

Town of Macclesfield  
Regular Session Board Meeting  
May 13, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

Mayor Michael Speight called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Members in attendance were Mayor Speight, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Jason Taylor, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Public Works Director Benjy Lassiter, Town Clerk Gracieann Etheridge, Town Administrator Jennifer Stanley, and Town Attorney Gabriel Du Sablon. Special guests in attendance were Senator Kandie Smith, Mr. Tirence Horne (UCPCOG), Ms. Tyra Hines (UCPCOG), and Pastor Stephen Duncan (Webbs Chapel).

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections discussed earlier on page 3, paragraph 3. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried.

The board recognized Pastor Duncan to speak. He stated that he is seeking preliminary approval to hold a benefit 5K run/walk with the proceed going to help with medical bills for Timothy Stomata. The church will be handling the planning of the event and disbursing of the money collected. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to approve the 5K run/walk. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried. Pastor Duncan also mentioned the possibility of a "Winter Wonderland" event around Christmastime using the church's train, etc. He thanked the board and will keep the town informed regarding the planning of the 5K.

The board recognized Senator Kandie Smith. Introductions were made and Commissioner Wooten-Jiles began to explain some of the needs of the town. Senator Smith explained that there was an announcement of \$1.4 Billion surplus funds but that was incorrect. It is actually approximately \$700 Million. When discussing the town's "Wish List", Senator Smith mentioned checking with surrounding towns and counties for the needed vehicles and equipment. She will get the contact information for Greenville Utilities and pass that on to the town. She mentioned contacting Family Dollar and Dollar Tree since Dollar General didn't find any appropriate sites. If there is any land suitable for businesses, put it on the town website. The vacant storefronts can be addressed through code enforcement. She recommended checking with Tarboro for their codes. It is also recommended that the town attend county economic development meetings, meet with other local towns in the county to form a type of co-op. There is a solar company that is coming to Greenville that will offer 908 jobs. The board thanked Senator Smith for her time and recommendations.

Mrs. Stanley reported that the CDBG-I grant application has been received from McDavid. It is available for anyone that would like to review it.

Ms. Montressa Jacobs was unable to attend but wanted to update the board that she is waiting for the state to inspect her storage site and the site where the food will be delivered before the mobile food bank will be available for residents of the town.

Discussion on the CDBG-NR Grant began. Ms. Hines began going over the multiple documents for review and signature. Once the documents were explained, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the CDBG-NR resolution and ordinance. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried. Ms. Hines mentioned that she would need a copy of the minutes from the second public hearing. Mr. Horne thanked the board and informed them that he would be moving on from UCPCOG and Ms. Hines will now be the point of contact.

Discussion on TextMyGov began and although it is a good program it is not a good fit for the town at this time. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to decline signing up for the service. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried.

The MS&RP Advisory Board Committee was discussed and since there is only two eligible applicants submitted, the item was tabled.

Mrs. Stanley gave the finance reports and stated that the interest for the month included \$883.77 collected from Debt Setoff.

Mrs. Stanley reported that the vac truck auction has closed, and the high bid was only \$1,000 this time. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to decline the bid and take the truck to Cox Salvage instead. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried.

Mrs. Stanley explained two grant writing and grant management classes that are upcoming and available through Zoom. She stated that she would like to take the classes to help with the grant writing process. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the two classes. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried.

Mrs. Stanley reported that the 50/50 and Raffle ticket sales total approximately \$3500. Mayor Speight reported that the chicken plate sale will have to wait since the price for ½ chickens is now \$3. The Toddy Rose Band has been booked for the Independence Day Celebration. They will set up at 5:00 pm and should begin playing around 5:30 pm. The cost will be \$1,000.

Mr. Lassiter reported that DeChlor for the plant has gone up in price. He and Mrs. Stanley will try to talk with other chemical vendors at NCRWA Conference this week. Also, the guys cannot work on fuses on the primary unless they are Class 1 Linemen. There is a 12-16 week electrical class that Mr. Lassiter will get more information on.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.