

RED SPRINGS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
7:00 PM

The Red Springs Board of Commissioners met in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor John M. McNeill; Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Sumpter, Commissioners Duron Burney, Edward Henderson, Murray McKeithan, Shearlie McBryde 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. **Commissioner Sherlie McBryde 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 Town Attorney Neil Yarborough stated there were three. Town Attorney Neil Yarborough explained the Public Input Session rules and recognized each speaker.

Mayor McNeill asked the Town Manager to check with Robeson County Tax Dept. for procedures residents need to follow regarding tax valuation if they are still not able to occupy their homes. The Mayor asked for this information within 2 weeks.

4. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2017 Board Meeting
 - B. Releases and Refunds

Commissioner McNeil made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. **Presentations**
 - A. Planning Board – Wilson Ray, Chairman
Chairman Ray had explained a Conditional Use Permit Request for Life Opportunities. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017.
 - B. West 3rd Ave –
Per Town Attorney, Neil Yarborough, Town Board of Commissioners should allow the Planning Board to initiate the rezoning process. It is now zoned Industrial which is problematic to all homes there.

Mayor McNeill explained that the past decision was made by a prior Code Enforcement Officer, not the Planning Board as it should have been.

Commission Henderson made a motion that the Planning Board handle this rezoning issue. Commissioner Burney seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor McNeill reminded everyone that the July, 2017 board meeting falls on July 4, 2017. He recommended the board meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017. All board members agreed. Town Attorney Neil Yarborough explained the June 6, 2017 meeting should be recessed to July 11, 2017.

6. Review of FY2017/2018 Budget Ordinance

Town Manager James Bennett reviewed the changes to the proposed FY2017/2018 Budget Ordinance. Mayor McNeill requested an e-mail from the manager stating there were to be no changes in the employee benefits from United Healthcare. He also stated the title for the full time Fire Chief was to be changed to Public Service Officer.

Mayor McNeill asked if the board wanted to call for a public hearing for May 15, 2017 or continue with the planned May 8, 2017 Budget Meeting. The will of the board was to continue with the scheduled May 8, 2017 meeting followed by a Public Hearing.

7. CLOSED SESSION - Attorney Client Privilege §G.S. 143.318.11 A(3)

Mayor McNeill called for Closed Session

The Town Manager interjected that a final date for the grand opening for the Farmer's Market was needed. May 24, 2017 at 10:00AM was decided.

Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion. All agreed to approve.

Upon returning to open session Commissioner Burney made a motion to appoint Attorney Tim Smith as the new Town Attorney for the Town of Red Springs, effective June 1, 2017. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Sumpter made the motion to recess the meeting until May 8, 2017. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion. All voted to approved the motion.


John M. McNeill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathy Pittman, Finance Director