

**TOWN OF GARLAND
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, July 30, 2019
6:00 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, July 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

**Mary Brown
Eddie Bronson, Jr.
SJ Smith**

Also present were Mrs. Sylvia Chestnut of the *Sampson Weekly* and Mr. Chase Jordan of the *Sampson Independent*. There were citizens present.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Deputy Clerk, Alexis Devane, was present serving as clerk recording notes for the minutes.

QUORUM

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy and Deputy Clerk Alexis Devane established there was a quorum present.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner SJ Smith made the motion to enter closed session (Pursuant to Lawyer-Client Privilege and Personnel) at 6:05pm, seconded by Commissioner Mary Brown. All in favor.

OPEN SESSION

No action taken in closed session.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM-

Mayor Murphy asked to accept Commissioner Mary Brown as the town's Mayor Pro Tem at this time.

Commissioner Eddie Bronson Jr. made the motion to accept Commissioner Mary Brown as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner SJ Smith. All in favor.

COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBILITIES-

Mayor Murphy mentioned we need significant help with the different departments within the town. Commissioner SJ Smith stated when he is back on his feet, he will be able to assist with the Public Works department. Mayor Pro Tem Mary Brown stated she will continue with the safety department, which includes and not limited to making sure all employees are safe.

COMMISSIONER VACANCIES-

Mayor Murphy mentioned there are two vacant Commissioner seats opened at this time. You can appoint two people at this time or wait. Mayor Murphy stated we have three people running, Carolyn R. Melvin, Former Mayor Pro Tem Austin Brown, and Barbara Robinson Peterson. The board could allow these candidates to wait, however we need as many people around the board table as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Brown made the motion to have Austin Brown and Carolyn R. Melvin take the two vacant seats at this time, seconded by Commissioner SJ Smith. Vote carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy stated it is time to swear the new board members in at this time which will be Carolyn R. Melvin and Austin Brown.

The new board members were sworn in by Mayor Murphy, were congratulated and took their place at the board table.

PUBLIC WORKS –

Mayor Murphy mentioned the terminated contract with Envirolink. We have a new ORC out of the City of Clinton whose name is Neil. They have called in NCDENR (North Carolina Department of Natural Resources) to make sure everything is going okay within the system. Mr. Neil suggested the Lagoon be vacuumed out which will cost about \$225.00 per hour and will take about 8 hours to complete. We will need an approval to move forward with this project.

Commissioner Austin Brown made the motion to allow the lagoon to be vacuumed for the price given, seconded by Commissioner SJ Smith. Vote carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy mentioned the Town needs to check into purchasing or build an 8X10 wooden structure storage building to store the chlorine so that it is not sitting out getting wet. Mayor Murphy mentioned prices will need to be in place to vote on what to purchase. Also, a small window unit will need to be purchased to go into the building for cooling. Commissioner Mary Brown stated she would get some estimates on the different buildings and sizes. Mayor Murphy stated in the Office the ladies would like to have the old carpet replaced with some type of flooring instead of carpet, also replace the blinds. Mayor Murphy mentioned there are plans being worked on to renovate or build a new Town Hall.

EMPLOYEE RAISES-

Mayor Murphy stated the board will evaluate each employee on the quality of the work being done along with work ethics etc. Mayor Murphy stated there was no money applied to the Budget workshop for the raises. Funds will need to be added to the Budget Workshop to provide the raises for employees who qualify.

Commissioner SJ Smith made a motion to tie performance appraisals with merit increase, seconded by Commissioner Austin Brown. Vote carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Brown asked Mayor Murphy to share about the concession stand's progress. Mayor Murphy stated Pastor Brandy Evans has been doing well with the concession stand since the Softball season started in June 2019. The money made will go towards the park development and concession stand improvement. Concession revenue is restricted just for this purpose. Mayor Murphy mentioned the concession stand sign will be rededicated on Thursday August 1, 2019 at 8:00pm. The Softball committee thought it was a good time and idea.

EVENTS-

Music in the Park will be this Saturday August 3rd, 2019 from 7pm-10pm.

CONDOLENCE-

Mayor Murphy requested continual prayer for Mr. Ralph Smith's family and Mrs. Connie Cain Rackley's family.

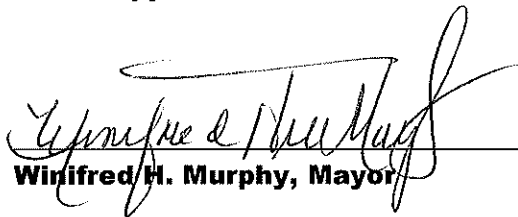
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Brown made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Commissioner SJ Smith. The vote carried unanimously.



Alexis Devane, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved:



Winifred H. Murphy, Mayor