

GOLDSTON TOWN BOARD MINUTES

5 February 2024
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Jonathan Hensley, Lisa Burke, Charlie Fields, Banks Burke

Members Absent: Lynn Gaines, Wayne Woody

Guests: Steve Cunnup (CDBG Coordinator)

Mayor Hensley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Charlie moved to approve the agenda. Banks seconded the motion and motion passed with all voting in favor.

The Minutes of the January 8, 2024 open session and closed session were emailed to board members for review. There being no edits to the minutes, Banks moved to approve. A second was heard from Charlie and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk provided financial statements with balances as follows: General Fund \$229,885.26; General Fund CD's \$450,000.00; Powell Bill Fund \$29,050.80; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$293,959.33; Short Lived Asset Fund \$64,086.70; CDBG-Ph2 \$0.00. All members were given copies and a copy is attached hereto. Banks moved to accept. Charlie seconded the motion and all voted to accept as presented.

Recognition of Guests: Mayor Hensley welcomed the guests.

Public Comments:

- Dennis Pinnix was present to discuss the services offered by his private planning and code enforcement company named State Code Enforcement Inc. Written information was provided and is attached.
- Blake Oldham was present on behalf of the Parks and Rec. Board to discuss needed improvements for the lower ballfield at the park. Currently there is an issue of water washing out the sand on the field. Ditch work is needed to divert the water (\$2,500 with Rip Rap), 2-3 loads of 70/30 sand/clay mixture (\$635 per load), and \$150 per load in labor to spread the sand/clay. The whole project would cost approximately \$4,900 if 3 full loads are needed. A quote was provided and attached. Banks made a motion to donate \$5,000 to complete the ditch with Rip Rap and replace the sand that has washed away. Charlie seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Amanda Jones was present to speak against a potential rock quarry.
- Amanda also spoke about the Parks and Rec. Committee. She would like to see the Committee expanded to be more inclusive of more activities than just baseball and softball. Mayor Hensley instructed Amanda to begin gathering new potential Committee members interested in additional activities. He stated that he would talk with the current Chair of the Parks and Rec Committee, recommend that Amanda be appointed as co-chair, and create a new division within the existing Committee that would focus on activities at the park other than baseball/softball.

Sewer Phase II: Phase II of the sewer project is nearing completion. There are 10 houses that could be hooked into sewer, but are not in the CDBG area. WithersRavenel prepared a Change Order which Jymco will accept once the State approves the funding. Banks made a motion to adopt the Grant Project Ordinance. A second was heard from Lisa. The motion was approved.

Development Projects Standard Specification: The Town of Goldston and the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District have been creating policy around Standard Specifications for projects submitted to the town. All parts of the Standard Specification document have already been approved except for Section 1. Banks made a motion to approve Section 1 of the Standard Specifications document. Lisa seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Central Pines Proposal: On January 8, 2024 the Central Pines Regional Council submitted a proposal to the Town of Goldston. Services offered include site plan review, GIS maintenance, website maintenance, and clerical services for the town's Planning Board. These services would be conducted by various professionals, each with their own hourly rate. An estimated 8-12 hours of work per week would be split between the professionals for an estimated annual cost of \$22,280. The total amount of this agreement shall not exceed \$22,280.00 unless a written contract amendment is entered into and signed by both parties. No action was taken. The Commissioners were interested in retaining Central Pines' services, but a funding source needs to be identified.

Scout Building: Update from Charlie with new HVAC quotes. 3 bids have been received. Doug Jordan bid was \$11,420. Trogden Heat and Air bid was \$10,212. PDQ bid was \$7,900. All bids are attached. Lisa made a motion to accept the Trogden bid. Banks seconded and the motion was approved.

Parks & Recreation: Update from Jonathan with new playground equipment quotes. 2 community members have volunteered to remove and pile up the sand, remove the existing equipment that is cemented into the ground, and backfill all holes. Kasey James was the first to offer. Jeremy McLeod was the second to offer. A quote was also secured from North State Fabrication. That quote was \$3,550. Banks made a motion to approve Kasey James to remove, with the first right of refusal. If Kasey declines the offer, Jeremy McLeod would be the second option. If Jeremy declines, the third and final option would be to accept North State Fabrication's quote. Lisa seconded and the motion was approved.

After removal, some preliminary quotes have been gathered for procuring block to construct a retaining wall, replacing the damaged equipment, and having filler. Estimated costs for replacement is over \$100,000. No action was taken at this time. Central Pines is pursuing grant opportunities. The amount of grants received will be used to determine the scope, size, and cost of replacement equipment.

Walking Trail: In January the Board voted to construct bollards on the walking trail at the park. Completion is expected in the next couple of weeks.

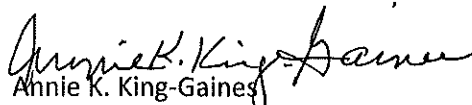
Election Expense: As it stands now, the estimated election cost of municipal election going forward is approximately \$8,000.00. The Town Clerk has been asked to negotiate with the County Board of Elections to try and reduce this cost.

Banks made a motion to close the meeting. Second was heard from Lisa and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Hensley, Mayor



Annie K. King-Gaines
Clerk

Assisted by Ben Townsend