

Minutes July 13, 2020

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor E. Ray Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Brenda Logan

Commissioner Ambrose provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spruill moved to approve the minutes and waive the reading of the June meeting(s). Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The finance summary was presented to the board by the clerk and accepted.

Unfinished Business:

-No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business:

-Commissioner Ambrose moved to accept the Resolution Adopting the Northeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan presented by the clerk. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-Commissioner Spruill mentioned to the board that she had received a complaint from someone about the property located at 108 Palmetta Street that is all grown up with grass and weeds. The board wants the clerk to contact the attorney about ways the town can collect money if the town has to mow the property.

-The clerk informed the board that she had received an email from Mrs. Allison Young requesting the Board to give Dominion Energy permission to place a security (watch) light on the existing pole at 105 N Second St. Mrs. Young stated in her email that the Town would not incur any expense with regard to the installation of the light and that she would pay for the installation and the monthly fees. Commissioner Harris suggested that the Town pay for the installation and the monthly fee since the town provides more streetlights in town. Commissioner Spruill moved to have a watch/streetlight installed at the property of Allison Young, 105 N Second Street. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

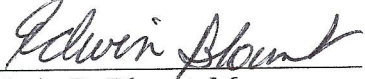
-The clerk informed the board of a revision to the audit this year by the Local Government Commission that was received in a memorandum#2019-07. The memo explains independence when auditors also prepare financial statements for clients. Preparing financial statements is a non-audit service and there must be a person who has suitable skills, knowledge and experience to oversee and take responsibility for the non-audit services. The clerk informed the board that the service can be contracted out with a CPA not affiliated with the external audit firm to review the financial statements on a Town's behalf, but if a person with skill, knowledge, or experience can't be identified, the auditor's independence is impaired then the audit can't be performed. The clerk mentioned to the board of a CPA

firm out of Belhaven that could be identified for the SKE for the audit. The board agreed for the clerk to check with the firm out of Belhaven.

-Ryan needs to report back next month with prices on rental equipment.

-Jimmy Davenport and his wife, Joy, appeared before the board just letting the board know of ideas they had for improving the town and letting the board know they are willing to help when ever needed.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

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Penny Chapman, Town Clerk