

Town of Rutherford College
Special Called Meeting Agenda
July 25, 2011
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER/ Mayor Jimmy O. Huffman, Sr.

Present Council: Tom Wallrichs, Gary McClure, Jennifer Abernethy, Bill Satterwhite, and
Yates Jensen. (*One seat remains vacant*)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ Lead by Council Bill Satterwhite

INVOCATION/ Council Bill Satterwhite

AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

Council Abernethy moved to add an agenda item (C) for maintenance contract discussion. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Gary McClure moved to enter into executive session under G.S. 143-318A (6) to discuss the proposed manager's contract. Vote was unanimous.

Council Wallrichs moved to go out of executive session, vote unanimous.

REGULAR MEETING

- A. ***Resolution of Intent/ Public Hearing-*** Council McClure moved to approve the Resolution of Intent to consider an ordinance to amend the charter of the town of Rutherford College in adopting a council-manager form of government and to set the date for the public hearing for August 8th, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Council member's Satterwhite, McClure, Abernethy, and Jensen voted for; Council Wallrichs voted against. Motion passed.
- B. ***Discuss and/or vote to hire Town Manager-*** Council McClure moved to hire Kenneth Geathers as the Town Manager effective August 1st, 2011. Mr. Geathers' benefit package is to include the following:
- Yearly salary- \$42,500
 - Evaluation in six (6) months with 3% raise if satisfactory (evaluations thereafter will be held annually in May)
 - Insurance- \$9186.00 yearly
 - Retirement- Towns portion/ 9.77% ; Employee portion/ 6.0%
 - Travel for Meetings- \$30 Per Diem for meals per submitted receipts; plus IRS rate for mileage submitted

Council member's Satterwhite, McClure, Abernethy, and Jensen voted for; Council Wallrichs voted against. Motion passed.

Council Wallrichs stated that he wanted to clarify that he voted against the motion because he did not feel that the town needed a manager. He further stated that originally Ms. Bargsley was hired to replace Gaynell at the time of her retirement. This was a way to save money for the Town, instead now the plans have changed to hiring a manger which is spending much more money. Furthermore, he felt that Mr. Geathers was a great candidate, but he still did not feel that the town needed the expense of a town manager.

C. Maintenance Contract Discussion- The Clerk explained that Jensen Landscaping did not sign the contracts for grounds maintenance and right-of-way maintenance due to the need of clarification on several of the terms. Attorney Ayers stated that if Jensen Landscaping did not sign the contracts then essentially the bids will go to the next lowest bidder. The Council asked the attorney to research the legalities concerning the steps the Council needs to take. Council Satterwhite moved to table the discussion to the August 1st meeting, vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Satterwhite passed out a list of items given to him by Tom Wood in which the elementary school has asked for in donations to repair the school for the upcoming school year.

Council Satterwhite moved to continue to use Dee Blackwell as our agent in contacting Kenneth Geathers, vote unanimous.

Council McClure stated that he had received a complaint about the stopped-up culvert and ditch along Green St. Council McClure further moved to hire Jensen Landscaping to dig down and clean out around the culvert, vote unanimous.

ADJOURN

Mayor Huffman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica S. Bargsley
Town Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Jimmy O. Huffman, Sr.

Date: _____