

TOWN OF GARLAND  
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

6:30PM

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, NC on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6:30pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Mayor Austin Brown, Mayor Pro Tem, Jo Strickland, Commissioner Lee Carberry, Commissioner Anthony Norris, Commissioner Ralph Smith, Town Clerk, Shauna' Harper and absent was Commissioner Timothy Blackburn. Also in attendance were Attorney Greg Griffin, Trish Gray, AFLAC representative.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE: was recited by all in attendance.

QUORUM: Mayor Brown and Town Clerk Shauna' Harper established there was a quorum present.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to suspend rules, seconded by Commissioner Carberry, discussion, motion carried.

ADJUSTMENT(S)/ ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Norris motioned to accept the work session minutes from 3/21/2024, Mayor Pro Tem Strickland seconded. There was no discussion and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Greg Griffin attended this meeting to introduce himself, to introduce his qualifications and express interest in representing the Town of Garland in legal matters. He advised the board of his professional career. His experience and knowledge includes, real estate, title insurance, special proceedings, civil law etc. He plans to attend at least 4 meetings a year and request copies of the agenda and minutes for all meetings. He will only be a phone call or email away if needed.

Mrs. Trish Gary presented information to the Board of Commissioners about AFLAC. AFLAC offers accident, cancer, and life coverage. She provided several brochures for such plans and provided a contact if anyone interested in purchasing.

Town Clerk Harper informed the Board of a fraud safety feature that Southern Bank offers, "Positive Pay" for ACH and checks. The board was open and interested in more details.

The FY2024-2025 budget is in the works. Samantha Wullenwaber with Mid Carolina Regional Council is working with Town Clerk Harper. The board will have a budget session with Samantha on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

Commissioner Norris in a previous meeting stated, the Board of Commissioners hold a "clerical" position. In order to be a "working" commissioner who assist the town projects, they must be on the workers compensation insurance policy.

Commissioner Carberry advised the board that the flowmeter at the lagoon, by state law, is required to be calibrated once a year. He is coordinating with ORC Neil Carroll to get this scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

The state mandatory service line connection inventory is due to be completed by October 16, 2024. Public Works employees will start on that project immediately.

A business owner requested the fountain be repaired. He offered to assist with the materials and labor to get it up and running. He would also like to see the list of business sign fixed and noticing the town clock did not have the right time and needs attention.

Tony Porter, Code Compliance Officer w/ Mid Carolina Regional Council submitted a status report of properties that he cited for code violations. He will continue to monitor the clean ups.

The equipment trailer and leaf vacuum trailer have been ordered and are awaiting delivery.

The Powell Bill inspection is upcoming and the named street signs have been ordered and awaiting delivery.

Mr. Kenneth, the Public Works employee, requested to use his personal phone instead of work phones. He states it is hard to keep up with two phones. Commissioner Smith motioned to continue using work phones, seconded by Commissioner Norris, there was discussion, motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

No comments or discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Strickland, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Duly adopted on the 4th day of June, 2024 while in regular session.

ATTEST:

  
Shauna Harper  
Town Clerk/Finance Officer

  
Austin Brown, Mayor

