



TOWN OF ROBBINS
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 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 – Led by Youth Pastor of First Baptist Church of Robbins Lance Mauldin

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NC G.S. 160A-81, 160A-81.1

Charlie Smoak - Clint you are doing a great job! And our Fall Cruise-In October 5th for Melvin Brown 1 pm-4 pm

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.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

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

A. August Board of Commissioners Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution approving road closure for NMHS Homecoming Parade
Motion made by Commissioner Stewart.

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

- B. Discussion of Old Police Building Use Agreement

The commissioners discussed the conveyance to sell to NMFRC.

The board is asked to define how they will be conveying the property to NMFRC. NMFRC RFP states we lease the building for a \$1 a year. The other option is to keep the building and allow NMFRC to use it or do we give it to them with the transfer of title? The agreement in front of them does not convey the title, it states "Now that you own the building here are the things you have to do." Dockery expresses that the manager had a great rationale for keeping the building on the books for depreciation. TC expresses to the Board that if they are concerned about the time leased, a longer lease can be an option. The statute states if you have a lease for 10 years or less you don't have to use the public disposition process. If you lease it for more than 10 years for this very specific use it is subject to public disposition. TC states you could have a draft lease stating what you are looking for being very specific, however being subject to someone doing an upset bid. The Town and NMFRC need to be on the same page and the Board directs Clint to have a meeting with NMFRC.

Commissioners vote to table this until the manager speaks to Clare. Stewart inquired about co-owner TC wouldn't advise it.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Planning Board Reappointments

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

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

- B. Appointment of member to Robbins Firefighters Relief Fund

Motion made by Commissioner Britt.

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

X. MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. August 2024 Report

Manager gives updates - The dredging company is scheduled to begin September 16 at the reservoir.

Met with School of Government regarding assistance on the Brownfield project. SOG has completed 17 projects, and working with them will prove to steer us in the right direction for a developer. Unfortunately, it is not funded, the fee for this service is \$55,000. We will move forward with RFP and see if it's worth it.

Met with the Local Government Commission, and Tiffany gave us a regional update. We explained our auditor issues and she was very empathetic. The appeal we did a couple of months ago was approved with no effect on sales tax.

Discussion about meeting with the architect about the restroom quote. The architect was paid for the design plan. They reflect its inflationary pricing and may need to wait. Bradshaw inquires if we do not use them further would we still be required to pay them \$40,000, the manager states we only would have to pay them \$9000ish and that is accounted for in the 24-25 fiscal year budget. The commissioners are in agreeance to stop and move forward without the Architect.

Bradshaw asks for an update on the audit. The 2020 trial balance for the FEMA account was audited through the 2019-2020 trial balance, the 2021 trial balance does not match our records. The manager reviews line items for the auditor for different funds. The LGC will need to approve an adjustment if the auditor can not justify the discrepancy. His best assessment is the CDBG payments came out of FEMA, so this will be listed in the memorandum of findings along with a summary on how to remedy. The manager states we are making it a priority, but the auditor must finish it, we don't have a definite time.

The manager will meet with park rep from Gray Fox next week for a site visit to gather quotes for Ellie Jean Park. The park will be an addition to Tracy Brown Park. This is a public project, the manager heard a story of another town building this, and a citizen graciously wrote a check for what was needed. Discussing it publicly hoping someone will do the same for Robbins. Proceeds from the Battle in the North Softball game in November will go towards the park.

Clint expressed thanks for the side by side, the boys went out and didn't have to damage anyone's land by using their truck, they used the side by side and checked the meter and came back in half the time.

Britt asked about the meter being checked, Clint stated that Wooten was doing a study of the location and gathering meter data. The design phase is at the state level, with a three month turnaround, billions of dollars in state projects and everyone is trying to get their plan in for approval.

Stewart inquired about the skimmer otherwise known as the pools, rotating catwalk. We were doing that manually, the headworks was helping with getting the solids off the top. We have 3 but only 2 are operational. Stewart asks the status of the anaerobic digester, the manager repeats its filled with rain water for the last 20-30 years, to get it up and running we need to replace a valve; years ago the call was made to dump the sludge into the anerobic digester instead of calling McGill to remove it. Again, though not a top priority we are right where we need to be as far as capacity. It would be an operational budget increase to get it back to working. However, it is still there, can we get it up and running? Absolutely it is an option. Stewart asks if we could do it in house, manager states we can until we get to the bottom and we may need to contract it out. The manager deems it to be an easy fix if we have a large sewer customer and the capacity is needed.

Bradshaw had a parent express the need for a tennis court in Robbins. She states her daughter is going to Troy to practice. The Town has heard from citizens having to travel south to play pickleball, the manager states he wants to wait on pricing from the paving company to see what can be done. Also, the landscaper at the cemetery is now calling every time he goes out to the cemetery, so it can be tracked. Britt asks about a limb that is down and needs to be cut. The manager will look into it.

Britt had a couple citizens come to him about street signs again, the manager questions the commissioner how much would you like to spend on them; as commissioners you all need to tell me the plan. The location is discussed and the cost of each sign, also Powell Bill money is used for signs and the Town Board agreed to a large paving project which drains the Powell Bill line and leaves a small amount for replacements. Britt wasn't able to recall the street signs that were missing. A plan will need to be adopted to move forward.

Britt had another concern about the phone system, the manager stated he spoke with that lady and she must choose an option. Bradshaw mentioned she spoke with the lady before the meeting as well and she says it rings and rings and then hangs up on her.

The manager implied maybe the hours being called no staff is there.

Mayor Dockery asks if there are any other questions regarding the manager report.

XI. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Phillips: none

English: none

Bradshaw: none

Britt: none

Stewart: none

Dockery: Looking forward for Nov 8th at 6 pm playing a softball game. I drug Jimmy Chalflinch to the table kicking and screaming. We had a lunch last week and there is lots of buzz I think it will be a great event. The funds that are raised are going to our fundraiser the Ellie Jean project. I would like the commissioners to help us, you need to play, or serve concessions, show up, do something but we really need your support. He asks for commissioners to talk it up and be positive. If we have fun and we raise some money for our project everyone wins!

Motion to go into closed session 6:56 pm

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips.

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

XII. CLOSED SESSION *(if needed)*

Come out of Closed Session: 7:14 pm

Into Open Session 7:15 pm

Commissioners express their frustration with ordinance violations in town. From junked cars to granite slabs, they want to see something done. The mayor suggests writing an ordinance. The manager will have suggestions at the next meeting. The concern is Napa Auto vehicles being so close to the railroad on Town property.

Adjournment 7:25 pm

XIII. COMMISSIONER'S UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS

This the 10th day of October, 2024.

Cameron Dockery Mayor

Cameron Dockery, Mayor

Jessica Coltrane
Jessica Coltrane, Town Clerk, CMC

