



**LUCAMA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023
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 on August 7, 2023.

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”)
Commissioner, Judy Mason (hereinafter “Comm. Mason”)
Commissioner, Keely Pate (hereinafter “Comm. Pate”) via phone conference
Town Administrator, Darlene Newsome (hereinafter “Admin. Newsome”)
Town Clerk, Dena Owens (hereinafter “Clerk Owens”)
Town Attorney, Gabe DuSablou (hereinafter “Attorney Dusablou”)

3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Mayor Johnson gave the Board an opportunity to review the proposed minutes from the July 3, 2023, meeting and monthly financial report.

MOTION: Comm. Mason made motion to approve the July 3, 2023, meeting minutes and financial report; seconded by Comm. Lamm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Welcoming of Guests and Public Comments

Mayor Johnson welcomed guests and opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

5. **Request for Board Approval**

Mayor Johnson presented the Wilson County Tax Reconciliation to the Board for the 21/22 Fiscal Year for approval and to make a resolution of adoption.

MOTION: Comm. Johnson made motion to accept and approve the tax reconciliation from Wilson County making a resolution of adoption; seconded by Comm. Mason. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Johnson presented the Certificate of Sufficiency from Clerk Owens regarding the petition and application to annex a portion of the property at the corner of US Hwy 301 and Radford Road, also known as a portion of Tax Pin Number: 2699-63-9403.

MOTION: Comm. Mason made motion to set up a public hearing regarding the annexation of property at the corner of US Hwy 301 and Radford Road, a portion of Tax Pin Number: 2699-63-9403 on September 5, 2023, at 6 pm; seconded by Comm. Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Johnson presented information from the most recent Planning and Adjustment Board meeting, including an ordinance to amend the zoning code regarding internet cafes. Said amendment will only allow one terminal, prohibiting multiuser terminals. A public hearing will need to be held to amend the zoning ordinance.

MOTION: Comm. Mason made motion to schedule a public hearing regarding the amendment of the Town's Zoning Code regarding internet cafes, only allowing one terminal in use and prohibiting multiuser terminals; seconded by Comm. Lamm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A public hearing is scheduled for September 5, 2023, during the regular Board meeting.

Mayor Johnson shared with the Board Wilson County's Noise Ordinance requesting that the Board consider adopting the ordinance in the Town's ETJ. During a recent event, Admin. Newsome was told by the Wilson County Sheriff's Department that the Wilson County Ordinances did not apply to the Town of Lucama's ETJ. After much discussion, Attorney DuSablou said that he felt the Town did not need to take action for non-developmental (land use) regulations because Wilson County Ordinances should supersede for properties located in the ETJ of the Town. He will study to make sure that the information is correct.

6. Departmental Reports

Comm. Mason reported that the Fire Department had 14 First Responder calls, one auto accident, a bomb threat, two structure fires, and nearby towns were aided. She mentioned it wasn't a bad month but was concerned about the bomb threat.

Comm. Mason mentioned that the electric department had done work at Blalock Farms, trained Linwood on trimming trees, and aided the water department with leaks and sewer problems, due to them being major events and there being a need for help. Trees continue to be cut back off the lines and right of ways. Two transformers were replaced. The department works hard.

For the water and sewer report, Comm. Johnson mentioned a two-inch water line that had been broken near the wellsite at the Lucama Elementary School and nearly drained the water tank. There were two leaks being repaired at the same time. Admin. Newsome mentioned that the men were here from 7 to 11:30 pm to correct the leaks.

Comm. Pate gave information that the Sheriff's Department reported calls for the month. There were 197 self-initiated and 35 calls for service, one being a shots fired call. Comm. Pate questioned Corporal Magana regarding the shots being fired. She mentioned that a citizen shot killing a snake in the yard.

Comm. Best mentioned that work is still being done on the new sidewalks. Comm. Johnson mentioned that the sidewalks are currently being used and the area around it needs to be cleaned of debris. He also mentioned that gravel needs to be placed around the cement at driveway entrances.

Comm. Best mentioned that he was at the park on Saturday to walk and noted that the grass had either not been cut, or if so, was cut on a high number setting. He also mentioned at the parking area on Blalock Road that there was a bush that needed to be trimmed back due to hanging into the walking trail area. Otherwise, he mentioned that the park looked good.

He mentioned that an event was planned on Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm at the park for an end of school celebration, "School's Out Blowout". There will be a food truck, bouncy house, icy truck, a gaming trailer, and DJ. This is an event for kids to come out and have a great time. He requested that the Board spread the word about the event.

Comm. Lamm reported that the door count for the Library in May was 216, reference questions 79, computer usage was 12, there were 273 materials checked out and 24 library cards issued. During the month of May the outreach

table at the Cinco de Mayo event at Lucama Elementary School provided information to 50 families and 20 signed up for library cards. The Mother's Day program had over 18 in person participants. Beginning on June 22nd, the annual summer reading program will kick off and each Thursday thereafter will have a 3 pm special program offered. Also planned during June on the 15th is a story time at 10:30 am and a Father's Day program at 3:30 pm. During the June 22nd Summer Reading Program there will be an activity time, Love Bug Message Clip.

Comm. Lamm requested if the faucet had been repaired in the kitchen of the Community Building. Admin. Newsome mentioned that a work order had been written but was unaware if the repair had been completed. She will check.

7. Mayor and Town Administrator's Report

8. Closed Session

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

MOTION: Comm. Best made motion to move into closed session; seconded by Comm. Pate. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Comm. Johnson made a motion to hire Jacob Goff as a permanent employee with a five percent increase in pay per the Town's Employee Handbook; seconded by Comm. Mason. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. Re-opening of Open Session

MOTION: Comm. Best made motion to adjourn the closed session and move back to open session; seconded by Comm. Pate. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Tom Goff, Public Works Director, spoke of changing the street and water departments hours. After much discussion the following was decided:

Monday – Thursday – 7 am – 4 pm (30-minute lunch); Friday 7 am – 1 pm (no lunch break)

MOTION: Comm. Best made motion to change the street and water department hours to the following: Monday – Thursday – 7 am – 4 pm (30-minute lunch); Friday 7 am – 1 pm (no lunch break); seconded by Comm. Mason. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm, August 7, 2023, upon motion of Board.

MOTION: Motion was made to adjourn by Comm. Best; seconded by Comm. Pate. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted: Dena Owens, Town Clerk