

**Town of Mocksville  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 6, 2018**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall.

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| <b>Present:</b>               | Mayor, Will Marklin  | <b>Absent:</b> | None |
| <b>Commissioners Present:</b> | Brian Williams<br>Eric Southern<br>Amy Vaughan-Jones<br>Brent S.Ward<br>Rob Taylor |                |      |

**Others Present:**

Marcus Abernethy, Town Manager  
Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk  
Al Benschhoff, Town Attorney  
Todd Pendley, Police Chief  
Ray Moore, Assistant Fire Chief  
Rustin Harpe, Parks 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, Rob Taylor to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Brian Williams and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

**Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Rob Taylor to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Eric Southern and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Gaither presented the Board with a booklet of pictures and flooding issues located at Hillcrest Street. She would like the Board to look over the booklet and maybe discuss these issues at the next Board meeting in April.

**Personnel Recognition**

Assistant Fire Chief Ray Moore attended the meeting to introduce and recognize Fire Fighter, Austin Freidt. Austin has just graduated from Basic Firefighter training at Mitchell Community College and now has his North Carolina Fire Fighter Certifications I and II. Austin has completed 642 hours of training and

900 hours in Mocksville. He is enrolled in the EMT program to eventually run medical calls. Austin will be an asset to the Fire Department.

Police Chief, Todd Penley introduced three new officers in Mocksville. Justin Sloan is a 5-year Marine and has 1-year law enforcement and replaced Officer Turrentine. Cameron Jones has 10-years' experience as a supervisor in Iredell County Sheriff's Office. Matt Leonard has 10-years' experience and law advance certificate. He will graduate with a Bachelor's from Western Carolina in July. Our first homeland security officer in Mocksville.

### **Public Hearing - Mocksville Rich Park Greenway Trail Expansion**

The Town is applying for a grant opportunity to potentially assist in an expansion of the Town's Greenway from Rich Park. Conducting a public hearing improves the scoring in the grant evaluation process.

Mayor, Marklin opened up the public hearing to speak for the expansion of the Greenway. No one spoke.

Mayor, Marklin opened up the public hearing to speak against the expansion of the Greenway. No one spoke.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Rob Taylor to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Brian Williams and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

### **Eagle Scout Rich Park Project**

Anthony Mills Troop 575 addressed the Board and proposed with pictures an Eagle Scout project. He would like to construct two directory signs showing residents Greenway trail information from the start of the trail to the end showing maps and community postings. Anthony will be working with Rustin on this project.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Brian Williams to approve the Eagle Scout project by Anthony Mills at Rich Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

### **Adopt a Highway Presentation**

Darlene Bailey with NCDOT made a brief presentation to provide information about the Adopt-A-Highway Program that they promote to civic groups, community organizations and churches. When you receive complaints on roadside litter this program is a major mechanism to assist in that maintenance and no fees. Each adopted section of the highway is approximately two miles long. Volunteer groups sign contracts with NCDOT agreeing to remove litter from their adopted stretch a minimum of four times each year (once every three months). Ms. Bailey left brochures with the town educating those who litter.

### **Mayoral Appointment to the Mocksville Tree Board**

Mayor, Marklin will be appointing Karen Ferrell to the tree Board. Arbor Day Celebration will be April 20, 2018 at 11:00am at Main Street Park.

## **Adopt Resolution Accepting Loan Offer for WWTP Expansion Project**

This resolution is to accept a loan offer for the Dutchman's Creek WWTP and the loan amount is \$3.3 million dollars. This is a project we have been working on for some time and the design is underway for the improvements. These improvements include automated influent screening equipment, secondary clarifiers, pumping station improvements and aerobic digesters. Draft plans will be completed and sent to the State in May and we anticipate construction to begin in early 2019.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Eric Southern to adopt the resolution to accept the loan offer of \$3.3 million dollars for Dutchman's Creek WWTP Improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

## **Approve Auditor Contract**

The Board will need to approve the audit contract required by the Local Government Commission.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones to approve Eddie Carrick, CPA firm's audit contract for year ending June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

## **Discussion of Fence Extension at Main Street Park**

Architect took down the fencing in error and Commissioner; Brent S. Ward would like to discuss putting it back. The 6ft fence goes between the Home Oil Company and the bathroom building to the curbing.

Landscaping is taking shape at the park. The Shumard Oaks have been planted behind the park and they really look nice. The Parks and Grounds Department is coordinating the landscaping. Mulch, shrubbery and flowers will take place now but most of the 8-10 trees (Dogwood's and Crape Myrtles) will be planted on Arbor Day, Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Mocksville Elementary School students and the Forestry Service will take part in the Arbor Day Celebration. The Girl Scouts remain very interested in assisting by taking on a service project. When it gets dry weather the pergola and the wooden trellis is going to get stained with a sun protectant and wood stain. Yadtel has agreed to provide in-kind installation services for public WI-FI to become available. A small monthly fee \$60 and should be the area of the park.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Brent S. Ward to approve replacing the fence at N. Main Street Park that was taken down in error; it goes from the corner to the sidewalk which acts as a divider and will keep cars off the grass. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Brian Williams and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

## **Discussion of Contracting Landscaping Maintenance Services Highway 601/I-40 Interchange**

Town Manager has been working with Parks Director, Rustin Harpe to collect quotes for an annual landscaping contract to maintain the I-40 Highway 601 interstate interchange. The mowing at the interchange takes up a lot of staff time and the department wanted to look at this possibility. Quotes will be presented during the budget process.

## **Potential Update to Commissioner Meeting Schedule Maybe Changing April Meeting Due to Easter Holiday**

Town Manager wanted to double check to make sure there would be a quorum at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, because the Mayor will be out of town and the school system is off for Easter break.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Brian Williams to change the April 3 2018 meeting to Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Eric Southern and approved by a unanimous vote.*

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## **Discussion of ABC Memorandum of Agreement and Discussion of Commission Appointments**

The Mayor and Town Manager met with the Town of Cooleemee discussing the creation of a merged ABC Commission. The Memo of Understanding consisted of the name, number of Board positions, Chair, distribution of profits, effective date, and location of Mocksville store.

No action taken because the Board wants the Town Manager to revise the Memo of Understanding by taking out, 1. "At execution, the Town of Cooleemee may elect to keep the existing third appointed Board Member position until the end of this particular term in December 2018. At the end of this term, the Town of Mocksville would then make the succeeding/future appointments of this third position. 2. If a store closes in future years, then profit distribution can be revisited and renegotiated between the two towns. Meet with the Town of Cooleemee again with these two revisions and if they agree we can revisit the Memo of Understanding at the April meeting.

Manager's Report

Marcus Abernethy

State of Davie Breakfast, 7:30am Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Tour of the Mocksville water and waste treatment facilities Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)

Budget Retreat March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> to start the budget adoption process (4:00pm)

## **Commissioner Comment Period**

Will Marklin -Dixie Swim Club - The Brock Performing Center/Art Council (5) local actresses and Health and Davie challenge (jumping jacks log your number)

Brent S. Ward – Thanks to town staff for all they do and the services they provide to our town citizens.

Brian Williams –

Amy Vaughan-Jones –Thank you Rustin and all the work you do. The baseball field looks good. Lots of people are using it and they are saying great things about the park and how good it looks. The basketball courts are getting lots of use and hearing positive feedback. Thanks to the Police Dept. for a service the provided at the elementary school. Fire Dept; good to see Austin and knowing he was one of my students that is becoming successful and fulfilling his dreams.

Eric Southern –

Rob Taylor – Thanks to everyone who came out to the Smart Start fund raiser which was very successful and the Dragon Fly House ribbon cutting March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to the Police Department and I have worked with Matt Leonard for 10 years through the Sheriff's office and he is an outstanding police officer.

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

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

Motion to re-enter into open session.

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Amy Vaughan-Jones to re-enter into open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Brian Williams and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

### **Adjourn**

*A motion was made by Commissioner, Brent S. Ward adjourn the March 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner, Rob Taylor and approved by a unanimous vote. 5-0*

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William J. Marklin, Mayor

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Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk, NCCMC