

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING – SPECIAL MEETING

June 27th, 2013

6:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderman Beaty, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Martin, Alderwoman Morrow, and Alderman Withers.

The following staff members were present: Jim Palenick, Interim Town Manager; Maria Stroupe, Administrative Services Director; Steve Lambert, Fire Chief; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; and Town Attorney, Thomas Hunn.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Mayor Coleman opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Item 9A was a request to declare surplus two Fire Department vehicles that are being replaced by the recently purchased Brush/Multi-Use Truck. The purchase of the new Brush/Multi-Purpose Rescue Truck was aided by receipt of \$30,000 in State Grant Funds. As was indicated at the time of the grant approval, Dallas would be disposing of 2 older vehicles and using the proceeds of the sales to meet the approved budget which called for at least \$7000 in proceeds from the disposed vehicles. The two vehicles being declared as surplus as #639, a 1987 Chevrolet Cargo Van, which has been advertised on “GovDeals” and achieved a high bid of \$2751; and #637, a 1990 Ford F-350 Pickup, which is not proposed for sale to the Alexis Volunteer Fire Department for use as a Brush Truck at a sale price of \$8000. This action is consistent with past Board actions and is favorable to the budget. Mr. Martin made a motion to declare as surplus and sell vehicle #637, a 1990 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck to the Alexis Volunteer Fire Department for \$8000; and to declare as surplus and sell to the highest bidder, Vehicle #639, a 1987 Chevrolet Cargo Van; both vehicles previously assigned to the Fire Department; seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

Item 10A was a request to select and Insurance Brokerage Agency for the provision of comprehensive General Liability and Property Insurance coverage for the fiscal year 2013-2014; July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Beginning on July 1, 2012, the Town switched its comprehensive insurance coverage from its 6-year relationship with BB&T to Watson Insurance of Gastonia. At the time, the Watson proposal saved the town over \$20,000 per year. In the ensuing year, Watson, who represents EMC Insurance as the Town’s provider, has done a fine job, being both prompt and responsive in servicing the Town’s needs. More recently, the Brooks Agency of Dallas approached the Town and requested the opportunity to bid on this year’s coverage (FY 2013-14), so we solicited and received comprehensive proposals from both Watson and Brooks. The total budgeted expenses for this coverage, as included in the approved FY 2013-14 Town Budget is \$104,000. Watson Insurance is continuing to provide an equal level of coverage as was first introduced and accepted last year. The limits of coverage and deductibles remain the same and are, in all cases entirely adequate. The total valuation placed on all Town-covered properties is \$16,922,235.00. EMC remains the insurance underwriter. The total cost is \$93,010, which is under budget. Brooks Insurance essentially quoted coverage equal to Watson with a few noted exceptions. Brooks provided an additional sewage backup coverage to \$100,000 aggregate; and are providing coverage against possible sexual abuse/molestation by Town employees, also to \$100,000. Their total valuation of properties covered is set at \$17,643,086.00. The total cost of coverage is \$97,423.00, which is also under budget, but is \$4,413.00 more than the quote from Watson Insurance. Travelers Insurance is the underwriter for the Brooks proposed coverage. Mr. Beaty made a motion to award the insurance coverage contract to Watson Insurance at the proposed coverage and rates, seconded by Ms. Morrow, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to enter into a closed session to discuss personnel, as provided for in N.C.G.S. §143-318.11, seconded by Ms. Morrow, and carried unanimously. (6:07)

Mr. Beaty made a motion to exit the closed session, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously. (6:37)
No action was taken.

Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried unanimously. (6:38)

Rick Coleman, Mayor

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk