



**Town of Autryville**  
**Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**  
**Autryville Town Hall**

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

Staff Present:  
Lisa Jones, Town Clerk

Commissioners Absent:  
Commissioner Baker  
Commissioner Tyndall

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Spell opened the regular board meeting at 7:30 pm. Mayor Spell led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Honeycutt said the prayer.

### 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.*

No one wanted to speak.

### 3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### a. Adjustments to the Agenda

The Swearing-In Ceremony for the re-elected mayor and commissioners was added under Special Orders. Annexation applications were added under Annexations. Water-Line Riser and Trampoline was added to New Business.

#### b. Adoption of the Agenda

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

### 4. SPECIAL ORDERS

#### a. Swearing-In Ceremony for Grayson Spell as Mayor

Sampson County Clerk to the Court Chris Fann swore in Mayor Grayson Spell.

#### b. Swearing-In Ceremony for Mickie Spell as Commissioner #2 and Thomas Honeycutt as Commissioner #5

Sampson County Clerk to the Court Chris Fann swore in Commissioners Mickie Spell and Thomas Honeycutt.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. December 12 2023 Draft Minutes
  - Adopt December 12 2023 Minutes

**ACTION:** Adoption of the Consent Agenda  
**Motion:** Commissioner Honeycutt  
**Second:** Commissioner Spell  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**6. ANNEXATION**

- a. Annexation 2024-01, Owners: Terry and Pamela Spell

This land is adjacent to the Autryville Water Tower. He is interested in building a hardware store on the land.

**ACTION:** Approve Resolution #2024-01 To Direct Clerk to Investigate Sufficiency  
**Motion:** Commissioner Honeycutt  
**Second:** Commissioner Spell  
**Vote:** Unanimous

- a. Annexation 2024-02, Owners: Town of Autryville

The Autryville Water Tower is located on this land. The town plans to build a public works building on this parcel.

**ACTION:** Approve Resolution #2024-02 To Direct Clerk to Investigate Sufficiency  
**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Baxley  
**Second:** Commissioner Spell  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. Budget vs. Actual Statements

The general and water fund budget is provided to the board. The mayor requested the town clerk provide credit card charges to the board at the next meeting.

- b. Water Department Usage and Savings

The town is using approximately 50,000 gallons of water a day. 30% of customers are now paperless. There are 3 new garbage accounts. The mayor requested the town clerk provide the board with a comparison of old meter and new meter usage.

**8. GRANT REPORT**

- a. North Carolina Budget Earmark Request

The mayor proposes using the earmarked funds to purchase the Fortiline AMI system for \$27,000.

**ACTION:** Approve Fortiline AMI System Quote for \$27,000 from Earmark Funds  
**Motion:** Commissioner Honeycutt



Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Vote: Unanimous

b. ARP Stormwater Grant

We have spent \$102,000.

c. NCORR Grant for Local Government Services

\$68,000 left

d. Asset Inventory and Analysis Grant

Spent \$65,000

## 9. STREET DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

a. Huntersview Stormwater Repair

No updates

b. W Old Stage Rd Stormwater Improvements

No updates

d. N Cooper St Stormwater Improvements

No updates

## 10. HOUSING & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

a. Horseshoe Road New Houses

Construction is progressing.

b. Sivertson Road New House

Only one or two houses are still available for sale. New residents are quickly signing up for trash collection.

c. Dollar General

Opening is scheduled for February 2024.

d. TNT Automotive

The new business has opened in the Lucky Stop. The owner of the property owes \$1,839. The board directs the clerk to send a certified letter to and call Mr. Abdullah Algamal offering him a deal of \$1,000 to be paid in 10 days.

e. Cool Beans Coffee

The business is closing January 21<sup>st</sup>. The building owner Terry Spell says he plans to re-open it.

## 10. PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

a. Development and Construction



Internet needs to be installed at the building. Mayor Spell is still acquiring quotes and will present at the next meeting.

b. Signage

In progress

c. Daw Tree Company Quote

Daw Tree Company has presented a quote of \$11,000 to clear trees on the land around the public works area. Commissioner Spell will seek another quote to compare.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Downtown Flags  
Presenter: Commissioner Tyndall

They have been delivered and will be installed shortly.

- b. Downtown Landscaping  
Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

The water fountain that was located at Town Hall has moved to the corner of Gray St and Williams St. Seasonal flowers will be put inside the fountain and annual plants around the perimeter. She will bring quotes for cameras to watch the new developments at the pavilion.

- c. Christmas in Autryville  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell commended Mayor Pro Temp Baxley for the Christmas in Autryville event, which was attended by several new families.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Christmas Street Decorations  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell presented a quote to purchase 3 new Christmas street light decorations with replacement lights from Mosca Design for \$3,023.55. The board wants to purchase 6 new lights to accommodate the new houses.

- b. Easter in Autryville  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell proposed March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the event.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing Comments  
b. Adjourn the Meeting at 9:16 pm.

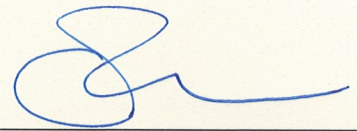
**ACTION:** Adjourn the Meeting

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing Comments
- b. Adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 pm.

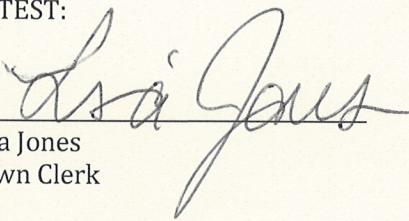
ACTION: Adjourn the Meeting  
Motion: Commissioner Spell  
Second: Commissioner Tyndall  
Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024 while in regular session.



Grayson Spell  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Jones  
Town Clerk

