

Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2022  
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 9, 2023, 6:30 PM**  
**AGENDA**

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CALL TO ORDER	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT
INVOCATION	COUNCILWOMAN HIGH
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT
WELCOME	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT

**Present: Mayor Barbara Mallett, Presiding; Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, Albert Smith, John Noble, Deloris High, Dwayne Holmes, Alderman Cowan. Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.**

**Absent:**

**APPROVE MINUTES** of regular meeting on December 5, 2022. **A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Please note that comments shall be limited to five minutes and the Town Council reserves the right not to act on requests first presented this evening. **Three public comments were made.**

- **Nathaniel Thompson spoke about trash concerns with waste management.**
- **Carolyn Logan – Had concerns about citizens, the police department, and the town. She had issues with waste management. Chief Fewell said Ms. Logan can schedule a time and come speak with him. Town Manager, Michael Douglas, told Ms. Logan the following day he will have a town manager day and she can stop by and speak with him.**
- **Gemale Black (NAACP President) Asked what steps need to be taken for better quality of the citizens.**

**Shawn McBride, Fire Chief – Gave a summary of the fire from the School Administration Building and wanted to thank everyone who helped. He said it was over 15 organizations that came out to assist.**

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NEW BUSINESS

1. RTGF Award

**Mr. Douglas explains to the Board of Alderman and the mayor that the town has been awarded \$580,000 from the Department of Commerce, Rural Transformation Grant Fund. These funds were requested in November of 2022 for the development of several projects within the Town. The Town originally requested \$754,000. Of the projects that were submitted, the sidewalk restoration project was not funded. The items to be funded are Gateway Signs, Renovation of concession stand, Playground equipment, Basketball Court, Hand Sanitation Stations, Waterbottle Fill Stations, Park Directional Signs and Park Monument Sign. Mayor Mallett had a few questions.**

2. CDBG NR Contract Awards

**The Town has conducted the first round of bidding for construction work for the CDBG-NR grant. Of the five houses that were evaluated, Mr. Douglas recommended awarding contracts for three of the homes. It was also recommended that the unit that is a substantial rehabilitation be re-bid along with upcoming other units. The final home located on Division Ave, should be categorized as a reconstruction and not a rehabilitation. Thus, it will have to be removed from the program. A motion was made to award the first three contracts to Palmer, Roebuck and Craige by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.**

3. Resolution 22-07: Interlocal Contract with Rowan County

**Mr. Douglas explains that with the recent departures of five police officers, the Town of East Spencer must find alternative means of providing police coverage for the Town. One resolution that has been used by multiple municipalities within the County is to enter into an interlocal contract with Rowan County. The proposed contract will facilitate policing by Rowan County deputies within the Town of East Spencer. The hourly cost for each deputy will not exceed \$50 per hour. This will not place an undue burden on the budget and will not require additional funding. The Chief of Police is actively pursuing cadets in BLET and the Town has posted open positions on several platforms. Mayor Mallett and Mayor Pro Tem Rush had a few questions and concerns. A motion was made to approve the contract by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.**

4. Trogdon Application for Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

**Mr. Timothy Trogdon who resides at 205 Southern St. in East Spencer, would like to request approval of his application of the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Trogdon is requesting these funds due to several issues within his home. Most importantly of these issues would be the foundation floors that**

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***have to be reinforced. A motion was made to approve the application by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.***

5. Purchase Property for the Park

***Mr. Douglas explains that there is an opportunity for the Town to purchase .5 acres of land to expand the park. This land could be used for several purposes but recommends that it is developed for parking. The owners have stated that they are willing to sell the property for no less than \$25,000. Funds to purchase the property will have to come from the General Fund.***

6. MLK Proclamation

***Mayor read the Martin Luther King Jr. Proclamation.***

7. Closed Session

***A motion was made to enter executive session for personnel issues by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.***

***A motion was made to close the executive session by Alderman Noble; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.***

8. Manager Comments

9. Council Comments

ADJOURNMENT

  
Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett

  
Sha'Tara Bailey, Town Clerk

