

**TOWN OF GARLAND
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016
9:00 AM**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Haywood Johnson
Judy C. Smith
Ralph Smith

The following members of the Board of Commissioners was absent:

Carolyn Melvin
S. J. Smith

Also present were Mrs. Sylvia Chestnutt of the *Sampson Weekly*, and Mr. Chase Jordan of the *Sampson Independent*. There were no citizens in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor Winifred Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present serving as clerk recording notes for the meeting minutes.

QUORUM

Mayor Murphy and Clerk Pamela Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Murphy requested the Board consider moving Item 8. Special Presentation to 3A along with deleting 9. Budget Planning Session from the special meeting agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested changes, seconded by Commissioner Ralph Smith and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Murphy called Mrs. Connie Rackley and placed her on speaker phone to make a special announcement to the Board. Mrs. Rackley announced she was donating a parcel of land beside the Garland Post Office to the Town of Garland for a town park. The land is approximately 1.39 acres and she stated the stipulations she had was for the town to pay the costs associated with the deed preparations/closing and to allow her naming rights for the park. Mrs. Rackley stated she also wanted to add a clause to the deed that if the Town of Garland fails to maintain the land as a park the land would revert back to her and/or her heirs. Board members thanked Mrs. Rackley for her generous

offer and expressed enthusiasm about having a park in town for children. Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to accept the offer of approximately 1.39 acres of land from Mrs. Rackley located on S. Bladen Avenue next to the Garland Post Office for a park, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously. Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to have Attorney Michael Porter prepare the deed and closing for the donated property, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to enter into closed session at 9:10 am to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Ralph Smith and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to exit closed session at 9:56 am, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously.

No action taken in closed session with open session starting back at 9:57am.

PERSONNEL

Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to hire Mr. Scott Owen as the Public Works Director at an hourly rate of \$18.00/hour as part time status working 20 to 24 hours weekly with a flexible schedule. Additional benefits include a monthly stipend of \$250.00 and \$40.00/week for gas reimbursement. Mr. Owen will also obtain reads and check pumps and lift stations every third weekend. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Judy C. Smith and carried unanimously.

MAINSTREET CONFERENCE

Mayor Murphy requested the Board approve sending three people to the MainStreet conference for a total costs of approximately \$1871.78 with money being used from the Community Events expense line item. Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously.

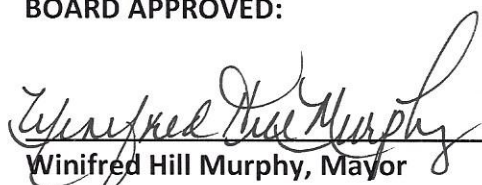
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ralph Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.



Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

BOARD APPROVED:



Winifred Hill Murphy, Mayor