Town of New London Board of Commissioner's Meeting February 1, 2022

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Johnny Chestnut, Christy Starnes, Marcus Mullis and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Elizabeth Chestnut, John & Cathy Kimmer and Ann Craven.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the January meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes from January, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried.

Audit Report- Mrs. Ann Craven gave the audit report. She noted that the town is in great shape. Our net position increased by \$503,649 and the fund balance increased by \$951,920. The water-sewer fund is holding its own with a positive cash flow. Mrs. Craven praised the town for budgeting very conservatively.

A Closed Session was called. The Commissioner's Meeting reconvened.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak noted that the float had to be repaired at the Hudson Pump Station and the generator was serviced at the Fiberon Pump Station.

Code Enforcement- the Code Report was distributed to the Town Board. Contact Commissioner Chestnut with any questions.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- Limb pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th.
- Christmas Decorations- Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to purchase 3 new incandescent Christmas wreaths and red bows for the wreaths we currently have, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried unanimously.
- Carolina Thread Trail Update- the Falcon Trail received a \$100,000 grant to help take the trail through Richfield from the park to Danrich Drive. They have 2 years to spend the grant money and the next step will be to get encroachments for easements to New London.

Mayor Daniels reported on the following:

- Stanly County Park Grant- Mayor Daniels presented the grant application to the Stanly County Commissioners at their January 18th Board Meeting. The County Commissioners approved our request for a \$10,000 matching grant to construct a shelter at the green field at New London Memorial Park. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to proceed with building the park shelter using Danny Russell as the contractor, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.
- Museum Update- We have had a few museum tours lately and some inquiry about reopening the museum. Following discussion, Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to
 re-open the museum the first Sunday of each month for a 6-month trial period to see
 what interest we have, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried
 unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator