

Present:

Mayor Abigail Norton  
Alderman Jeanne Gentry  
Alderman Vaughn Barnett  
Alderman Jimmy Moore

Mayor Norton called the Town meeting to order at 7:04pm

Mayor Norton asked the Board for a motion to accept the September 6, 2022 Town meeting minutes. Alderman Gentry made a motion to accept the minutes; Alderman Barnett seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Mayor Norton**

The Town has applied for a \$50,000 T-Mobile grant.

**Public Comment**

**Marion Griffin**

Asked what the \$50,000 grant would go toward should the Town be awarded the grant.  
Mayor Norton advised the money would go toward a roof for the Town's Community Center and with the money already in the budget for renovations of the Community Center, hopefully we would be able to put a new roof and heating units.

**Anna Paddy**

She has purchased the land on Boy's Home Road. She wanted the Board to know that she would be willing to purchase the Town's property that had Bubbling Springs, close to her property on Boy's Home Road.

Mayor Norton stated that there is a 100-year lease on the property to the Railroad. Mayor Norton also advised that if the Town decides to sell the property, it would have to be advertised.

**Departments**

**Maintenance / Water & Sewer**

**Jeremy Trantham**

There is nothing to report.

Alderman Gentry asked if the Red Bridge pump has been ordered. Jeremy said he will need to confirm whether or not the pump has been ordered. Mayor Norton advised we need to get the pumps ordered before the next inspection. She asked when the next inspection was scheduled. Mr. Tratham said there is not an inspection scheduled at this time, but it should be coming up soon.

Alderman Gentry asked about the speed bumps. Mr. Trantham said when the company came out they said they would put us on their schedule. Mr. Trantham said he would call the company on 10/04/2022 to find out when they would be here.

## **Events Committee**

### **Lisa Hicks**

The Christmas parade is still being planned as is the tree lighting. Unfortunately, the bingo and the dance will not be held this year.

Ms. Hicks asked Mayor Norton if heat and air had been priced for the Community Center. Mayor Norton said that they have put mini-splits on the proposal for the grant.

## **Police**

### **Chief Shelton**

The electrical boxes for the camaras on Meadow Lane have been hooked up. He is waiting on Duke to do some work. As soon as Duke comes in, everything is in place for the cameras to be hooked up.

There are still three camaras out in the back parking lot. He is waiting for Duke to come out with a bucket truck. He wants to get things taken care of all at once to avoid having to pay Duke to come out for just one thing.

Chief Shelton said there have been reports of juveniles hanging out, in the public parking, around the stage. Chief Shelton asked if a decision had been made about the stage; said locals have turned it in a party spot - he had to address them a few nights ago, but he hasn't had any other complaints.

Alderman Moore told Chief Shelton to go ahead and have Duke come on out to fix the cameras.

Chief Shelton said he knows everyone is strapped at this time, but the extra light needs to be put up in his office. Mr. Trantham said maintenance has the light. Alderman Gentry said we could get someone to put the light in.

## **BOARD**

### **Mayor Norton**

The stage was discussed in the September meeting. It's in bad shape and it needs to be removed from the public parking lot. Someone mentioned Woodson Branch might be able to use the stage. Someone else mentioned to put the information on Facebook and see if anyone wants it.

### **Alderman Moore**

Wants the Board to think about moving the meetings to 6:00 during the winter months and go back to 7:00 during the summer months. Mayor Norton said she'd look into the statutes to see if the time move can be made.

### **Alderman Gentry**

Said she checked the budget and approves the Town Hall moving forward and signing up for an annual subscription of LPPolice.

### **Jeremy Trantham**

Asked if the local election group will be using the Community Center for the up coming elections. Mayor Norton the November election will be held in the community center. Mr. Trantham said Maintenance will light the heaters, but they put off an odor. Mayor Norton said the election group brought portable heaters last time, and probably do the same this year.

### **Laura Holloway**

Homeowner has deceased adult child is living in the house. No one has paid taxes, as far back as 2018. The father, of the adult child, has called asked if he could make monthly payments of \$200.00 on the back taxes. Alderman Gentry said the father would have to pay the 2021 taxes, in full, and then the Board could discuss the father's monthly payment request.

There is another homeowner who has paid out, monthly, the 2021 taxes and has done so with other past yearly taxes. May this person pay the 2022 taxes out, monthly. Alderman Gentry said that would be fine; no Board vote is needed.

Alderman Gentry asked what the 2021 taxes are for the house in which the father has offered to make monthly payments. Ms. Holloway wasn't sure of the 2021 amount.

**Mayor Norton**

Announced the Board needs to move to an Executive Session to discuss employee matters. Alderman Gentry made the motion to move to executive session; Alderman Barnett seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Board moved into executive session at 7:33pm.

Board returned from executive session at 7:44pm. Alderman Barnett made a motion for the Board to return to regular session; Alderman Gentry seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Mayor Norton asked for a motion to raise the pay for two maintenance employees; Alderman Gentry made the motion to raise the pay for the two maintenance employees; Alderman Moore seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Mayor Norton asked for a motion to change the Town's FMLA policy from unpaid to paid leave for 12 weeks; Alderman Moore and Barnett made a motion to change the Town's FMLA policy from unpaid to paid leave for 12 weeks; Alderman Gentry seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Mayor Norton asked for a motion to change the Town's FMLA policy from approve payment of health insurance premiums up to 12-weeks; Alderman Moore Barnett made a motion to change the Town's FMLA policy from unpaid to paid leave for 12 weeks; Alderman Barnett seconded the motion; all were in favor.

**Mayor Norton**

Mayor Norton asked if there was any further business to discuss. No one spoke. Since there is no other business to discuss, Mayor Norton asked for a motion to adjourn; Alderman Barnett made the motion to adjourn; Alderman Moore seconded the motion; all were in favor.

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Approved Abigail Norton  
Mayor Abigail Norton

11-7-22  
Date  
  
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