

**TOWN OF GARLAND
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017
6:30 PM**

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 Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Haywood Johnson
Ralph Smith
S. J. Smith

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were absent:

Carolyn Melvin
Judy C. Smith

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor Winifred Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present serving as clerk recording notes for the meeting minutes.

QUORUM

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

ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Clerk Cashwell read and reviewed the budget message and the recommended 2017-2018 budget ordinance. (See attached). Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to adopt the recommended 2017-2018 budget ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF HIRE

Mayor Murphy stated she was pleased to announce that Mr. Bobby Kinlaw has a candidate to recommend to the Board for the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Garland. Mayor Murphy asked Mr. Kinlaw to come forward and make his recommendation to the Board. Mr. Kinlaw stated the process of hiring a Chief to re-establish the Town of Garland Police Department had taken longer than he had anticipated yet feels the wait has been worth it as he made a recommendation to the Board to hire Mr. Ronald Matthews as Chief of Police for the Town of Garland. Mr. Kinlaw introduced Mr. Matthews to the Board stating he has thirty plus years of experience in law enforcement with includes prior experience as a Chief of Police. Mr. Matthews is a certified instructor and holds many law enforcement certifications. Mr. Matthews addressed the Board and stated he was excited to be considered for the position and looks forward to assisting the Town of Garland with the re-establishment of the police department. Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to hire Mr.

Ronald Matthews for the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Garland, seconded by Commissioner S. J. Smith and carried unanimously. Mayor Murphy stated Mr. Matthews will be working in an administrative capacity until all the necessary paperwork required by Training and Standards has been completed. Mayor Murphy stated the public would be notified of the date and time of Mr. Matthews's swearing-in ceremony once it has been determined.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES

Commissioner Ralph Smith stated he had spoken with Mr. Jon Woodhouse of CopCarsOnline, which is the same company we had purchased the police car from and he is expecting to receive a 2012 Dodge Charger that is fully equipped and has approximately 50,000 miles on it for \$13,500.00. Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to have Mr. Woodhouse hold the vehicle until the Board receives and reviews paperwork and pictures of the car and then the Board can make a decision on whether to purchase the vehicle as a second car for the police department, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner S. J. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.



Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

BOARD APPROVED:



Winifred Hill Murphy, Mayor