

Minutes September 12, 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 Logan provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The finance summary was presented to the board by the clerk and accepted. A proposed budget amendment was presented to the board for approval. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the proposed budget amendment as presented by the clerk. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Commissioner Ambrose informed the board that he reached out to two landscaping businesses about giving an estimate on edging the curbing and cleaning some of the streets in town. The following streets that were included in the estimate were W Main St., 6th St., 5th St., 5th St. Ext, 7th St., Middle St., Palmetto St., and 94 cui se sac. Only one business gave an estimate, Backwoods Lawn & Landscaping, LLC. for \$6,500. Commissioner Harris moved to accept the estimate from Backwoods Lawn & Landscaping for \$6,500 to edge curbing and cleanup the following streets listed above. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business:

-Patrick and Donna Olienyk, Town citizens, appeared before the board with concerns about the discolored water issue in town. Mr. Olienyk showed the Board a slideshow of pictures of the discolored water occurring over the last two years coming from their home. The Board, along with Ryan Swain, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, explained to the Olienyk's what had been done and what was in the process of being done at the water plant. The Town hopes after all work is complete at the water plant, the discolored water issue will be fixed.

-Commissioner Harris mentioned to the Board that the director of the Charter School had contacted him in regards to the 18-wheeler parked on Leigh Street. The director informed him that starting this week the Charter school will begin using the new driveway off of Leigh Street. The director is worry that the 18-wheeler truck will be a problem for people getting in and out the driveway if the truck is park at the corner of Leigh Street. Commission Logan informed the board that she was going to reach out to the owner of the truck but had notice that it wasn't parked there the last couple of days. The board agreed that they would keep an eye out and if the truck appears to be a problem, they will have a talk with the owner. Commissioner Harris will also talk with the Director about the gate that was installed across the road and what the timeline is on moving the gate so that the Town will be able to get to the wells.

-Alfredia William, new owner of Big Blue 252 Coffee Shop in town, appeared before the board to ask about possibly getting a public trashcan and bench by her business so that customers will quit throwing trash on the sidewalks and have somewhere to sit when visiting downtown Creswell. The board informed Mrs. Williams that the Town would have no one to empty the trash on a regular basics and felt that would be a problem. As far as the bench, the board ask Mrs. Williams to get some prices on what it would cost to place a bench on the sidewalk and report back to the board.

-Commissioner Spruill informed the board that due to the recent death of Ms. Frances Hopkins the board would need to replace Ms. Hopkins on the Planning Board with someone in town. Commissioner Spruill suggested replacing Ms. Hopkins with Amy Clifton. Commissioner Spruill moved to replace Frances

Hopkins with Amy Clifton on the planning board due to Ms. Hopkins recent death. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-Commissioner Harris informed everyone that the Ruritans will be holding a Fall Festival on October 22nd at 1 p.m. Veterans Field on 1st Street.

-Grand Opening for Big Blue 252 is October 1st. TBA

-The board looked over the changes the clerk had made to the handbook from the last meeting and Commissioner Harris had some suggestion on the changes with the following:

- Under the "Major Benefit" portion, add a blanket statement to include "All employees are to comply with providers requirements to avoid premium increases".
- If hours of operation are listed it would be defined as "Office Business Hours". By doing so the town would allow employees to have some flexibility in their work day. And add that all full-time employees are required to work a 40-hour work week. Board could not agree on the suggestion so no changes were made.
- Add, "Department Heads are required to attend all regular scheduled monthly board meetings.
- Add a signature line for the Mayor or a Commissioner to sign on the last paper confirming the employee received the revised handbook.

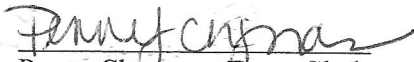
The clerk will make the changes to the handbook and send to the board for approval to send to the attorney to look over.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

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Penny Chapman, Town Clerk