

October 2, 2012

The Mooresville Town Council met on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in regular session at 6:30 P. M. at the Mooresville Government Center.

Council members present were: President George Watkins, Tony Langley, Virginia Perry, Mark Mathis, and Jeff Cook. No members were absent. Town attorney Tim Currens was present.

Councilman Mark Mathis gave the invocation.

A motion was made by Councilman Mathis with a second by Councilwoman Perry to approve September 18, 2012 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

President Watkins informed the audience that tax money could not be used to buy the water company. Bonding would be used.

This is pre-adoption hearing for the 2013 budget. Oakley Brown from the audience signed to speak. He wanted to know what this budget process was all about. The Clerk-Treasurer explained to him a budget is advertised every year in the paper two times one week a part. Mr. Brown said he didn't take the Mooresville Times or the Martinsville Reporter. He asked if this years budget was higher than last year and was informed the State allows us a 2.8% levy increase.

Councilwoman Perry asked about the SWAT line items in the Police budget. These were not in the advertised budget. President Watkins said these were at the Police Chief's request. The Chief was not present at the meeting. Councilwoman Perry said she had a letter from the Police Chief that listed higher numbers than were on the budget now. President Watkins said the Police Chief had met with SWAT Commander and came away with the lower figures. The \$10,000 is for one time training and to equip two officers. The \$5,000 fee is ongoing for Over Time, Comp Time, and any other fees as each agency pays \$2,200 per year to SWAT.

Councilwoman Perry stated with the cash flow balances the council needed to take a long look at the budgets and look at "wants" and not "needs". Councilman Cook agreed. He thought \$10,000 was excessive and this was a want not a need for the Police Department. Council President Watkins said this would be taken under advisement. There being no further comments from the council, the Public Hearing was closed.

Opening of Paving Bids: There was only one bid submitted by Wallace Construction in the amount of \$119,209.02. Street Superintendent Dave Moore looked over the bid as the meeting continued.

Salary increases were included in the budget. Councilwoman Perry requested the Ordinance be ready on November 6, 2012 meeting for signatures. The Council President agreed.

Next was the power point by Brenda Huter. She had a chicken coop in her back yard and the Town ordinance #2, 1997 stated no chickens in Town as well as other farm type animals. Councilwoman Perry read her response from her research and personal knowledge (attached to minutes) and made a motion to deny the request for an amendment to the ordinance. Attorney Currens said a motion was not necessary since the Town already has an ordinance in place against chickens in Town. Mrs. Huter told the council she appreciated the opportunity to talk to the council in public.

At this point David Moore had reviewed the paving bid and found everything in order. A motion was made by Councilman Mathis with a second by Councilman Cook to approve the bid by Wallace Construction. Motion carried 5-0.

Next, the committee report on passing and turning lanes on Carlisle Street in front of Mooresville High School. Option #1- Move utility poles and upgrade lights - \$8,000 to \$9,000. Excavate and install 600 foot right turn lane on north side of Carlisle Street. Excavate and install 200 foot passing blister on south side of Carlisle Street. The cost would be between \$35,000 and \$45,000.

Option #2 - All of Option #1 plus a traffic study between \$4,000 and \$5,000. A Soil Boring costing between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The cost would be between \$41,000 and \$53,000. Report is attached to minutes. The committee is not sure if a soil boring has to be done. Fiber Optics need to be marked and it will be 4 to 6 weeks after IPL is paid before the poles are moved so that means time is running out for the paving.

Councilman Mathis commented they could proceed with anything that can be done now and finish up in the spring. Council President Watkins wants a meeting with the School financial Superintendent, the school and the committee from the Town.


There was no other business or unfinished business.

Legal: the appointment to dispatch board was signed by Council President and the Clerk-Treasurer.

A motion was made to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$394,604.46 was made by Councilman Langley with a second by Councilwoman Perry. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Langley with a second by Councilman Mathis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the Mooresville Town Council will be on October 16th, 2012 at 6:30 P. M. This will also be a Public Hearing adoption of 2013 budget.


George Watkins, Council President
Mark Mathis, Vice President

ATTEST:


Sandra R. Perry, Clerk-Treasurer