

**Town of Mocksville  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 1, 2017**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall; but moved the meeting to the Energy United Building because of the number of people coming to the public hearing.

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor, Will Marklin	<b>Absent:</b>	Rob Taylor
<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Johnny Frye Lash Sanford Amy Vaughan-Jones Brent Ward		

**Others Present:**

Marcus Abernethy, Town Manager  
Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk/Finance Director  
Al Benschhoff, Town Attorney  
Todd Penley, Police Chief  
Tami Laugdon, Community Development Coordinator  
Mike West, Public Works Director  
Rustin Harpe, Parks Director  
Frank Carter, Fire Chief

Sign in sheet attached.

Mayor Marklin called the meeting to order welcoming everyone in attendance.

The Town of Mocksville Board paused for a moment of silence.  
Mayor, Marklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Brent Ward to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting; July 5, 2017 Executive Session and July 26, 2017 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 4-0*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Kessler addressed the Board sharing a new nonprofit's mission called S.A.F.E. (Substance Abuse Family Education program in downtown Mocksville.

**Street Renaming Request – Depot Street; MLK Jr. Blvd  
Public Hearing Renaming Depot Street**

Mayor, Marklin opened the public hearing at 6:15pm to discuss the renaming of Depot Street. All parties in favor will speak first and those in opposition to the foregoing changes will speak second.

Rev. Joe B. Clark - education on the 900 streets that have been renamed.

Clyde Scott, Sr. - Depot Street is a historical street. Make the street a reality folks.

Lynn Hicks – a business owner and this change would be a financial burden. Please find another street that would have less impact than Depot Street.

Brent Meacham – My customers find me through the internet, GPS and 4,000 business cards. This renaming would be costly for me.

Pete Parkman – Main Street Canines on the back of Depot Street but this would put a financial burden on businesses on the street.

Garth Bishop – I own the Antique Shop and this would be a financial burden on me but would love to see another street renamed.

Gladys Scott – Martin Luther King Jr. gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Richard Short – I have a property on Depot Street for sale and this would impact buyers decision because Depot Street has history.

Ralph Naylor – we have 1,000 customers and it will cost too much to make a street change.

After everyone had a chance to voice their opinion Mayor, Marklin closed the public hearing at 6:40pm.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Lash Sanford to approve the street renaming from Depot Street to MLK Jr. Blvd. The motion was seconded by none. 1-3 vote with Commissioners, Brent Ward, Johnny Frye and Amy Vaughan-Jones voting against.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Lash Sanford to form a committee of 4 to 6 people to explore other streets that could be renamed to MLK Jr. Blvd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones and approved by a unanimous vote. 4-0.*

### **Animal Ordinance Discussion**

Lt. Bob Dewitt was absent to discuss the animal ordinance so it will be added to next month's agenda.

### **Resolution on placing, "In God We Trust" on Public Safety Vehicles**

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Johnny Frye to approve the resolution on placing, "In God We Trust" on ALL public safety vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Brent Ward and approved by a 3-1 vote. Commissioner, Lash Sanford voting against.*

### **Court Square Traffic Intersection Improvement Contract**

The project consists of upgrading the traffic signal at US 158/Depot Street to a mast arm installation and relocating the traffic signal cabinet. The poles will be powder coated and color will be determined by the town. The town will participate in the project cost by submitting a check for a lump sum amount of \$57,500.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Brent Ward to approve the contract for improving the Court Square traffic intersection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 4-0.*

## **Take Home Car Policy Discussion**

The Board would like the Town Manager, Marcus Abernethy to draft a policy for taking home town vehicles for next month's meeting. Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones would like to make sure the town has reviewed and has knowledge of all IRS tax laws for taking home vehicles.

## **Adopting Ordinance Amendment 5-3.10 Condemnation Repair and Demolition of Unsafe Buildings**

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones to adopt the ordinance amendment changing a line from Inspection Department to read Town Manager, or designee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 4-0.*

## **Monthly and Department Reports**

Manager's Report

Marcus Abernethy

The performance evaluations going well according to our new policy.  
The water line project continuing to be outstanding.

Parks Department  
Police Department  
Fire Department  
Public Works Department  
CDC  
Water Plant  
Envirolink Report  
Willis Engineers Status Report

Rustin Harpe  
Todd Penley  
Frank Carter  
Mike West  
Tami Langdon  
Tom Johnson  
Heather Adams  
Chuck Willis

Budget Revenue Report  
Budget Expenditure Report  
Code Enforcement Report  
Building Permit Activity Report

Marcus Abernethy

## **Town Board Member Comment Period**

Amy Vaughan-Jones concerned about County reducing its budget for non-profit agencies. Also would like to know the cost to the town for holding the Jr. Legion State Tournament at the park. The awesome turn out, wonderful comments are good, but hard work for the Parks Department. Would like Town Manager to look at the fee schedule and discuss with Department Head.

Johnny Frye thanking the town staff for its hard work and meeting preparation.

## ***Adjourn***

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Johnny Frye to adjourn the August 1, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Lash Sanford and approved by a unanimous vote. 4-0*

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William J. Marklin, Mayor

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Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk ,NCCMC