

**Town Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The Roseboro Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at Town Hall on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Members present at Town Hall were Mayor Alice Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Bennett, Commissioners Ray Clark Fisher and Mark Gupton. Also, present were Attorney Sandy Sanderson, Town Clerk Janet Dunn, LFNC Tyler Wise, Houston Crumpler III, Robby James, Shannon Smith, Sue Sessoms, and Angela Mitchell. Commissioner Richard Barefoot was an excused absence and Commissioner Cyndi Templin was an unexcused absence.

**COMMENCEMENT**

- Call to Order – Mayor Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Invocation – Mayor Butler led everyone in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Agenda Adoption – Mayor Pro Tem Bennett made a **motion** to adopt the agenda. **All in favor. Motion carried.**
- Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Gupton made a **motion** to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2022 (Regular Session) and November 30, 2022 (Special Meeting); **all in favor. Motion carried.**

**ROSEBORO HAPPENINGS**

- Small Town Main Street Committee next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The Rural Transformation grant results are expected to be received December 14, 2022. *[The Town learned on December 14, 2022 that they were awarded a \$825,000 grant.]*
- Roseboro Christmas events have concluded, and Mayor Butler provided an overview of the events. Special thank you to Shawn Hobbs, Mark Gupton, Tyler Wise, and Cyndi Templin for beautifully decorating the downtown Roseboro area in preparation for the Christmas festivities.

There was a really nice turn out for the Roseboro Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The entertainment consisting of Christmas songs from Roseboro Elementary School and Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School as well as dance performance by Carolina Dance Company. Santa was onsite to meet with children and The Grateful Shed food truck filled the air with wonderful smells.

December 9<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful night for the Roseboro Christmas Parade. The numerous entries consisted of queens, floats, performers, and Santa who met with children. The Grinch was also in town handing out candy bags and taking pictures. Several floats entered float judging, with three winners announced during the December Board Meeting: First place - Crumpler Plastic Pipe Inc. Second place - James Trading Company and Third place - Community Hospice. Several food trucks onsite filled the senses with goodness; Flash BBQ, Yummy Hibachi, M&M Concessions, and Jay & Tina Ingram. Star Communications videoed the parade to be aired throughout the Christmas season; a first for the Roseboro Christmas Parade. Special Thanks to all the sponsors and supporters of the Roseboro Christmas Parade.

- BloomFest is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> with The Pizazz Band performing and then April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm with vendors, food trucks, entertainment, and activities for all ages.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Test Well/USDA Update: Results from the test well were not the quality nor the quantity that the Town was expecting. With Sampson County installing their own water lines and once complete, no longer purchasing water from the town, 30% of the town's water supply will be returned to the town. It is recommended that the town cap the test well for now, possibly reconsider it for the future as the need presents itself, and at that time, do a 24-hour draw down test instead of the 6-hours that was done. A meeting has been scheduled between GFL Environmental and Mayor Butler next Tuesday (December 20<sup>th</sup>) to discuss future access to the property. Any board member who wishes to be present are welcome.

Regarding the USDA loan for the new well, it has been confirmed with USDA that the town can withdraw from the funding with no adverse impact. The town would be responsible for covering the costs already incurred as a result of the test well project. Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** that the town should not proceed at this time with the test well knowing it has reduced water quality and quantity as well as the County discontinuing water service with the town; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

- Foreclosure Property Update: Attorney Sanderson has informed the attorney handling the foreclosure proceedings that the Town of Roseboro is to be notified when the property is up for sale. Hearing date has not been set.
- Land Donation Update: The donated land will close on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- AMI Update: Currently, there have been over 500 meters installed. Field and office training began today (December 13<sup>th</sup>). Utility bills for those customers who have received the new meters will encapsulate the old meter reading (usage) as well as new meter reading (usage). Customers without a new meter installed will be billed their usage per their old meter.
- Grants In-Progress: The grants in-progress total \$13,762,423. Mayor Butler conducted an overview of each active grant. The PARTF grant is currently underway with the old playground equipment being removed. Grants: CDBG-I (Infrastructure) \$2,000,000, CDBG-NR (Neighborhood Revitalization) \$750,000, 2022 Sewer Outfall Rehab \$1,500,000, 2022 Water System Improve \$2,536,000, AMI – ARPA Funding \$371,919, 2022 Old Cement Clay Pipe Rehab \$6,415,760, PARTF Grant \$53,744 (Grant + Match), and AIA Water \$135,000.
- Pending Grants: Pending grants total \$6,205,534. Grant announcements could extend until March 2023. Grants: Old Cement/Clay Pipe \$2,728,350, Stormwater Grant (Alley) \$746,170, Rural Transformation Grant \$912,014, and 2022 WWTP Improvement Project \$1,819,000.

### NEW BUSINESS

- CDBG-NR Survey Agreement: The Agreement was forwarded to Attorney Sanderson for review. A change was requested by Mr. Sanderson to #4 (adding "The Adams Company" at the end of the last sentence). With Mr. Sanderson confirming the requested change had been made and he approved of the agreement, Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** to accept the Agreement; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Annexation Petition: Mr. Houston Crumpler III with Crumpler Plastic Pipe appeared before the Board to request annexation of the property that will include a \$4 million building expansion and creation of two to three new jobs. The building will require a sprinkler system requiring a 6" line and sewer connection for a bathroom facility. He noted that Crumpler Plastic Pipe's other facilities



are already within town limits, and this portion of their property is not. The company anticipates receiving production equipment within one year, and hopes are that the building will be built by that time. Attorney Sanderson advised that there are a lot of steps involved in this process. With no further discussion, Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** to move forward with the annexation process; **all in favor. Motion carried.**

- Grant Contracts: Mayor Butler noted that with all the current grants underway, it is not always timely to bring every contract before the board for review and approval. She requested authorization to move forward on grant contracts/agreements with those grants currently in progress **as long as Attorney Sanderson has reviewed and agrees with it.** Commissioner Fisher made the **motion** to grant authorization for Mayor Butler to sign contracts/agreements provided Attorney Sanderson approves them first; **all in favor. Motion carried.**
- Duke Energy Substation: Mayor Butler and Zoning Officer Tammy Faircloth met with Duke Energy representatives concerning the building of a substation. Duke Energy is looking to build the new substation in the town's ETJ. This new substation will aid in times of power outages.
- Sewer Clean-out Cap Replacement: Mayor Butler brought before the Board consideration of charging for the replacement of sewer clean-out caps (white) in the town's right-of-way when they are damaged by the public. Public Works staff have to replace white caps as a result of the public driving over them or running over them with the lawn mower. The continuous replacement of white caps is costly and even more so if it breaks off down into the pipe. The charge proposed for replacing broken white caps is \$25.00 each occurrence, with the costs increasing from \$50 to \$75 per occurrence (depending on the extent of damage) if the break affects the pipe. Commissioner Fisher was in opposition of charging for white cap replacements. However, Commissioner Gupton felt that a citizen with habitual occurrences should help cover some of the costs associated with the repair. With no further discussion, Commissioner Gupton made the **motion** to adopt the \$25.00 fee for white cap replacements and \$50-\$75 fee when repairs involved a broken pipe; **motion carried** with a vote of 2:1. Commissioner Fisher voted against.

#### **REPORTS**

- Financial Reports – Monthly reports were provided for review.
- Fire Department Report – Monthly call report was provided.
- Sheriff's Report – Monthly report was provided for review.
- Public Works/Utility Department Reports – Filed in the Clerk's Office.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comment

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Commissioner Fisher made a **motion** to adjourn; **all in favor. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
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Alice Butler, Mayor

  
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Janet Dunn, Town Clerk

