

SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2025

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on July 1, 2025 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, Jimmy Bellamy, Bobby Williamson and Karmen Custer (5:20)

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Natalie Goins, Isaac Norris, Adam Stanley, Paul Dunwell, 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 Gene Vasile to open the meeting. Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Mayor Walt Eccard 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 Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to make the following amendments and approve the amended agenda.

- VI. Department Reports

-Item 7. Administration, add 1. Village Point Estates Sewer Relocation.

-Item 8. Mayor, add 1. Fire Finance Committee and 2. Shallotte Point Merger Discussion

Motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Police

Chief Adam Stanley commended the detective division for their diligent work on a challenging case involving suspect Zachary Prince accused of numerous molestation charges. Mayor Eccard also expressed appreciation for the detectives' diligent efforts.

2. Fire

3. Planning

4. Public Utilities

5. Finance

6. Media & Events

7. Administration

1. Village Point Estates Sewer Relocation

A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to approve awarding the contract to Vision Infrastructure for the Village Point Estates sewer relocation project for a bid price of \$131,150.00. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

8. Mayors Monthly Activities

1. Fire Finance Committee

2. Shallotte Point Merger Discussion

The mayor proposed forming two committees: Fire Financing Committee: to deal with fire financing issues in Brunswick County and a Merger Committee: to evaluate a possible merger with the Shallotte Point Fire Department. He suggested Karmen Custer and Gene Vasile for the Fire Financing Committee, and Larry Harrelson and Jimmy Bellamy for the Merger Committee. A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Karmen Custer to approve formation and staffing of the two committees. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no. Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, and Isaac Norris will provide staff support for those committees.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jimmy Bellamy seconded by Karmen Custer to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

VIII. DISCUSSION

1. Construction Manager at Risk

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Larry Harrelson to authorize Town Manager Mimi Gaither to contact Samet and enter into negotiations for a Construction Manager at Risk contract, which will be brought back to the Board for approval. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Jimmy Bellamy to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.
Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk

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