



Town of Autryville
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2023
Autryville Town Hall

Commissioners Present:
Mayor Spell
Mayor Pro Tem Baxley
Commissioner Spell
Commissioner Honeycutt
Commissioner Baker

Staff Present:
Lisa Jones, Town Clerk

Commissioners Absent:
Commissioner Tyndall

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Spell called the meeting into session at 7:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Honeycutt said the invocation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is an opportunity for citizens to speak on any issue concerning the Town of Autryville. A total time limit of 15 minutes will be allotted for this portion of the meeting. Each speaker will have a maximum 3 minutes. The first five residents who sign up with the Town Clerk will have an opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners.

Terry Spell presented a map of the Autryville Water Tower. Doug New has sold the town land that provides a right-of-way to the water tower. Further negotiations are ongoing.

Town Clerk Lisa Jones read a letter by Brandy Tew, an utility customer who is requesting forgiveness of a \$475 bill due to a water leak. The board directed the clerk to ask for an invoice proving repair work from Ms. Tew and then to forgive the balance on her account. The board wants a report on it at the March meeting.

3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- a. Adjustments to the Agenda
- b. Adoption of the Agenda

ACTION: Adoption of the Agenda as Presented
Motion: Commissioner Baker
Second: Commissioner Honeycutt
Vote: Unanimous

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. January 17 2023 Draft Minutes
 - Adopt January 17 2023 Minutes



- b. Resolution Authorizing the Sampson County Tax Administrator to Levy and Collect Property Taxes for the Town of Autryville
 - Adopt Resolution 2023-02

ACTION: Adoption of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley
Second: Commissioner Baker
Vote: Unanimous

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Tax Collection Report

The Town has collected \$50,350.37 of the \$55,845.07 invoiced.

- b. Budget vs. Actual Statements

The general and water fund budgets were presented to the board. Budget workshopping for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be on the March agenda.

6. GRANT REPORT

- a. NC DEQ Grant

The Town was not approved for the grant application, which included replacing water meters, service lines, and extending water lines outside town limits.

- b. ARP Stormwater Grant

10-12% of study is completed.

- c. SCIF Paving Grant

The contractor is projecting March-April to begin paving in town.

- d. USDA Equipment Purchase

The town is waiting for reimbursement from USDA for dump truck.

- e. NCORR Grant for Local Government Services

No further developments in this grant.

- f. Asset Inventory and Analysis Grant

The Town received a letter of funding approval for the grant of \$150,000.



ACTION: Adopt Resolution 2023-03 "Accepting ARP Grant"

Motion: Commissioner Honeycutt

Second: Commissioner Spell

Vote: Unanimous

7. DEVELOPMENT

- a. Minnie Hall Road New Houses

Progress is ongoing.

- b. Horseshoe Road New Houses

Construction has not started.

- c. Annexation meetings with Sampson County

Complete and GIS map is updated. All annexation tax bills have been sent out.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Miss Autryville Pageant Update
Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Pageant is being postponed until next fiscal year.

- b. Pole Mounted Flags Update
Presenter: Commissioner Tyndall

Per Mayor Spell, Commissioner Tyndall is working on printing the flags.

- c. State Budget Requests
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell passed out a letter he wrote State Senator Brent Jackson requesting earmarked money from the state budget for works in Autryville, including a Public Works building, an engineering firm to design a town park, street paving, and stormwater repair.

- d. Stormwater Repair
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell presented a map showing a plan to repair stormwater drainage affecting the property of Doug New. Mayor Spell proposed using Powell Bill funds to pay to make the repairs.

- e. Conference Table
Presenter: Mayor Spell

The new conference table will be available next Friday.



- f. Christmas Lights
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Christmas lights have been purchased for use for the next season.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Utility Bills Online Payments
Presenter: Mayor Spell

For the first time, utility bills for March will be emailed to customers. Mayor Spell, Town Clerk Jones, and Public Works Director Bullard listened to a proposal last Friday from PNC, who provided online payment services to Roseboro. Mayor Spell will have a proposal at the next board meeting.

- b. Easter Egg Hunt
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell proposed holding an Easter Egg Hunt at Town Hall on Saturday, April 1st, 2023. The event will include an Easter egg toss, an Easter Bunny, a story-reading from the Sampson County library, and a local food truck.

ACTION: Approve \$1,800 from Special Project Fund for Easter Egg Hunt
Motion: Commissioner Baker
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley
Vote: Unanimous

- c. Souvenirs
Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Businesses downtown will sell t-shirts and stickers with Autryville's new logo and donate half of proceeds to the town.

- d. Let's Walk It Out
Presenter: Mayor Spell

The Let's Walk It Out volunteers will come through Autryville April 13th and April 21st. They are asking for the town to provide dinner on April 13th and dinner on April 21st. The Mayor said their plans have changed fluidly so he suggests that it be tabled to the March meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourn the Meeting

ACTION: Motion to Adjourn at 8:35pm
Motion: Commissioner Spell
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley



Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 21st day of March, 2023 while in regular session.

Grayson Spell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Jones
Town Clerk

