



**Town of Autryville  
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
Autryville Town Hall**

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

Staff Present:  
Lisa Jones, Town Clerk

Commissioners Absent:

**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.*

Benjamin Faircloth of TNT Automotives spoke about the water bill on the account of his landlord Mr. Abdullah of the Lucky Stop account, which is in the excess of \$1,000. Mr. Faircloth has signed an agreement with Mr. Abdullah that he incurs the financial responsibilities of the property. Mayor Spell wants to forgive the water bill debt. Commissioner Honeycutt suggested to keep the balance on Mr. Abdullah's account but remove Mr. Faircloth's account from collection.

ACTION: Direct the Town Attorney to Put a Lien on the Property  
Motion: Commissioner Baker  
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley  
Vote: Unanimous

Terry Spell presented to the Board a deed from Joy and Johnny Spell for the donation of a land near NC-24, which is up for annexation.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

a. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mayor Spell added the 2024-03 Annexation application, Water Meter Project and Star Communication to Old Business, and Crash on Gray Street and FY 2023 Audit to New Business.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

ACTION: Adoption of the Agenda  
Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley



Second: Commissioner Spell

Vote: Unanimous

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. January 16 2024 Draft Minutes
  - Adopt January 16 2024 Minutes
- b. Certificates of Sufficiency -- Annexation
  - 2024-01-ANX – Terry and Pam Spell
  - 2024-02-ANX – Town of Autryville
- a. Resolutions to Set Public Hearings for Annexations 2024-01-ANX and 2024-02-ANX
  - Resolution #2024-03
  - Resolution #2024-04

ACTION: Adoption of the Consent Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Spell

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Vote: Unanimous

#### 5. ANNEXATION

- a. Annexation 2024-03, Owners: Town of Autryville

This land has been donated by Joy and Johnny Spell to the Town of Autryville. The Town is presenting it for annexation.

ACTION: Approve Resolution #2024-05 To Direct Clerk to Investigate Sufficiency

Motion: Baker

Second: Commissioner Spell

Vote: Unanimous

#### 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Budget vs. Actual Statements

The general and water fund budget is provided to the board.

- b. Credit Card Charges

Per the mayor's request, the town clerk will start providing a copy of all credit card charges, starting at this meeting.

- c. Water Department Usage and Savings

Per the Mayor's analysis, the town is still purchasing excess water from the county but selling the same amount of water to the customers, which indicates a large leak in town. The morning of the board meeting, a large main water line broke in town limits, the repair may solve the mysterious leak source.

#### 7. GRANT REPORT

- a. Water Line Extension and Meter Upgrade Grant

Project is progressing on time.



b. Street Paving Grant

A map was providing to the board with staged priority.

c. Stormwater Grant

Project is progressing on time.

d. NCORR Grant for Local Government Services

Project is progressing on time.

## 8. STREET DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

a. Huntersview Stormwater Repair

McDonald has decided to not invoice the town for the repair. Business concluded.

b. W Old Stage Rd Stormwater Improvements

No updates

c. N Cooper St Stormwater Improvements

No updates

d. W Williams St Stormwater Improvements

ACTION: Approve Expense from McDonald for \$1,500

Motion: Commissioner Spell

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Vote: Unanimous

## 9. HOUSING & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

a. Horseshoe Road New Houses

Construction is progressing.

b. Sivertson Road New House

All houses have been sold. Business concluded.

c. Dollar General

Grand Opening was March 15<sup>th</sup> and attended by Mayor Spell, Town Clerk Lisa Jones, and Public Works Director Chris Bullard. Business concluded.

d. TNT Automotive

Water bill issue discussed during the public comments. Business concluded.

## 10. PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

a. Development and Construction

Internet is currently being installed at the water tower.



b. Signage

Sign has been installed. Business concluded.

c. Daw Tree Company Quote

Daw Tree Company has been contracted to clear trees on the land around the public works area in two stages.

## 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

New landscaping has received many compliments from town residents. A rope will be installed around the flower bed and a welcome sign.

c. Christmas Street Decorations

Presenter: Mayor Spell

The town purchased six new street decorations. The replacement bulbs have been delivered by the lights have not. Business concluded.

d. Easter in Autryville

Presenter: Mayor Spell

Easter Egg Hunt has been schedule for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. The board decided if there is inclement weather, the event will be cancelled and not reschedule.

e. Water Meter Project

Presenter: Mayor Spell

AMI collector installation is 2-3 weeks away. The new technology will assist the town in finding leaks that are driving up water purchase prices.

f. Star Communication

Presenter: Mayor Spell

Star Communication has begun installing fiber in town limits.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fundraising Bricks

Presenter: Commissioner Baker

Commissioner Baker has searched companies that produce memorial bricks for a new park trail when the new park is developed.

b. Ethics for Municipal Officials Training

Presenter: Mayor Spell



Tabled to next regular meeting

- c. Tables for Town Hall  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Tabled to next regular meeting

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

The organization will be in Autryville April 11-12 and 19-20. The town will not be a sponsor this year.

- e. Code of Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 94 Political Signage  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

This ordinance sets guidelines on where and when campaign signs can be placed in town limits.

**ACTION:** Adopt Ordinance #2024-03-02

**Motion:** Commissioner Spell

**Second:** Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

**Vote:** Unanimous

- f. Water Shortage Response Plan  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Tabled to next regular meeting

- g. Crash on Gray Street  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

An automobile crashed in a ditch that damaged embankments. DOT inspected the pipe for damage and will make repairs, invoice owner.

- e. FY 2023 Audit  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Town Clerk and Auditor are working on it.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing Comments
- b. Adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 pm.

**ACTION:** Adjourn the Meeting

**Motion:** Commissioner Spell

**Second:** Commissioner Tyndall

**Vote:** Unanimous



Duly adopted this the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 while in regular session.

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Grayson Spell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Jones', is written above a horizontal line.

Lisa Jones  
Town Clerk

