

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GASTON
TOWN OF CRAMERTON**

August 2, 2005

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Cramerton met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the G.M. Michael Commission Chamber.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Cathy C. Young; Mayor Pro Tempore Jeff Ramsey; Commissioners Ronald Murphy, Willie Carter and Joel Lineberger.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Jacque Sumner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Peoples, Town Manager; LuAnn Ellis, Town Clerk; Rodney Robinson, Deputy Chief of Police; Steve Baucom, Town Planner; and Charles Hastings, Water Department.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon a motion by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2005 and July 12, 2005 Meetings.

DISCUSSION OF THE CRAMERTON (MAYWORTH) SCHOOL: Mayor Young stated that there had been no additional information on the matter.

DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 52 – WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS: The Town Manager stated that staff was still working on the ordinance.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CROSS CONNECTION ORDINANCE: The Town Manager stated that staff was still working on this matter.

DISCUSSION OF SOC AND UPGRADE PROJECT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: The Town Manager stated that they had met with representatives from Mooresville DENR and that approval of the SOC was favorable. He stated that a walkthrough of the plant and the proposed upgrades were reviewed as well. He stated that the SOC had been submitted to Raleigh for the final approval and the Town should have an answer in two to four weeks.

The Town Manager stated that with regards to the loan, he had been advised that it would be best to write a letter and decline the original loan and request a new loan for the amount needed for the project. He stated that the state seemed committed to the project.

The Town Manager stated that they would have to submit the application to Construction Grants and Loans first then to the LGC as before.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramsey asked if the timeline was on schedule. He was advised that at this time, everything was on schedule.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramsey asked if the funding would be at the same rate. He was advised that Construction Grants and Loans had indicated that they would work with the Town when it goes before the LGC again.

Mr. Keith West of Pease Associates stated that they were doing a rate structure study for inclusion in the 201 Facilities Plan which would show the proposed rate structure for the next five years.

Mayor Young stated that she would like to be included in the negotiations for the interest rate.

OUTSOURCING OF UTILITY BILLING: the Town Manager stated that he had met with staff and the person who does the printing for the billing. He stated that the software people and the person who does the handheld meters were to meet later in the month. He stated that October bill should be the first under the new procedure.

The Town Manager stated that he had moved the date for the newsletter to the date of the bill to be outsourced as well.

WATER BILL CONTRACT: The Town Manager stated that he had met with representatives from the City of Gastonia and the way that they billed the Town and requested that all accounts be in one bill. He stated that they would include them and it would save approximately \$8,000.00 per year in fees.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE RAMSEY – COMMENTS: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramsey stated that the Postmaster was retiring and he would like for the Town to send a letter with their support for expanding the post office downtown.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE RAMSEY - COMMENTS: Mayor Pro Tempore Ramsey asked about the current water loss. He was advised that the Town was working on the matter but that all accounts were metered at this time.

MR. ED JACKSON – COMMENTS: Mr. Jackson stated that he and a partner were working with Mr. Dean Bowen and Mr. Doug Helms on the property formerly owned by the town (Standpipe Hill). He stated that he and his partner had a contract with John Jenkins to utilize the dirt once the mining issue was settled and would have a site plan coming to the Board for a development later.

Mr. Jackson stated that the state had come in to the project because once dirt is moved and sold to more than one place, the owner must have a mining permit.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ramsey asked how long the project would take. Mr. Jackson advised that it would be approximately sixteen weeks to fix the site and have the soil erosion testing done.

There being no further business, Mayor Young adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Cathy C. Young

ATTEST:

LuAnn A. Ellis, Town Clerk