

TOWN OF BLACK CREEK
TOWN BOARD MEETING

Date: Oct 14, 2008

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Place: Black Creek Town Hall

Present: Mayor Howard Moore, Commissioners Smith, Lucas, Franks, Dawson, Godwin

Absent: None

Minutes Taped: Yes

Audience members: Earl Wilson

Mayor Moore: Meeting for Oct 14, 2008 is now in session. First item is consideration of our minutes for our September 9th meeting. Do I hear a motion to adopt the minutes? Motion to adopt the minutes made by Commissioner Godwin, second by Commissioner Smith, all in favor say I all opposed, motion carried unanimously. Next item is to pay the October bills, do I hear a motion to pay the bills. Motion made by Commissioner Lucas to pay the bills, second by Commissioner Godwin, all in favor say I, all opposed, motion carried unanimously. First thing of new business is the Rural Centers grant in the amount of \$494,150.00 for the water treatment facility. We were just talking about that in the workshop. I'd like to say that Barbara Aycock and Greg Gates deserve the credit for this. As everybody knows we were turned down originally and they wouldn't take no for an answer. They made calls and talked to people and got it and I think they deserve a lot of credit for that. It was a job well done. Motion to start this process made by Commissioner Godwin, second by Commissioner Smith, all in favor say I, all opposed, motion carried unanimously. Item number two is Identity Theft Resolution approval. I've got a resolution here for Identity Theft Protection for the town, is there a discussion on this? Motion to adopt the resolution made by Commissioner Godwin, second by Commissioner Lucas, all in favor say I, all opposed, motion carried unanimously. That is all the business, let's go to commissioner business. Commissioner Lucas do you have anything.

Commissioner Lucas We talked about the Workman's Comp thing, I make a motion that we contact PDSS to draw up our policies and implement them.

Mayor Moore: Motion made by Commissioner Lucas, second by Commissioner Godwin, all in favor say I, all opposed, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Franks do you have anything? Commissioner Godwin do you have anything?

Commissioner Godwin: The only thing I have is what we talked about earlier. Earl Wilson, in the workshop we did bring up your situation and Greg is going to contact HUD tomorrow. In fact I make a motion that you contact HUD tomorrow and get started on this.

Mayor Moore: Motion made by Commissioner Godwin, second by Commissioner Smith, all in favor say I, all opposed, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Smith do you have anything? Commissioner Dawson do you have anything?

Commissioner Dawson: The only thing I have to say is that Heritage Day is going really well. We do have money; we have 32 vendors and it's going real well.

Mayor Moore: Department head comments. Joe do you have anything? Greg do you have anything?

Greg Gates: I want to go back to the grant. I appreciate your comment on that. As far as I'm concerned, Barbara and I deserve all the credit. That is a whole lot of money. Barbara states that we were a team player on the project, to let the board know the town of Middlesex got part of the money and Johnston County got part of the money. I wanted to see who benefited from our generosity and share this information with the board. Greg asks are we doing anything on raises this year. Mayor Moore states that he hasn't heard anything. \$494,150.00 and we're going to get a Christmas bonus? We saved the town \$350,000 in loan money.

Mayor Moore: Barbara, do you have anything? No. Does anybody in the audience have anything?

Earl Wilson: I know I've never come to any of the meetings. When I worked, I worked at night and couldn't come to the board meetings. I had talked to the man from HUD the first time. And then they sold it and then they bought it back. I saw the man back over there again. I went over there and said look here, what are you going to do about this jungle over here? He said, well it is a mess. I said it's in the middle of town and people drive past here and that is all they see is a mess. It makes my yard look terrible. He said my lawn mower won't get through here. I said you are going to have to do something. That's why I'm here. It's a jungle over there. I'm glad I got to be here, but I have had personal contact with that man. He said he's from Raleigh and he does all their work for them. He took a hundred pictures and said I don't know what they are going to do. They are going to have to cut down the jungle over here to sell anything. Another thing is I know I haven't been to any meetings and I'm sorry, I might be a bad person for saying this. Before I moved here which was 19 years ago, my wife and I looked around and we saw a man put a For Sale Sign in the yard. She said let's go look at that house. Mr. Euan Aycock was putting up the For Sale Sign. We went in and we knew some people here in Black Creek. Right after I bought the place, I heard from some friends of mine who said, you made a big mistake moving to Black Creek. I said why is that? They said, when the lights go out you aren't going to get them back on for 4 or 5 days, and a lot of other things. So the day I closed on the house Miss Cenie Lamm came over to the house. I did not know her, had never seen her before but she told me everything about me. Everybody that has said something about wanting to move to a nice town, I have told them about Black Creek. I said when you've got a power outage or anything wrong you can get it done. And before 12 or 24 hours is up your problem is fixed. I said I don't know

what you heard but you heard wrong. Where can you go and walk around town at 11:00 at night and be safe it sure isn't Wilson. I just wanted to tell you if ya'll ever do anything for anybody you need to give them a raise, they deserve what they get. Because the employees have made this town safe, and when something is wrong they work on it and they get it right. I enjoy living in this town. I'm glad I came tonight.

Mayor Moore: We appreciate what you said and I agree with you. On October 20th-24th Barbara is going to be at a class of certification at Chapel Hill School of Government. November 11-14th will be UNC School of government financial planning. And of course we've got Heritage Day. I think me and Greg are supposed to go Monday to DOT. If nobody has anything else meeting is adjourned.

Barbara Aycock, Town Administrator

Howard Moore, Mayor

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