

**SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021 (WEDNESDAY)  
5:15 P.M.**

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on Wednesday November 3, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Larry Harrelson, Carson Durham, Gene Vasile, Jimmy Bellamy and Adam Stanley

Aldermen absent: None

Staff present: Sandy Strickland, Mimi Gaither, Attorney Laura Thompson, Robert Waring, Isaac Norris, Scott Branning, Justin Ward and Dan Formyduval

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to open the meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

**II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

Mayor Eccard gave the Invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Gene Vasile to add a closed session to protect the attorney/client privilege. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

#### IV. **BRUNSWICK HOMELESS COALITION**

Mr. Joe Staten was present on behalf of the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition.

- The coalition was formed ten (10) years ago
- Currently in Brunswick County there are 158 clients at risk for becoming or are homeless.
- Brunswick County does not have a dedicated homeless shelter
- Motels are currently being utilized which becomes quite expensive
- Volunteers are available 6 days a week
- The coalition was recently awarded a \$14,500 grant to assist with eviction restrictions and they were able to assist 22 families
- They rely primarily on donations and grants

The Board thanked Mr. Staten for the presentation. Mayor Eccard mentioned the ARP Funds the Town has received and suggested the coalition submit an application for grant proceeds. Mr. Staten will be in touch with Town Manager Mimi Gaither.

#### V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes or less per person please)**

#### VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Police
2. Fire
3. Planning
4. Public Utilities
  - Wall Street Relocation Project – 6” sewer force main price increase – A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Carson Durham to approve a \$16,083.62 increase for additional cost of materials related to the relocation of the 6” sewer force main on the Wall Street project. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.
5. Finance
6. Media & Events

## 7. Administration

- COVID-19 testing and mask mandates were discussed. Brunswick County relaxed their mask requirements for offices effective Tuesday, November 2, 2021, becoming voluntary. The Town begins COVID-19 testing for all unvaccinated employees on November 8, 2021 and should this be a weekly or bi-weekly test. A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the wearing of masks in Town facilities as voluntary effective immediately and to perform weekly COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated employees. The testing will continue weekly for the month of November and the Board will revisit this issue at each Board Meeting to determine the frequency of testing. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

## 8. Mayors Monthly Activities

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Direct the Town Clerk/Attorney to “investigate the sufficiency thereof and to certify the result of the investigation” of the voluntary annexation of Parcel ID#1820012002 on behalf of Phillip & Jean Cheers Living Trust
3. Direct the Town Clerk/Attorney to “investigate the sufficiency thereof and to certify the result of the investigation” of the voluntary annexation of Parcel ID#197AB001 on behalf of Natalie J St. John
4. Records Retention & Disposition Schedule – Approve Updates
5. BA-21-22-7 – GASB #87 (capital outlay/leases \$56,977.67)
6. Surestay Hotel by Best western – Water/Sewer Adjustment (\$2,477.79)
7. True Homes – Sewer Fees Refund Request – (\$6,985.80)

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

## VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Water Rates – Mayor Eccard and Town Manager Mimi Gaither have met with Brunswick County regarding the water rate increase that will be in effect February 2022. The Town has applied for a \$50,000 grant thru the County but it will more than likely be April before the study is complete. The next round of grant funding is September. We are still gathering information and have a conference call scheduled with the State and will update the Board in December.
  
2. Expiring Board Appointments- FYI only
  - Planning Board/Board of Adjustment – January 2022
    1. Chris Raynor
    2. Ron Johnson
    3. Glenn Humbert (ETJ)
    4. Melodie Bryant
    5. Rich Gannaway
  
  - ABC Board – January 2022
    1. Chris Lane
  
  - Fireman’s Relief Fund – January 2022
    1. Tony Hewett
    2. Mimi Gaither
  
  - Cape Fear Council of Governments (COG) – January 2022
    1. Walt Eccard

## IX. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3), a motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to go into closed session at 6:15 p.m. to consult with

the Attorney in order to protect the attorney-client privilege. Motion carried 5 yes  
0 no.

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Gene Vasile to resume regular session at 6:35  
p.m. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

X. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Adam Stanley seconded by Carson Durham to adjourn the meeting at 6:35  
p.m. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandy Strickland, CMC

Date