

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

The Red Springs Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 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.

- I. Mayor John M. McNeill opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- II. Rev. Bradley Boberg gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Hearing**
 - A. Fair Housing CDBG – the Town Manager explained the need for a public hearing on the required Fair Housing Plan as required by CDBG standards
 - B. Mill Village CDBG – David Honeycutt of McGill Associates explained the requirement of a public hearing to amend the CDBG funding contract under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. This CDBG grant was awarded to the town on May 21, 2015 in the amount of \$2,025,000. The amendments included modifications to the route for proposed sewer in the Mill Village area resulting in a reduction of the total length of sewer lines to be replaced.
- IV. **Public Input**

Mayor McNeill asked if anyone was signed up for the Public Input Session and the Town Attorney said there was one. Algena McPhaul was called by Neil Yarborough, Town Attorney to address the board.
- V. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Resolution for Fair Housing
 - B. Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2017 Board Meeting
 - C. Utility Releases/Refunds
 - D. Approval of Budget Amendment #2017-03-01
 - E. Approval of Budget Amendment #2017-03-02
 - F. Approval of Budget Amendment #2017-03-03
 - G. Approval of Budget Amendment #2017-03-04

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. All items were approved with no discussion with the exception of Budget #2017-03-04. **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adopt**

Consent Items A-F. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve.

Commissioner Henderson asked why not wait until the FY2017-2018 Budget year to purchase a new vehicle to replace the one totaled during Hurricane Matthew in October, 2016. It explained that Chief Patterson has been driving a loaner since that time and needs to return it to the dealership. Commissioner Burney added that the vehicle Chief Patterson is driving is not equipped as patrol cars should be, which can impede the Chief's ability to respond to emergency calls as needed, therefore, he recommended that the vehicle be replaced now. **Commissioner Burney made a motion to approve Consent Agenda #G - BA #2017-03-04, Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion and all voted to approve.**

VI. Presentations

- a) Mayor John M. McNeill presented Mr. George Hall with the March, 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) CDBG – David Honeycutt of McGill spoke earlier regarding this matter during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Mayor McNeill asked if he had further information and Mr. Honeycutt said he did not, therefore, this presentation was skipped
- c) Fair Housing – Town Manager spoke earlier regarding this matter during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Noting this, Mayor McNeill said this presentation was not needed.
- d) Thurlow Street Drainage – Martin McGill reported on their findings for a possible solution to the flooding/drainage problem on Thurlow St. They recommended building a retention pond in a nearby field which would accept water from the area caused by normal rain storms. When asked if the new proposed pond would help in case of another hurricane, they said it would not.

Per McGill there is a possibility that FEMA will pay for this drainage issue.

Mayor McNeill stated that there had been 2 ponds placed there before and asked if they impede anything. McGill representative said "no". The mayor asked the board if they would like for McGill to research more and return with any other possible options on this subject. **Commissioner Henderson made a motion that McGill continue to search options for this issue, Commissioner McKeithan seconded the motion and all board member voted to approve.**

VII. Budget Retreat

Town Manager James Bennett passed out the revised FY2017/2018 Budget Calendar.

VIII. Comments

Members of the Town Board of Commissioners were given the option to address the ones present.