



**TOWN OF AYDEN
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

April 28, 2014 7:00 p.m. (Reconvened from April 16th)
Ayden Town Hall – Second Floor District Courtroom

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

Mayor Tripp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Since the April 16th meeting recessed in closed session, he then called on the Board for a motion and vote to reenter open session:

Motion: Commissioner Harris

Second: Commissioner Skinner

Discussion: None

Approved: 5-0

The motion to enter open session at 7:02 p.m. was approved.

B. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Tripp

Commissioners Davenport, Harris, Mewborn, Ross, and Skinner

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Leonard Barefoot – Interim Town Manager

Phillip Dixon, Sr. – Town Attorney

Sherri Scharf – Town Clerk

II. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Tripp called upon Interim Town Manager Barefoot to state the reason for the special called meeting. Interim Manager Barefoot stated that the Board was meeting to consider the appointment of Mr. Brandon Holland as Ayden's new town manager at an annual salary of \$72,000. Mr. Holland will also receive a

combined monthly automobile and cellular telephone allowance in the amount of \$600 to provide his own transportation to conduct town business and his personal cellular telephone and service plan also to conduct town business. He will also receive other benefits with minor exceptions as outlined in the employment agreement in the same manner as other Town employees.

Interim Manager Barefoot stated that Mr. Holland will be required to reside in the corporate limits of Ayden during his tenure as Town Manager, and will be given 90 days from his start date of June 9, 2014 to comply with this requirement. In the event Mr. Holland is terminated without cause, he will receive a severance package which includes compensation and medical insurance for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or to the date that he receives comparable employment, whichever comes first.

Mayor Tripp then called on the Board for a motion and subsequent vote:

Motion: Commissioner Skinner

Second: Commissioner Harris

Discussion: None

Approved: 5-0

The motion to appoint Brandon Holland as Ayden's new town manager was approved as presented.

Mayor Tripp thanked the citizens of Ayden for their patience while the Governing Board deliberated through the interview process. He and the commissioners also thanked Leonard Barefoot for his expertise, wisdom both in assisting with the town manager interview process and in managing the day-to-day affairs as Ayden's Interim Town Manager.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before the Board, Mayor Tripp called for a motion and vote to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Skinner

Second: Commissioner Ross

Discussion: None

Approved: 5-0

The motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. was approved.

CERTIFICATION

Minutes from the April 28th, 2014 special called meeting were adopted and certified this 12th day of May 2014 in Ayden, North Carolina.



ATTEST:

Sherril L. Scharf
Sherril L. Scharf, Town Clerk

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

Stephen W. Tripp
Stephen W. Tripp, Mayor