

**Town of Mocksville  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 4, 2020**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall.

**Present:**

**Commissioners Present:**

Mayor, Will Marklin  
Eric Southern  
Rob Taylor  
Amy Vaughan-Jones  
Justin Draughn  
Brian Williams

**Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Matt Settlemyer, Town Manager  
Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk  
Al Benschhoff, Town Attorney  
Pat Reagan, Police Chief  
Brian Moore, Public Services Director  
Tami Langdon, Community Development  
Chris Vaughn, Parks and Grounds  
Frank Carter, 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 Williams to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.*

**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.

Alan Bagshaw addressed the Board updating them on the event held on January 30, 2020 (NC Balance of State Continuum of Care). Twenty households were interviewed for a total of thirty-eight people who were considered homeless. Other agencies were also interviewing and those final numbers will be at a later date. Mount Zion donated the meal, Carhartt donated toboggans, Hanes donated over 400 pairs of socks, MaryKay donated products, a dental office in Mount Airy donated dental kits to hand out to all and Cardinal provided the wellness center for the operations to be held.

Benita Finney addressed the Board referencing the PD article in the paper. The PD claims changes have been made and she wanted to let the Board know regardless of any fancy vocabulary written in the article that many of us know that things are not being done and/or correctly done. The assessment is not being followed and we are looking for the true progress changes to occur in the department. The PD may have gone two steps forward but they have gone five steps backward. They are still veteran officer's lives and careers that are continuing to be jeopardized by individuals who are placing self above service and not serving this community in a true dedicated way. We are looking forward to those changes occurring by your guidance in enforcing the assessment as you all voted for.

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

Police Chief, Pat Reagan addressed the Board congratulating the Citizen's Academy Graduates.

Fire Chief, Frank Carter addressed the Board recognizing FD employees. Fire Chief Carter was contacted by the Iredell County Emergency Management who were working an active HAZMAT Incident involving Anhydrous Ammonia on the morning of 1/11/20. The incident began on 1/10/20 and would continue for four days, being declared under control on 1/14/20. Local response personnel had been working for several hours and were in need of relief, the Iredell EM asked if Mocksville Fire could assemble a group of personnel that could assist. I sent out a message to our staff & volunteers and within two hours we had members willing to help. MFD sent four interior firefighters to the scene for the operational period of 6pm to 6am beginning 1/11/20. These members were Justin Vocke, CJ Dwiggin, and Ryan Neely and Ben Conner; these men operated at the scene providing fire suppression standby and then were reassigned to respond to calls in the Montecello Fire District of Iredell County. These men are a great example of the spirit of a firefighter and their willingness to help others, they went without any promise of monetary gain only the reward of helping others in a time of need, other members of MFD stood ready and offered to go as well they were placed on a ready list to go to the scene if needed. Fire Chief Carter is extremely proud of these men and all the other members of the Mocksville Fire Department and what they do for this Town.

Carolyn McManamy, Davie Connect addressed the Board presenting a PowerPoint discussing Ignite Davie. Ignite Davie is a placed based last dollar scholarship program to attend Davidson County Community College (DCCC) for residents of Davie County. The scholarship will be for certificate, diploma, or associate's degree programs and cover tuition, required fees and up to \$250.00 per semester for books. Students must use the award within three years of high school graduation. The scholarship will begin with student's graduation in the Class 2020 from Davie County High School, Davie County High School, and Davie County Early College High School, a registered homeschool program or private school located in Davie County.

## **Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Draughn which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Items approved were: (A) January 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (B) January 7, 2020 Executive Session Minutes (C) Monthly Financials (D) Tax Releases.*

## **Budget Workshop Calendar**

No action taken and will look at other dates

## **Budget Amendment General Fund**

The purpose of this budget amendment is to increase legal fees, workers comp insurance and appropriated fund balance. The increase in legal fees is due to public requests, emails, phone calls and court, etc. The Town Attorney's hourly rate is \$190.00 and the monthly meeting is a flat fee of \$700.00.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$101,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

## **Golden Leaf Foundation Grantee Agreement**

The Board of Directors of the Golden Leaf Foundation has approved a grant for "Project Knight" in the amount of \$450,000. The Grantee Acknowledgement and Agreement includes details regarding administration of the grant, including the payment schedule and reporting requirements.

This grant provides funding to the Town of Mocksville to upgrade water service to the chicken finishing plant operated by Brakebrush Brothers, Inc.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve the golden leaf foundation grantee agreement for "Project Knight" in the amount of \$450,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

## **Grant Project Ordinance**

The project authorized is the CDBG Economic Development Project described in the work statement contained in the Grant Agreement above. The following revenues to complete the project include CDBG Economic Development's funding of \$2,000,000, Town of Mocksville's match is \$50,000 and Golden Leaf's funding is \$450,000 totaling \$2,500,000.

The following amounts that are appropriated for the project include water improvements \$450,000, sewer improvements \$2,000,000 and administration \$50,000 totaling \$2,500,000.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Southern to adopt the CDBG economic development grant project ordinance in the amount of \$2,500,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Draughn which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

### **Southern Software Contract for Financial Management System (FMS)**

FMS is a financial management solution that takes full advantage of the latest advances in hardware and software. FMS is located in Southern Pines, NC and that means customer service will be local. FMS consists of ten individual modules and the administration department would take part in four of them which include general ledger, utility billing, accounts payable and payment central. The contract cost is \$33,222 which includes the first year's annual support \$4,410.

Our cost for annual support today is \$17,000 which is a savings of \$12,500 per year. We are in desperate need of better customer service support along with an upgrade in software for daily operations.

30% due upon signing of contract \$12,684 (out of administration budget)

30% due upon installation of the software \$6,912 (out of administration budget)

30% due on or before July 31, 2020 \$6,912 (new budget)

10% due and 100% support upon going live after July 2020 \$6,714 (new budget)

*A motion was made by Commissioner Southern to approve the contract from Southern Software in the amount of \$33,222 and to purchase Financial Management System (FMS) for the administration department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

### **Approving Energy United Phase I Feasibility Analysis and Memorandum of Understanding**

Energy United has informed EDC that it intends to sell the property (6 acres) located in the Town and EDC has expressed a desire to delay Energy United from marketing the property to other parties. The parties have come to a non-binding understanding of the material terms of an arrangement in order for EDC to have the time to examine the property and consider its purchase as set out below which shall serve as the basis for drafting a legally binding option to purchase agreement when fully executed by both parties.

School of Government (SOG) established Development Finance Initiative (DFI) to help communities in NC to attract private investment for transformative projects by providing specialized finance and real estate development expertise. The Town reached out for assistance from DFI to evaluate "Project" a former mill located in downtown Mocksville known as Junker's Mill. DFI is able to provide the Town of Mocksville with Phase 1 Feasibility Analysis services for the project, which would assist the Town in understanding the projects ability to attract private investment. The cost for phase 1 is \$27,450.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve Energy United phase I feasibility analysis and memorandum of understanding in the amount of \$27,450. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Draughn which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

## **Communication from Town Staff**

Town Attorney: None

Town Manager (1) I am still working on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments vacancies. (2) The Town received two checks from the ABC Board Friday in the amounts of \$10,000 (general fund) and \$527.00 for Law Enforcement Education. These checks should be generated twice a year. I have certificates from the Essentials of Municipal Government class to be given out to; Justin Draughn, Will Marklin, Lynn Trivette and myself.

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

Commissioner Williams: Thanks to all the folks who participated in the Police Academy. Thanks to Chief Carter and his guys for stepping up and helping Iredell County in a time of need.

Commissioner Taylor: Will and I attended Senior Services with the elder population and County Commissioners. Questions were good and interesting. It was nice to sit and listen to questions of the people who matter and to try and respond to them. We can bring the questions back to the Boards to see if we can help them in any way. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the Smart Start hoe down and tickets are still available. There will be some great auction items.

Commissioner Southern: Thank you to each department head and all you do.

Commissioner Draughn: Thank you to all the department heads and the cadets that attended the Police Academy.

Commissioner Vaughan-Jones: shout out to Tami and the work and scheduling that goes into the MTDA meetings. There are some great events and ideas that are in the works and Tami has the unique ability to put it all together. Congratulations to the ones who attended the Police Academy and it's great to see people get involved with the PD to understand what it's all about. Congratulations to the FD personnel that attended the hazmat call and the emergency services you provide is much appreciated. Hope Rustin is doing ok with his surgery. Thanks to Public Works and the services they provide for our streets.

I have had some complaints about the gates not being locked at the park and wondered if Chief Reagan could answer this question. Chief Reagan would be happy to double check with his staff but to his knowledge they are being locked at sunset.

Mayor Marklin: Congratulations to Chief Reagan, he was recognize at the Chamber event this past month for his work for the town and when Mocksville gets an award at a Chamber event it's a good night so good job.

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 Vaughan-Jones to enter into close session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern and approved by a unanimous vote 5-0.*

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

**Adjourn**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Vaughan-Jones to adjourn the February 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.*

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William J. Marklin, Mayor

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Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk, NCCMC