schedule.
- 8) **Recycling Update**  
Tim Mauldin explained pictures of the updated Recycling Center. The Center is open with the new hours and dumpsters will now be emptied every Tuesday.
- 9) **Closed Session**  
Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter made the motion to go into Closed Session and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.
- 10) **Return to Open Session**  
Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter made the motion to return to Open Session and Commissioner McKeithan seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.
- 11) **Return to Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue**  
Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter made the motion to return to Closed Session and Commissioner McBryde seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.
- 12) **Return to Open Session**  
Commissioner McKeithan made the motion to return to Open Session and Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter seconded the motion. All voted to approve the motion.
- 13) **Adjournment**  
Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McKeithan seconded the motion. All voted to approved the motion.

  
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John M. McNeill, Mayor

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Kathy Pittman, Finance Director