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Old Business

- A. Charita Cozart, Audit
- B. Letter from Bryce Holder
- C. E-mail from Kevin Heath to Sandy Lawrence
- D. Southern Software, Inc.
- E. Ron Williams
- F. What is happening with the Historic community?
- G. 21st Century Transportation Committee
- H. Ashe County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center news letter
- I. Sign for the walking trail and playground

New Business

- A. Signs for the walking trail and playground
- B. Bid on well
- C. Nita Church
- D. Bernice Prestwood
- E. Marking off the parking spaces in the town

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The Board of Alderman met on Monday, February 09, 2009 at the Lansing Town Hall for their monthly meeting.

In attendance were Mayor Jason Ring Bill Cline, Brenda Reeves, and Dennis Trainor Jr. Also in attendance were Bernice Prestwood, Charita Cortzart- Finance Officer, Linda Burchet-Jefferson Post, and town members Janet Johnson, Ron Williams, George Rembert, and Larry Blevins.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM when Mayor Ring asks for a motion to accept the minutes. Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes and Brenda second the motion. Everyone agreed and the motion was carried.

Mayor ring asked if anyone wanted to say the prayer. No one spoke so he said he would, and he did. First on the agenda was the audit. Mayor Ring asks the Finance Officer to explain the audit to the board. The collection is up from 85% to 93% thanks to Bernice. Long term debt \$94,000 was borrowed and now the debt is \$71,00. Extra funds was paid on the debt last year and she thinks this should be done again. As far as the audit itself goes there were no misused funds. The general funds showed a profit of over \$35,000 on the general funds. The water fund is not doing as well. She is suggesting increases in the water billing. The water system has to stand on its own. Trainor asks if it would be better to raise the price of the flat fee or the price per gallon. The water system has not stood on its own in several years.

Southern software has sent a letter with the agreement for the upcoming year. The amount is \$2287.00 beginning June 01 through May 31,2011. Dennis made a motion to accept the contract. Brenda second and Bill agreed. The motion was carried.

Ron Williams stated that he was trying to renovate his building. Last Friday in a teleconference with Melody Adams from the NC Rural Center he was told what he would have to do to get a matching grant to help with the restoration of the building. To get the grant he has to provide three jobs for at least six months. Mr. Williams store will have a variety of different things until he decides on what sells better. The name will be Frogs and Butterflies. He discussed what the building will look like. He is trying to get the application and everything completed that is

due by the end of the month. He also talked about having a platform and stairs in the back. The town has to put up 3% of the money, but the town would get their money back. Mr. Williams will have a matching grant. Trainor asked if Zach Edward had given the OK for that extensive of a project. Mr. Williams said yes, but he has not seen anything in writing. Mayor Ring asked for a motion on the \$1,300 that we can send to the Rural Center when they ask for it. Bill Cline made the motion Brenda Reeves second and Dennis agreed, the motion was carried. The Rural Center (Melody Adams) suggested that Bernice take care of the finance end of the grant. Trainor said that he felt we needed to see the plans for all that Williams wanted to do before we vote on anything more.

Mayor Ring addressed the letter from Bryce Holders office. Bernice told them that there has to be a question asked if any money was taken from the office, how anyone would know. The audit would catch any missed used funds. Bernice asked Holder office to write a letter to tell the board if they found any fund misused. This is the letter that tells there were no misused funds.

Bernice inquired about who owns the sidewalks in the town. West Jefferson owns and maintains their sidewalks. Jefferson maintains their sidewalks, but the property owner owns the sidewalks. Duncan Cavanaugh at the High Country Council of Governments said we need to make a resolution on who owns the sidewalks.

Janet Johnson asks if the STEP grant could spend money to expand the website, and wants to pay Justin Bun ton for making the site.

Bernice was asked to get quotes on the signs for the walking trail and playground. There were four quotes given.

Double Eagle Graphic - \$125.00

Creative printing \$19.00 (made of Corplass) \$23.00 (aluminum)

High Country Signs \$100.00 (aluminum)

Bee Signs \$125.00

Dennis made a motion to accept Creative Printings quote. It was second by Brenda Reeves, and the motion was carried. With no other business, Bill cline made a motion to adjourn.

