



that. The town along with Columbus agreed to re-apply for this grant and this resolution is to support the application. Commissioner Ingham made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting the Bike and Ped Planning Application. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PLAZA/DEPOT APPLICATION RFA**

Mayor Peoples asked that item 8 be pulled. He would like some further investigation. Mr. Ingham said he has more questions also. All agreed to put on the next agenda.

#### **LOGO USE APPLICATION**

Town Manager Ollis stated the board has asked him to come up with something to be able to use the Morris logo. He has been in contact with Mary Prioleau. Others would like to use the logo because of art, charities, etc. This is only a draft and he would need to take before the attorney. All agreed to bring back next month.

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2**

Town Manager Ollis stated we are going to start doing more amendments throughout the year. This one is recognizing General Fund Revenues representing sales tax coming in and the sale of capital assets, contributions to police and donations. Broken down by expenditures salaries gap, supplies and materials, fuel supplies, vehicle maintenance, advertising, bank charges and dues and subscriptions. The police has been dropped into vehicle maintenance, parks and cemeteries, transfer for TDDA. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt Budget Amendment No. 2 as presented by the town manager. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING**

Town Manager Ollis stated over the past month we have had multiple budget workshops. The budget is essentially the same as last year. He has made cuts in departments and moved money around. The only big project item is the board set aside money for the sidewalk project and paving Howard. Money has been set aside to fix Aspen Street and other streets that hold an emergency issue. The sewer portion of Howard Street has been funded. Putting money back into the fund balances. He has given you his budget message. These documents will be on display in the clerk's office to be reviewed. Set a public hearing. Peoples stated that we need to adopt the budget with the twenty five cents increase in sanitation fees. Mr. Ollis stated that he would include the twenty five cents increase recognizing those expenses for a future truck. He will adjust the budget message.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to set the public hearing for FY 17-18 that will include a twenty five cents increase to the sanitation rates for June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **DALLARA PROJECT AT HARMON FIELD**

Mayor Peoples stated we had a presentation earlier on the Dallara project at Harmon Field. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust made a motion to do a public re-affirmation of our unanimous vote to support the Dallara project. The board voted last year at this time. The board is re-affirming our previous unanimous vote of confidence for the Dallara project. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MONTHLY PROJECT PRIORITIZATION LIST**

Town Manager Ollis stated this is your monthly prioritization list. It is not completely updated, but covers basically the public works projects that are still in transition and some projects that have been finished. He knows that there are others that needed to be added. He asked if there were any questions. Armbrust asked him to add a break in the sidewalk in front of the Polk County Community Foundation. Ollis will add to the list.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Ollis stated staff has been super busy. He wanted to thank staff for their work on the budget. Still working on Rails to Trails comments. He asked Jamie Carpenter to speak on the Wine Fest and AFRO fest. She stated that both went well. Commissioner Ingham stated there was a nice crowd. Ollis stated it lasted from 11-8. There were a lot of people there.

Ms. Carpenter stated the Wine Fest went well with a little over a hundred people there. She thanked Ollis and the public works crew for their help setting up. She also thanked the American Legion for the use of tables and chairs and for helping load and unload. Ollis stated they helped with AFRO Fest also. Ms. Carpenter stated this is a great partnership. She thanked Jennifer Mills Grobowsky for the paintings. Mr. Peoples is the proud owner of one of those. She also invited everyone to their annual meeting on June 26 at 6:00. It's free.

### **COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Commissioner Ingham thanked everyone for coming out and helping with the budget. Zach has made it a lot simpler for him and he appreciates that. AFRO Fest was a good event and well attended.

Commissioner Crowell enjoyed the food at AFRO Fest. There was a good crowd, good weather and thanked Zach for the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust thanked Zach for work done on the budget. It is much more comprehensible. He likes the increased activities downtown, AFRO Fest, Wine Fest, pop up business for Mother's Day. The events are great for our town to help draw visitors in. It also enhances our economic development in a very significant way. We need to see this continue.

Mayor Peoples gave a ditto on the thanks. Last week was a great week for him. He and his wife attended Wind Fest and she told him that she wanted the painting with the horse on it, so he purchased it. He went by Nowell Guffey's and purchased another piece of art. His fourteenth year here, best place he has ever lived. He thanked the citizens and Zach.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES**

Joyce Kimpton asked a question about the \$1.60 for new water meters. How many have we purchased and how many meters don't work. There have been water problems on Whitney and Whitney Extension. She asked what happened. Asked Zach to add Whitney sidewalk to his list. Mayor Peoples stated that the money dropped back into the budget. Ollis stated he has added the meter fees in to recognize the fees going out, so that we can purchase the equipment immediately. The radio registers send out a radio frequency to be able to get the reading in the truck. They have a life of about ten years.

We just purchased a lot, but we only purchased what we can install by July 1. July 1 we can purchase whatever \$32,000 will purchase without the money going into Capital Management Trust.

Nowell Guffey asked about the Trade Street sidewalks. Commissioner Ingham stated we are waiting. Ollis stated we are waiting on the engineers and NCDOT. NCDOT will be repaving Highway 176 and the engineer is coordinating with them. The cost has been budgeted this coming year. Kempton stated the engineers are in phase I.

Mr. Guffey asked how long it took the last time. Kempton stated the town already had the design and bids done, so it didn't take as long. Mr. Guffey has heard complaints. Ingham stated this project was started fifteen years ago. Ollis stated we receive the complaints also, you just need to send them my way.

Mr. Guffey asked about the car counting. Ingham stated there everywhere. Ollis stated this is to see how much traffic there is. Ingham stated this may be good, because there is less traffic now.

Guffey asked if the South Trade building was up for sale again. Ingham stated that the building was sold. Ollis stated that we had to recognize the sale of the building as revenue in our budget. Armbrust stated that Darren had recently met with Karaman to get a bid. He plans to begin work on the building in late June.

#### **MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to enter closed session to approve closed session minutes and to discuss personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

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J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

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Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk