

**Town of Mocksville
Regular Board Meeting
November 7, 2017**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall. The meeting relocated to the Energy United Education Center due to the number of people.

Present:	Mayor, Will Marklin	Absent:	None
Commissioners Present:	Johnny Frye Lash Sanford Amy Vaughan-Jones Brent Ward Rob Taylor		

Others Present:

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

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

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner, Johnny Frye to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner, Lash Sanford to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and October 3, 2017 Executive Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nettye Barber addressed the Board leaving them with a message about Martin Luther King, Jr. that she is passionate about.

Julius Suiter addressed the Board thanking them for another opportunity to rename a street after Martin Luther King, Jr.

Personnel Recognition

The Town Manager, Marcus Abernethy mentioned how proud he was of all his employees. Then he turned it over to Chief, Todd Penley, who wanted to recognize Nelson Turrentine upon his retirement with the Mocksville police Department on November 1, 2017 and some promotions taking place.

Chief Todd Penley presented Mr. Turrentine with a retirement plaque and sentimental speech along with announcing Pat Reagan as Assistant Chief and Koula Black being promoted to Major.

Resolution to Authorize the Award of Service Badge and Sidearm for Law Enforcement Officers

Some of the recent retiring officers have requested to be awarded their badge and service weapon. NCGS 20-187.2 award law enforcement officers their badge upon retirement free of charge. The statute also allows agencies to surplus to officers their issued sidearm upon retirement as well. The policy establishes some uniform guidelines, requiring officers to serve with the town fifteen years in order to be awarded their sidearm for the sum of \$1.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Johnny Frye to approve the resolution to authorize the award of service badge and sidearm for Law Enforcement Officers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Lash Sanford and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Resolution Renaming Campbell Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Road

Public Hearing

Mayor, Will Marklin opened up the public hearing at 6:25pm to hear in favor or against comments on the renaming of Campbell Road.

Alice Brown addressed the Board in favor of renaming Campbell Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Road. She spoke about other towns that had named a street after Martin Luther King, Jr. She understands that the town can only name a portion within the town limits and the County of Davie would be responsible for naming the remainder of the road. If a name change is made, she hopes all necessary governing bodies will engage to ensure the entire road is one name as to eliminate confusion for those traveling to the school facilities.

Mrs. Gaither addressed the Board opposed of renaming Campbell Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Road. She spoke of some personal history she felt passionate about and she feels we should not go backward.

Mayor, Will Marklin closed the public hearing 6:35pm.

The Mayor asked the Town Manager to elaborate on some of the questions from the public hearing, and the Manager briefly discussed his memo written to the board on the recent road renaming activities, the petitions, the committee recommendation, and the items enclosed with the agenda packet. He explained the original intentions to rename the entire stretch of Campbell Road, but was not certain if the Town could rename the portion of the street outside the municipal limits. A citizen asked who renamed the other portion of the road. The Manager explained that he has been told by NCDOT that Davie County would make the determination on renaming that portion and that some of the petitioners had informed him that they had been communicating with Davie County staff on this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Lash Sanford to approve the renaming of Campbell Road in Mocksville to Martin Luther King, Jr. Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

A citizen from the audience wanted to know when the street would be effective. And the matter was discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Lash Sanford to approve January 1, 2018 the effective date for renaming Campbell Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Road in order to enable enough time for the changes to go into effect. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Brent Ward and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Boy Scout Project Presentation

Mark and Wesley Metcalf addressed the Board presenting pictures of a park project they would like to achieve. At Rich Park's baseball field, the boys would like to replace the rail posts that are beginning to look worn. Rustin recommended the boys use treated lumber and paint brown. The boys were excited to get started.

FY 2016-2017 Audit Presentation

Eddie Carrick, CPA presented the audit report for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. A clean audit meaning no findings or concerns. All audits are kept on record at town hall.

General Community Development Block Grant

In order for the Town of Mocksville to be eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Commerce Finance Division, two public hearings are required. The first public hearing is a "generic" public hearing, and once held, is good for a year. During that year, the town would only need to hold a project specific public hearing, prior to submitting a request for CDBG funding. Currently under the CDBG Program, funds can be requested for projects that include infrastructure improvements, building reuse or demolition, all of which must be for the purpose of promoting economic development through the creation of jobs, designed to benefit low and moderate-income persons. The last "Generic" public hearing was held on July 7, 2015; therefore a new public hearing is being requested to be held at tonight's meeting.

Public Hearing

Mayor, Will Marklin opened the public hearing at 6:55pm and closed the public hearing 7:55pm with no one speaking in favor or against.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Johnny Frye to approve the CDBG public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Lash Sanford and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Closeout Report CDBG for Avgol America

On January 11, 2016, the town was awarded a \$21,760 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Commerce Finance Center, for its Avgol America Rail Economic Development Project. The funds were designated for a proposed expansion by Avgol America located at 178 Avgol Drive, Mocksville, to assist the company with the construction of a third rail spur. In return, the company agreed to maintain its current 216 existing jobs, and to create 50 new jobs, 60% of

which is to be filled by low to moderate income persons. On April 18, 2017, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Commerce Finance Center, conducted a monitoring review visit to the town. The monitoring review found the town to be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, therefore resulting in no findings or concerns. As of October 5, 2017, Avgol America has satisfied its commitment by maintaining the 216 jobs existing at the time the grant funds were requested, and it has created 53 new jobs. The state has requested that the town conduct a “close-out” public hearing, and move forward with submitting a request to the state to official close the grant. Therefore, a public hearing is being requested at tonight’s meeting.

Public Hearing

Mayor, Will Marklin opened the public hearing at 7:00pm and closed the public hearing 7:00pm with no one speaking in favor or against.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Rob Taylor to approve the closer of the completed Avgol America CDBG. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Award of Bid – Country Lane and Highway 158

At the October meeting the Town Board approved an offer of sale for the property located at the intersection of Country Lane and Highway 158 which started the upset bid process. Thomas McCaskill submitted a bid of \$7,500 for the surplus property and during this upset bidding period no other bids were submitted. In order to complete the sell the Town Board must formally award the bid to Thomas McCaskill.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Brent Ward to award the bid of \$7,500 to Thomas McCaskill for the property located at the intersection of Country Lane and Highway 158. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Award of Bid – Limb Removal Services

After several discussions pertaining to limb removal services the Board has decided to table the topic.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones to table limb removal services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

FY 17-18 Budget Ordinance Amendment – Court Square and North Main Street Park

Court Square and North Main Street Park are requiring a budget amendment due to higher unexpected labor costs, materials and added items to the original plans. Example, street lights to the mass arms.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Rob Taylor to approve the budget amendment for the Court Square project and North Main Street Park project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye with Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones opposing making the vote 4-1.

FY 17-18 Budget Ordinance Amendment Limb Removal Services and Leaf Truck

No action taken.

Amended Personnel Policy – Bereavement

A minor discrepancy was overlooked when updating the town's personnel policy outlining bereavement leave for immediate family members.

SECTION 8: BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

The Town will award three paid leave days per fiscal year for bereavement and to attend the funeral of a loved one. An employee may use up to ~~three~~ five days accrued sick leave due to the death and funeral of an immediate family member as defined in ~~Article III, Section 11(D) of this policy~~ as a spouse, children, grandchildren brother, sister, parent(s), grandparent(s) of the employee or of the spouse, in-laws of the employee and anyone living as a part of the employee's household. Additional time to settle affairs of the family may be taken with the approval of the immediate supervisor and should be charged to vacation leave. Accumulated leave to attend funerals of other than the immediate family may be granted by the department head and charged to compensatory, vacation leave or leave without pay.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones to approve the amended bereavement language in the personnel policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Monthly and Departmental Reports

Manager's Report

Marcus Abernethy

Next month Jesse Day will report on the ABC Store Feasibility Study.

Events:

November	17 th	Bed Race
November	18 th	Christmas Parade
December	2 nd	Winterfest
December	9 th	Horse & Buggy
December	12 th	Christmas Party
December	17 th	Live Music

Parks Department

Rustin Harpe

Police Department

Todd Penley

Fire Department

Frank Carter

Public Works Department

Mike West

CDC

Tami Langdon

Water Plant

Tom Johnson

Envirolink Report

Heather Adams

Willis Engineers Status Report

Chuck Willis

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

Marcus Abernethy

Chuck addressed the Board to give an update on a storm water issue on 226 West Church Street. The issue began really when the street was designed. The issue is on one side of the road, the water runs downhill and it leaves the right away going onto the property. When this house was built no culvert was put in for the driveway. Builders did them no favors because no drain pipes were added either and we are continuing to revisit this. Maybe get a quote and give the home owner an option to pipe it in.

Commissioner Comment Period

Rob Taylor – Expressed thanks to Mike and the Public Works department and the good job they are doing.

Johnny Frye – Expressed thanks to Mike and the Public Works department for all the long hours and a job well done.

Vaughan-Jones – Expressed thanks to Rustin and the Parks Department and Mike and the Public Works Department for the work they do for the town. Amy asked if the roads during the parade had to be closed for the entire time? Chief Todd Penley answered yes, no other way around it for safety reasons. The roads are closed at Campbell Road through North Main Street to Depot Street.

Sanford – Asked how the transitional meeting would take place for new elected officials? Marcus says, the Mayor will open the meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2017 and if no old business needs to be taken care of the oaths will be read to the newly elected and they will take their seats. Marcus will send out a letter with updates during the month.

Mayor, Will Marklin - Congratulations to Pat Raegan in the Police Department with his promotion as Assistant Chief and to the Town Manager, Marcus Abernethy for his well-deserved earned points on his six-month evaluation.

Motion to enter closed session per NC GS 143-318.11 (a)(3) and (6), to preserve the attorney-client privilege, and to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Rob Taylor to enter into close session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Motion to re-enter into open session.

A motion was made by Commissioner, Rob Taylor to re-enter into open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Johnny Frye and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner, Brent Ward to adjourn the November 7, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0

William J. Marklin, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk ,NCCMC