

TOWN OF ROBBINS

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Robbins Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Cameron Dockery Mayor Pro Tem Nikki Bradshaw Commissioner Brandon Phillips Commissioner Jody Britt Commissioner Kevin Stewart Commissioner Lonnie English

- II. INVOCATION Mayor
- **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NC G.S. 160A-81, 160A-81.1
- **V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Does any Commissioner have a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address in this meeting?

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

All items below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request of a member of the Board of Commissioners.

A. September Board of Commissioner Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Call to Public Hearing for Parcel ID 20190144 November 14, 2024

Conveyance of Old Police Station Property on call to Public Hearing for Parcel ID 20190144 set for November 14, 2024

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Extension Request for Water System Improvements

No action is needed. The manager presented the new timeline for the VUR-D-ARP-0045 project. The design is completed and uploaded, and this will be a Spring Construction project that aligns with the meter replacement company. On the agenda to let the public know the timeline of the project.

B. Brownfield Development Discussion- Tabled

An RFQ has been drawn up as standard practice to assist in searching for a developer. The manager reviewed the option with the board to use our Economic Development and would like to table this to request funding for UNC SOG to assist us with the Brownfield property.

Motion to Table made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

C. Lease Agreement with Northern Moore Family Resource for Old Police Building
The building needs to be a conveyance to her in order not to conflict with grants and
funding she will need. If they fail to stay binding with what the Town is asking there is
a claw back. If they ever don't need the building it will come back to us. The upset bid
is included and specific not only to an amount but to services provided. Use Agreement
and Resolution is reviewed with Board of Commissioners. Narrowing it in as legally as
we can. Manager recommends to approve the upset bid publication. Next steps we will
publish, and Clare's board will need to approve.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

D. Budget Amendment 4 to purchase Backhoe used for Debris Pickup

In the last 6 months we have had \$17,000 in repairs and the last problem we found metal shavings from the pistons in the oil tank. The backhoe is a 1984 model and has run its course. Manager made recommendation Budget Amendment 4 necessary to purchase a used Backhoe under \$50,000. The manager can inform how much was spent.

Motion made by Commissioner Stewart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner English

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. September 2024 Report

Mack reads and reviews the manager's report with the Commissioners. Mack informed the Commissioners that on October 24th NC DEQ will be doing a site visit to review all documents on the VUR grant that are in order. Mr. Mack also went over the project at the Reservoir. Examples of the dredging project were shown to the Commissioners. Once the project is done, we will show our appreciation for appropriations for these funds. Mack reviewed the Rural Area Broadband Support Initiative that is bringing internet options like Bright speed, Spectrum and Randolph Telephone here. It is a positive project, however, there have been numerous calls from citizens on these fiber digs. Public Works has been covered up marking lines from 811. FYI- Blue is Water, Green is Sewer and Orange is Fiber or Communications. These tickets from 811 will begin to go through the manager in order to decrease duplication of work.

Also, the white or blue marks on the meter boxes are part of the Lead and Copper project. Town of Robbins is on board to help with Western NC by Fire and Police collaborative efforts.

Manager reviews the vehicle ordinance situation. We have seen compliance and solutions to the ordinances enforced with letters and conversation. (Slide show attached hereto)

Mack has hand delivered to every auto shop in town of our junked vehicle ordinance on the same day. Mayor said citizens are people complaining about junk vehicles around town and he explains if we do nothing you get nay sayers, his suggestion is we write a new ordinance. Something has to change he asks how they feel and what actions should we take?

Lonnie states that one on one with the Manager helps. Lonnie inquired of condemnation on buildings. The manager states we are seeking code enforcement quotes from companies. Commissioner Bradshaw suggests bringing in a staff person for 20 hours a week to only do code enforcement. Phillips states that we must enforce these ordinances equally across the whole population. English says we have been through that because when you write one, then that one complains about various scenarios through town. Dockery brags we have come a long way although sometimes it doesn't look like it. Mack reiterates unification, when these violations go out and the phone calls come in, trust us that we are applying it across the board the best we can and we need community buy in. We are essentially doing it for our future generation, it's creating a quality of life. What you see when you drive in and see a car on blocks is embarrassing and it does not represent the quality of people that make up this town. Commissioners agree to wait for proposals from code enforcement.

No further questions for our manager.

XI. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Phillips: It's my favorite time of year, election season, so I would encourage everybody to get out and vote. Early voting begins on October 17th, so I encourage everyone to participate. Also, I would like to encourage the Board of Elections to open an early voting site in Northern Moore County by the next presidential election.

English: First, I want to thank Clint for taking care of that issue yesterday.

Bradshaw: I want to say how proud I am of everybody, not just our residents but our county, and how they have stepped up to help Western NC. It's been very heartwarming and also very eye-opening to see what they're going through.

Britt: n/a

Stewart: n/a

Dockery: On the lighter side, I would like to mention on November 8th there is a very important softball game being played. Commissioners we need you on board to play, serve concessions, or show up and be there. Talk it up there is a whole lot of buzz around both municipalities for this. It's a great opportunity, it's a win-win, raise money for the Ellie Jean Project, everybody wins, we have fun. I have been working on this for nearly two years and it is coming to fruition, and I hope you'll support it, we need you to.

XII. CLOSED SESSION (if needed)

143-318.11. Closed session (6)

Motion to go into closed Session after two-minute recess.

Motion made by Commissioner Stewart. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner English

XIII. COMMISSIONER'S UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS

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