

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON, NC

October 19, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Williamston met in special session on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the NC Telecenter located at 415 East Blvd #130, Williamston, NC.

PRESENT Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown
Commissioners: Alton Moore, Jerry Knox, and William Coffield. Commissioner Chesson was available by conference phone
Town Administrator: John O'Daniel
Town Clerk: Christina Craft
Finance Officer: Linda Harrison

ABSENT Mayor Pro Tem Ronell Rodgers and Commissioner Al Chesson

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Knox led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Moore offered the invocation.

AGENDA APPROVED

The Mayor asked if there were any adjustments to the Regular Agenda or if the Board wished any items to be removed or added the Regular Agenda. The Town Administrator requested the removal of the consideration of the Demolition Grant agreement, Closed Session, and the demolition contract bid selection. He requested the addition of the demolition grant update. *It was moved by Commissioner Coffield, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and unanimously passed to approve the regular agenda as amended.*

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of EMS Remount Financing

The Town Administrator reported the Board approved to move forward with the EMS Remount project in the October 2020 regular session. He requested approval of the 1.53% financing as recommended by staff and authorizing the Finance Director to manage the financing on behalf of the Town. The 1.53% financing was the best rate received. *It was moved by Commissioner Knox, seconded by Commissioner Coffield and unanimously passed to approve the EMS Remount at 1.53% and authorizing the Finance Director to manage the financing on behalf of the Town.*

Consideration of Street Sweeper Financing

The Town Administrator reported the Public Works Director presented the need to move forward with the Street Sweeper purchase in the October 2020 regular session. He requested approval of the 1.53% financing as recommended by staff and authorizing the Finance Director to manage the financing on behalf of the Town. The 1.53% financing was the best rate received. *It was moved by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Coffield and unanimously passed to approve the EMS Remount at 1.53% and authorizing the Finance Director to manage the financing on behalf of the Town.*

Demolition Grant Update

The Town Administrator reported the Town of Williamston has been awarded the NC Department of Commerce Rural Demolition Grant in the amount of \$43,125 to demolish the 3,120-square-foot former Mitchell Photography building. He reported the need to have another special called meeting prior to the end of the month to review the grant contract and the bid selection as the bid proposal stated

Commissioner Moore questioned the amount of money spent by the Town to receive the grant as he understood the cost was around \$20,000. The Town Administrator reported approximately \$1,600 has been spent to the Mid-East Commission to administer the grant. He also reported back taxes owed to the Town and County prior to the donation of the property to the Town. That amount will also include the 25% match that is required of the Town. He originally budgeted the Mitchell building demolition to cost approximately \$60,000. Commissioner Coffield

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questioned if the building could be demolished prior to the tax payment. The Town Administrator reported the demolition could continue prior to the tax payment. The plan is to hold off payment of the taxes temporarily as the taxes could be paid by anyone who wishes to purchase and develop the property once the building is removed. There will be no new additional taxes as the property now belongs to the Town. He was hopeful to have the grant contract in time for tonight's meeting. He requested Board consideration of another meeting prior to the end of the month once the contract has been received.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:


Town Clerk


Mayor