

MINUTES  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
January 9, 2017  
Bethel Center – 28307 Clayton Street

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Baull called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Baull, Vice Mayor Truitt, Councilman Miller, Councilman Chandler, Town Administrator Brought, and Bob Flowers from maintenance. Councilwoman Ulrich was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and vote on the decrease of fees for the Commercial Building Permit at Clayton Crossing.

In the past, Mike Cummings and his partner had asked for a reduced fee instead of the \$85 because they are just doing a shell, not a fitted office. It looks like the fee was reduced to \$55 a square foot. Councilman Chandler pointed out, that while he is not opposed to the reduction again, the reduction that was given in the past was when development and the economy were struggling much more than today. Another concern is that this would possibly set a precedent for others to request the reduced price. Vice Mayor Truitt expressed concern that if Cummings does not find a tenant to outfit it, then the town does not receive that other \$30. A proposal was made that the discount would be given with a waiver that the other \$30 would be due one year from the date the building permit was issued. Councilman Chandler made the motion that the rest of the payment (the \$30) would be due one year from the date the building permit was issued. Vice Mayor Truitt seconded. All in favor.

2. Discussion and vote on the payment of invoices for Diamond Scape & Alpine in regard to the replacement of the Interconnect Meter.

Councilman Chandler discussed Alpine should be paid and that unfortunately, refusing to pay Tony could result in a law suit that would cost the town more than his fees of \$1875 in legal fees. Councilman Miller asked Bob Flowers, of the maintenance department for his opinion. Bob commented that Tony has not proven that he knows what he is doing and going forward, it would be nice to be able to do Town business with Alpine instead.

It was pointed out that Tony had reduced his fee to \$850 instead of the quoted \$1875 and that the tow truck could be taken off, making Tony's total bill \$600. Councilman Chandler made the motion that Alpine would be paid in full and Tony would be paid his \$600 rate. Vice Mayor Truitt seconded. All in favor.

3. Discussion and vote for the replacement of the pole light at Katie Helm Park.

The light was out at Katie Helm Park and when Tony's Electric was asked about replacing the bulb, they said that those are old mercury vapor bulbs that are no longer made. Tony's Electric gave a quote of \$375 to replace the whole light fixture. If it could be done at the same time as removing the Christmas lights, Tony's Electric would put in the new light for

\$350. Vice Mayor Truitt made a motion to accept this proposal. Councilman Chandler seconded. All in favor.

Before adjourning, Mayor Baull asked about the status of the sign in front of Town Hall that was knocked down in a recent snowstorm. Bob Flowers and Cindi Brought replied that is already being taken care of with Dagsboro Electric and the State.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Chandler and seconded by Vice Mayor Truitt. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT