

Minutes May 9, 2022

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

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 April meeting(s). Commissioner Logan 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

New Business:

-Julius Webb appeared before the board to discuss his plans with his building located on the east end of Main Street. Mr. Webb proposes to call his building "Webb's on Main" and people will be able to hold family reunion, birthday party, etc. in there.

-Linda Carr, Superintendent with Washington County Schools, along with Mr. Wayne Price, Principal for Washington County Early College, appeared before the board to give the town an update on where it stands with the new K-12 school proposed for Washington County. Mrs. Carr informed the board that at the last county commissioners' meeting it was passed to build a new K-12 school building at the old location of Pines Elementary in Plymouth. The old Pines Elementary will be tore down. As far as the other school buildings, no definite approval has been made at this time. A proposal for the early college has been placed for it to stay in Creswell even when the new school is built. Mrs. Carr informed the board that the county received a \$40 million grant but still needs \$26 million to fill the remaining.

-Jeff and Helena Gibbs appeared before the board with concerns about the water bill at 305 E Main St. Jeff Gibbs' mother lived at this residence until her passing in February 2020. Mrs. Gibbs informed the board that she could not see how the bill could get up to \$549.45, when she felt it should have been cut off after Ms. Mattie Gibbs passed away. Penny Chapman, clerk, informed the board that no one ever asked for the water to be cut off and Mr. Gibbs' nephew was staying at the resident the whole time. The clerk informed the board that when the bill became past due the governor had set executive order 124 in effect and the water couldn't be turned off. Once the governor lifted the executive order the water was cut off.

-The clerk informed the board that she received a call about a RV on Fifth Street that is sitting on the side of the road. The mayor is to try to locate the owner and have it removed.

-Joy Davenport gave the board a brief update on the Creswell, NC page on Facebook. Mrs. Davenport also showed the board a projected banner that will be placed on the side of the old post office on Main Street, owned by Phil Holton. Commissioner Spruill informed Mrs. Davenport

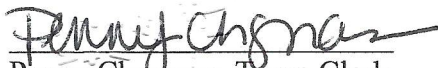
that if only a banner was being hung on the side of a building no zoning permits or approval from the town board would be needed.

-Commissioner Ron Ambrose informed the board that effective July 1st, 2022 he will no longer be the fire chief for the Creswell Volunteer Fire Department.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)


Penny Chapman, Town Clerk

Minutes of May 9, 2022
Budget Workshop

The Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 6 p.m. for a budget workshop to discuss the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget with the following members present: Mayor Edwin Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Brenda Logan and Commissioner Joel Harris.

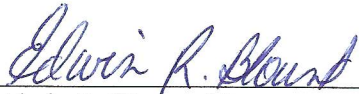
Also attended the workshop was town clerk, Penny Chapman and Water and Wastewater Superintendent, Ryan Swain.

The clerk presented to the board a copy of the FY 2022-2023 budget with changes made from the last budget workshop.

The clerk informed the board she had spoke to part-time employee, Ray Owens, and he is willing to work one more day a week, every other week. The clerk informed the board that he would be working three (3) days a week if agreed. The board agreed.

After no further discussion the clerk informed the board she would send the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget over to the Local Government Commission for their approval before it can become available to the public.

The board will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2022-2023 budget on June 13, 2022 at 7 p.m.



Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)



Penny F. Chapman, Clerk