

# SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

## REGULAR MEETING

September 5, 2023

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on September 5, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

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

Aldermen absent: Gene Vasile.

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Carson Durham to open the meeting. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

II. **INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

Alderman Larry Harrelson gave the Invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Mayor Eccard asked if any member of the Board had a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with regard to any item on the agenda. None stated.

IV. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to table VIII. Department Reports - 3. Planning - a. Road Closures to the October 3, 2023 BOA meeting. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no. A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Carson Durham to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

V. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17–23, 2023 as CONSTITUTION WEEK**

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve the Proclamation Declaring the Week of September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

VI. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 as THE GFWC – South Brunswick Islands and Shallotte Junior Woman’s Club *Step Up to End Hunger Day of Service in Shallotte, NC.***

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve the Proclamation Declaring September 30, 2023 as The GFWC – South Brunswick Islands and Shallotte Junior Woman’s Club *Step up to End Hunger Day of Service in Shallotte, NC.* Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### 1. Police

#### a. Lease Vehicles

Police Chief Stanley presented a request to switch police vehicles from Ford Explorers to Dodge Durangos due to lack of inventory from Ford. Town Manager Mimi Gaither added that the Durangos will be approximately \$3800.00 cheaper than the Explorers. The Board was in agreement with the request.

### 2. Fire

### 3. Planning

#### a. Road Closures – *Tabled to October 3, 2023 BOA meeting*

Planning Director Robert Waring informed the Board that the two applications received for the vacant Planning Board ETJ position had been endorsed by the County as required. With membership terms expiring January 2024, he suggested waiting to fill the vacant seat at the same time. Also, training for the Planning Board is scheduled for January. The Board was in agreement to fill the vacancy in January.

### 4. Public Utilities

### 5. Finance

### 6. Media & Events

### 7. Administration

#### a. Creech & Associates

It was the direction of the Board for Town Manager Mimi Gaither to instruct Creech & Associates to proceed with next design steps for new Town Hall.

#### b. Riverfront Appraisal

It was the direction of the Board for Town Manger Mimi Gaither to move forward obtaining appraisals for Riverfront property.

### 8. Mayors Monthly Activities

Following Board discussion, it was determined that DOT and/or GSATS attending an upcoming Board meeting would be beneficial. Mayor Eccard stated he would make the appropriate contacts in an attempt to get that scheduled.

## IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Carson Durham seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve the following consent agenda items:

- August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- August 15, 2023 Work Session Minutes
- Budget Adjustment: BA-23-24-2 (Fire Training \$3965.00)

Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

## X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Larry Harrelson to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins  
Town Clerk