



**LUCAMA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
LUCAMA TOWN HALL
BOARD ROOM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Jeff Johnson, (hereinafter "Mayor Johnson") called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Lucama Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "Board") at 6 pm September 12, 2022.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Johnson conducted roll call – by use of sign-in. The following were present.

Commissioner, Michael Best (hereinafter "Comm. Best")
Commissioner, David Johnson (hereinafter "Comm. Johnson")
Commissioner, Peggy Lamm (hereinafter "Comm. Lamm") – via phone conference
Commissioner, Julia Mason (hereinafter "Comm. Mason")
Town Administrator, Darlene Newsome (hereinafter "Admin. Newsome")
Town Attorney, Gabe DuSablou (hereinafter "Attorney Dusablou")

Absent

Town Clerk, Dena Owens (hereinafter "Clerk Owens")
Commissioner, Keely Pate (hereinafter "Comm. Pate")

3. Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2022:

Mayor Johnson gave the Board the opportunity to review the proposed minutes from the August 1, 2022, meeting and monthly financial report.

MOTION: Comm. Mason made motion to approve the August 1, 2022, meeting minutes and financial reports; Comm. Lamm second the motion. Motion passed unanimous vote.

4. Welcoming of Guests and Public Comments: Mayor Johnson welcomed all guests.

- Mayor Johnson welcomed John Evans.

- Mr. Evans came before the board to discuss his pot belly pig "Wilbur". He received notification from Dena Owens, Town Clerk it was against the Town's Ordinance. Mr. Evans informed the board he came to the town office and spoke with two employees in the office to see if there was an ordinance against having pot belly pig. He was told by the previous employees he could have the pig, there was not an ordinance. Mr. Evans stated he has a lot of people to stop by just to look at his pig. Most are children from the school.

Admin. Newsome asked Mr. Evans to get a letter of proof Wilbur was a pot belly pig. The Board would follow the ordinance policy on farm animals and if it is a pot belly pig, they can keep the pig.

- Mayor Johnson welcomed Kim Joyner. Ms. Joyner came before the board with concerns of 100 Terry St. The house is currently being renovated and yard work has been done but, the shrubs on Main Street side is blocking the view. Town Administrator Darlene Newsome stated she will follow-up with the homeowners to see about them trimming the shrubs.

5. Requests for Board Approvals

Admin. Newsome requested the board of commissioners to approve **Budget Amendment 1 for Fiscal Year Ending 30-June23**. This is to appropriate fund balance and insurance proceeds in General Fund for lawsuit settlement, Water and Sewer Funds, library building repairs and purchase of land for new water tower.

MOTION: Comm. Best made motion to approve the Budget Amendment 1 for FYE 22/23; Comm. Mason second the motion. Motion passed unanimous vote.

6. Departmental Reports

Fire Department: Comm. Mason gave report on the Fire Department: Town Calls: 06; County Calls 30 with a total of 30 calls for August.

Electrical Department: Comm. Mason had no report on the Electrical Department

Water/Sewer Department: Comm. Johnson reported 7000 feet of line has been put in. The town currently has 3 grants for water infrastructure going on.

Sheriff Department: Comm. Pate was absent. Admin. Newsome gave sheriff report for August 2022. Self-initiated calls 200; Calls for Service: 27 for a total of 227 Calls.

Beautification: Comm. Pate absent. Admin Newsome had nothing to report.

Street Department: Comm Michael Best, reported work was continuing with the sidewalks on Goldsboro St. After Goldsboro St. they will begin on Spring and Oak Streets.

Commissioner David Johnson reported the mobile home at 303 East Oak Street needed to be torn down and removed and the tree needed to be cut prior to sidewalks being poured. Admin. Newsome will get with Town Clerk Dena Owens regarding the zoning/code ordinances on demolition of the mobile home. Admin. Newsome will follow-up with the tree removal.

Parks/Recreation Department: Comm. Michael Best, reported the park looked good. On September 30th with the help of Town Commissioners and Town Employees there is an event with Food Trucks and have a Food Rodeo on Main Street.

October 28th "Trunk or Treat" in the park

December 2nd "Jingles in the Park"

Library: Comm. Peggy Lamm reported for August; Door Count 293; Reference Questions 117; Computer Usage 30; Materials Checked Out 437 and New Library Cards 5. Upcoming Programs: September 8th and September 15th.

7. Mayor's Report/Town Administrator's Report

Mayor Johnson shared with the board estimates on the roof for the bank, fencing for the 3 wells and doors for the Town Hall and Sheriff's Office.

Roof: Presented 2 proposals for the roof at the Bank Building. With the costs of the proposal from Kevin Creech Roofing we need to ask for proposal a second time.

Fencing for the wells tabled until we get a proposal from Moye Fence Co. They quoted for 3 wells and not lift station. Will get updated quotes from Fairfield Fence Company.

MOTION: Comm. J. Mason made motion to table until Moye Fence Co. gives quote on lift station. Comm. D. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Doors - Presented quotes to replace the doors at the Sheriff's Office and Town Hall.

Received quotes from:

Hill Builders – Laminated glass \$990.00; Aluminum Store Front doors \$620.00
Wilson Glass & Mirror Inc. Laminated Glass \$1260.26; Safety Glass \$1357.56

MOTION: Comm Best made motion for Hill Builders to replace doors with laminated glass. Comm. Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. Closed Session

Mayor Johnson requested the Board to into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 regarding personnel matters.

MOTION: Mayor Johnson asked for motion to be made to go out of open session to closed session personnel reasons. Comm Best made motion to go out of open session to closed session. Comm. Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

MOTION: Mayor Johnson asked for motion to go out of closed session to open session. Comm. Best made motion to go out of closed session to open session. Comm. Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Employment Contract: Admin Newsome presented a temporary contract between Timothy "Buddy" Sanders and the Town of Lucama. The contract is for attending to the needs of the town with the water/sewer. The term of the contract is until the town finds a suitable employee to hire. The agreement is to terminate the contract with a 2 week notice for both parties.

Mayor Jeff Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Comm. Best made motion to adjourn the meeting and Comm. Lamm, seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Darlene Newsome, Town Administrator