

SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

August 2, 2022

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on August 2, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Larry Harrelson, Gene Vasile, Carson Durham, Jimmy Bellamy and Bobby Williamson.

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Natalie Goins, Isaac Norris, Paul Dunwell, Adam Stanley and Attorney Laura Thompson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Gene Vasile to open the meeting. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

III. REPRESENTATIVE FRANK ILER – CHECK PRESENTATION

Representative Frank Iler presented the Town of Shallotte with a check from the State for \$500,000 for the Mulberry Park expansion. Mayor Walt Eccard extended a sincere appreciation of thanks to both Representative Iler and Senator Rabon for their efforts on behalf of the Town of Shallotte.

IV. NC DOT STIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – CHAD KIMES, DISTRICT 3 DIVISION ENGINEER

Chad Kimes, District 3 Division Engineer, gave a power point presentation, including 2024-2033 STIP budget changes, current projects, and projects in development. Discussion about Town of Shallotte projects among Mr. Kimes, Representative Iler, and the Board included:

- Opening/ribbon cutting of Wall Street, which is anticipated at the end of August. The temporary light at Cheers St. will come down following Wall Street opening.
- Intersection improvements (RCIs) along U.S. 17, north and south of Shallotte.
- Signal Adaptive Feasibility Study - making traffic signals more efficient by accommodating changing traffic patterns.
- Shallotte Rest Area Renovations

A copy of the power point presentation was given to Board members.

Mayor Eccard expressed appreciation to Mr. Kimes and invited DOT to use Shallotte facilities for future public meetings.

V. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Larry Harrelson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

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

No public comments were made.

VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Police

- Recent gift card scams prompted discussion on possible means of alerting citizens, including inserts in water/sewer bills and an article in the Brunswick Beacon.
- Chief Stanley stated the Back to School campaign was underway through the 24th. Donations of school supplies are being made to Shallotte Police Dept.

2. Fire

3. Planning

4. Public Utilities

5. Finance

- Isaac Norris said he was informed by our area's representative from the NC Cash Management Trust that there would be an increase in the interest rate. Notice was also received for upcoming second installment of Federal funds.

6. Media & Events

- Mayor Eccard asked for participation with introduction of bands for Mulberry Park concerts.

7. Administration

- Michael Norton gave a brief update on the Price Landing project. Surveyors are gathering topography and existing conditions data.
- Mimi Gaither gave a brief update on The Riverwalk

A. Technology / Social Media Policy

A motion was made by Carson Durham, seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the proposed

Town of Shallotte Technology / Social Media Policy.
Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

B. RFQ Town Hall

- It was the consensus of the Board to form a committee for the new Town Hall/Police Department. Currently, the committee will consist of Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Walt Eccard and Carson Durham. The RFQ's that were included in the packet will be discussed by the committee and a modified RFQ will be brought back to the BOA.

C. Appointment of Tax Collector

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy, seconded by Carson Durham to appoint Mimi Gaither as Tax Collector for the Town of Shallotte. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

8. Mayors Monthly Activities

A. Signalization

Mayor Eccard stated that GSATS would fund the vast bulk of the \$500,000 signalized traffic system on Main Street. He asked for the Board to authorize participation of \$50,000 (10%) of the cost of the project should it go forward. A motion was made by Carson Durham, seconded by Gene Vasile to approve the Town's participation. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson, seconded by Carson Durham to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Direct the Clerk to "Investigate the Sufficiency Thereof and to Certify the Result of the Investigation" for the Following Annexations Request:
Holmes Construction & Excavation, LLC. Parcel ID# 1970001924, 16.45 Acres Located along Tryon Road. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to go into closed session to discuss the following items:

- Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5) To instruct staff on acquisition of real property located at 4709 Main Street, Shallotte, NC 28470. Owners are Edward and Carolyn Sweatt.
- Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) To discuss pending litigation on Ortiz vs. True Homes, LLC – 20-CVS-1067 Brunswick County

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Gene Vasile to resume regular session at 6:45 p.m.
Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

A motion was made by Gene Vasile, seconded by Carson Durham to move forward with an appraisal of property at 4709 Main Street. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

X. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Carson Durham to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk