

GOLDSTON TOWN BOARD MINUTES

6 March 2023
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Jonathan Hensley

Commissioners: Steve Cunnup, Lynn Gaines, Wayne Woody, and Banks Burke

Absent: Charlie Fields

Guests: Amanda Jones, Keenan Conder, Ann Darby

Mayor Hensley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Cunnup moved to approve the agenda. Wayne Woody seconded the motion and motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk previously emailed Minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular meeting to board members for review. There being no corrections or changes, Steve Cunnup moved to approve the minutes. Wayne Woody seconded and motion passed with all voting in favor. The clerk reported balances as follows: General Fund \$226,105.15; ARP Funds \$47,963.96; General Fund CD's \$465,000.00 Powell Bill Fund \$39,257.61; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$269,957.30; Short Lived Asset Fund \$57,653.70; CDBG-Ph2 \$.00. All members were given copies and a copy is attached hereto. Wayne moved to accept. Banks Burke seconded the motion and all voted to accept as presented.

Recognition of Guests: Mayor Hensley welcomed the guests.

Public Comments: Keenan Conder introduced Ann Darby of Summit Design & Engineering who has been hired by Sun Rock, Inc. Ann has begun the Public Participation Process on behalf of Sun Rock to coordinate public meetings for the Goldston area and will be conducting surveys to ask people about their vision for Goldston. Sun Rock has purchased land outside of Goldston with the intentions of building a rocky quarry and possibly an asphalt plant. Keenan commented that the Town is considering an annexation of property with a proposed construction debris landfill and questioned why there is opposition to a rock quarry. Steve stated the major issue with a rock quarry is the blasting and truck traffic.

Old Business

Beautification. Amanda Jones has placed the order for flowers and will start planting in a couple of weeks.

Walking Trail. Lynn Gaines reported he had met with Matt Malone of Nature Trail. He presented a new design that will be an improvement of the current walking trail. The quote from Nature Trail is \$53,200 but work probably can not be started until the Fall. He will get 2 additional quotes before the next meeting.

Housing Code and Nuisances Draft. Jonathan will contact Paul Messick and have more information available for the April meeting.

Habitat For Humanity and Liberty Hill Annexation Update. Steve reported the Application for Annexation has been submitted to Paul Messick for both properties that are located on Pinecrest. Paul has given instructions to the parties.

CDBG Phase 2. Steve reported the third progress meeting was last week and all gravity sewer line from the pump station to 1010 has been completed. There is a dispute with the contractor, Jymco, about the rock extraction. It appears the specs were for 4 feet wide and they extracted 5 feet wide. The project is still moving along.

Monitoring Site Visit on February 15, 2023 with Colleen Simmons, Nikita Moye, Clint Moureau, Jonathan Hensley, and Annie Kay revealed some findings. Nikita will work up the report and submit the list for corrections. Clint will respond accordingly.

Scout Building Repairs Update. Freddy Rickman will take care of the fascia board repairs and install the gutters. Jonathan will follow up on the other repairs needed.

Ethics Training. Jonathan will help Wayne get connected to get this completed before the next meeting.

ARP Policies – The clerk informed the board members that Triangle J COG had sent 4 of the 5 policies that will need to be adopted. The Conflict of Interest will need to be reviewed by Attorney Paul Messick before adopting. The clerk will forward the other 4 to the board members for review. The policies will need to be adopted at the April meeting.

Garbage Contract Renewal. The GFL contract will expire June 30, 2023. Banks had inquired with other companies and only one was interested in quoting. Banks and Steve came to the conclusion that GFL has been doing a good job and respond readily. Steve will contact them and inquire of their intentions to renew the current contract for an additional 5 years.

New Business:

Clerk's Office: The clerk reported that Colleen Simmons recommended adopting an Ordinance Amending the Capital Project Budget for the CDBG Grant #18-I-3045 to document the purchase of the property for the Pump Station using local funds. The NCDEQ denied the request for reimbursement of the funds.

Wayne Woody moved to adopt the Ordinance Amendment in the amount of \$4,115.00. Lynn Gaines seconded the motion and motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk presented an Ordinance Amending the General Fund Budget Ordinance for the year 2022-2023 to move \$4,400 from the Miscellaneous Line Item in the Recreation Expenditures to the Park-Mow & Maintenance Contract Line Item to make up for the difference that will be needed due to terminating the Clewis Lawn contract and securing a contract with William Shue. Lynn Gaines moved to adopt the Budget Ordinance Amendment. Wayne Woody seconded the motion and motion passed with all voting in favor.

Other Items:

Goldston Fire Department. The Fire Department helped hang and take down Christmas Decorations and hang the Logo Signs. Steve Cunnup moved to donate \$1,000 to the Goldston Fireman's Association. Lynn Gaines seconded and the motion carried with all voting in favor.

Randolph Communications. Jonathan reported that Fiber Internet will be a possibility in the Goldston area hopefully by October. Chatham County will be the source of funding.

Lowe's Home Improvement Grant. Jonathan and Dan Sargent are working on this and hope to secure a grant for beautification.

There being no further business, Steve Cunnup moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Gaines seconded and all voted in favor – 4 yes and 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan Hensley, Mayor

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Annie King-Games, Clerk