## Town of Mocksville Regular Board Meeting November 5, 2019

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall.

**Present:** Mayor, Will Marklin **Absent**: Brent S. Ward

**Commissioners Present:** Eric Southern

Rob Taylor Brian Williams Amy Vaughan-Jones

### **Others Present:**

Matt Settlemyer, Town Manager Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk Al Benshoff, Town Attorney Pat Reagan, Police Chief Brian Moore, Public Services Director Ray Moore, Assistant, Fire Chief

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.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote 4-0.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor reads; Under GS 160-81.1, the Board shall provide one period for public comment per month. Public comments are a valued part of the Board meeting but we also have to handle monthly business items. If your public comment is not heard this month we provide the same opportunity at each month's Board meeting. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per comment. The Mayor asks that groups appoint spokespersons for groups supporting the same position, especially when the number of people wishing to attend the meeting exceeds the capacity of Town Hall. When the comments become repetitive and no longer provide new information then discussion for this meeting may be stopped. As a reminder, the comment period is not a question and answer session.

As always, the Mayor shall provide for the maintenance of order and decorum in the conduct of the comment period.

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Patrick Henley addressed the Board concerning the public record requests and communication with officers.

Alan Bagshaw addressed the Board concerning the discussion of the cost for the public record requests that should be easily accessible. Something so small turned into something so big and the Town is still where we started.

### **Communications from Boards, Commissions and Agencies**

Mayor read the proclamation for Small Business Saturday

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan-Jones to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Items approved were: (A) October 1, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (B) October 1, 2019 Executive Session Minutes (C) Monthly Financials (D) Tax Releases.

# Consider Approving the 2019 Policies, Procedures, Plans, Resolutions and Ordinances for Community Development Block Grant

The Town of Mocksville anticipates awards of Community Development Block Economic Development Grant Awards. To apply and get awarded these grants these policies, procedures, plans, resolutions and ordinances have to be adopted by the Board each year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the 2019 policies, procedures, plans, resolutions and ordinances for community development block grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

## Consider Resolution to Fund Engineering Services for the Preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report for Selected Alternative for Water Supply Improvement Project.

Hazen and Sawyer prepared a Scope of Work proposal with which to move forward with the studying and engineering services for the preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report for the selection of an Alternative Water Supply Improvement Project to accomplish the need to provide sufficient and resilient potable water resources to support the health, safety and economic prosperity of Davie County.

The Davie County governmental staff is hereby directed by this governing body to further explore the selected alternative and proceed to engage Hazen and Sawyer to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water Supply Improvement Project as seen in the Scope of Work dated October 23, 2019 which is attached to this Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the resolution to fund engineering services for the preparation of a preliminary engineering report for selected alternative for water supply improvement project in the amount of \$182,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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### Public Hearing for Economic Development REDLG Loan

Town Manager explained to the Board that the REDLG loan is in the community's best interest to promote and partner with private sector investors to create jobs and expand the tax base. The Town and County are eligible to apply for a loan to assist rural economic development projects through Energy United, which will in turn pass through to local industry for projects to create and retain employment. Davie Industrial Center, LLC (Developer), has requested that Davie County grant economic development incentives to Davie Industrial Center, LLC and has indicated its' intention to purchase a 23.761 acre tract to accommodate three large industrial buildings, the first of which will be 300,000 square foot with an estimated cost of \$16,250,000.00 and estimated increased tax base of \$16,250,000.00 upon the completion of the large building and which will yield a total of at least 25 new jobs. This project would position Davie County and the Town Mocksville in an advantaged location as 90 percent of new companies want an existing building. The County estimates it will recover the incentive in full within 10 years of the granting of the loan, through the repayment of same by Davie Development Center, LLC and will also receive increased tax revenues generated from the new tax base. The loan shall be a 10 year zero interest Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program, and if awarded, could assist with allowing 23.761 acres of new industrial property to be developed. This loan would be paid back in full by the private sector with no risk to the public.

Grant participation in the REDLG program is for a USDA zero interest loan up to \$500,000.00 in collaboration with the Town of Mocksville, for the Project conditioned upon the approval of such cost shared by the Town of Mocksville of at least an additional \$500,000.00 REDLG loan and the execution of the Agreements for Economic Development Assistance, the Developer, and the County, Town, and the Developer being able to obtain and use the two \$500,000.00 loans from REDLG.

Mayor Marklin opened up the Public Hearing to consider the Resolution REDLG Davie Industrial Center and Economic Development Assistance Agreement and no one spoke in favor or against so he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the resolution for the REDLG Davie Industrial Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Southern to approve the economic development assistance agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

### **Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant**

Town Manager briefly explained to the Board that this Community Development Block Grant is to pursue a formal application for funding to benefit Brakebush Brothers and invest monies in the amount of \$50,000 into the project as committed to in the application which will create 244 jobs.

Mayor Marklin opened up the Public Hearing to consider Community Development Block Grant Economic Development application and no one spoke in favor or against so he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to adopt the resolution to process the application for the community development block grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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# **Communication from Town Staff**

Town Manager: None

Town Attorney: None

## **Communication from Mayor and Town Board**

Commissioner Williams: None

Commissioner Taylor: None

Commissioner Southern: Thanks to the Town Hall and Department Heads for their services and thoughts and prayers for the passing of Tami's mom and the Randle and Howell families.

Commissioner Vaughan: None

Mayor Marklin: November 23, 2019; 7pm Davie County's own Cody and Caleb Martin that plays for the Charlotte Hornets will take on the Chicago Bulls. Purchase through the link on the Town's website through Kevin Cobb. Let's support Davie County.

## Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan-Jones to adjourn the November 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote 4-0.

William J. Marklin, Mayor

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