

Minutes of the Meeting of
The Liberty Town Council
Held on August 23, 2021 5:30 pm

Present

Mayor : The Honorable Filmore York

Council: Chris Compton, Don Herndon, Larry Coble, Tyson Nixon,
and JR Beard

Town Manager: Scott Kidd

Town Clerk: Jessica Brown

Town Attorney: Bill Flowe

Staff: Fire Chief; Matt Talbott, Finance/HR Director; Kathy Bond
Public Service Director; Terry Crouse, Library Director;
Brenda Heindl-Hornsby, Library, and Safety Director; Bret
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To Order

The Mayor welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Mayor York led the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked everyone to join in a Moment of Silence.

Adoption of Agenda

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions of 7.3 Budget Amendment #3 and 7.4 Change of speed limit on Highfill under New Business. There is also an addition of a Closed Session per NCGS 143.318.11(5) Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously: Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Larry Coble voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member JR Beard voted yes and Council Member Chris Compton voted yes. The agenda was approved with additions.

Code Enforcement Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd said Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Emory is unable to be here tonight due to having two other meetings. His report is attached.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member JR Beard made a motion to approve the minutes on July 19, 2021 Work Session, and July 26, 2021 Council Meeting. Council Member Don Herndon seconded the motion which passed unanimously : Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Larry Coble voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council

Member JR Beard voted yes, and Council Member Chris Compton voted yes. The minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes: the Finance Report, ARP (American Rescue Plan Resolution), Budget Amendment # 2 (leaf truck), and the Social Media Policy. Council Member Chris Compton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote: Council Member Don Herndon, Council Member Larry Coble voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member JR Beard voted yes, and Council Member Chris Compton voted yes. The Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business

Public Hearing Updated Animal Ordinance - September 27, 2021

There will be an advertised Public Hearing for the Updated Animal Ordinances at the Council Meeting Monday September 27, 2021 5:30 pm. Any questions or comments will be heard at this time.

New Business

Reappointment Judy Hernandez - Library Advisory Committee

Judy Hernandez's term on the Library Advisory Committee has expired. She is willing to serve another three year term which would expire in March 2024.

Council Member Don Herndon made a motion to approve her reappointment. Council Member Larry Coble seconded the motion which was passed unanimously with Council Members Larry Coble, Chris Compton, Don Herndon, JR Beard, and Tyson Nixon voted yes. Judy Hernandez was approved for a three year term on the Library Advisory Committee.

Appointment Lynda Hooker-Ravenell - Library Advisory Committee

There is an opening on the Library Advisory Committee. Lynda Hooker-Ravenell is willing to serve a three year term and has submitted an application. Council Member Larry Coble made a motion to approve the appointment of Lynda Hooker-Ravenell to the Library Advisory Committee. Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members Chris Compton, Larry Coble, Don Herndon, JR Beard, and Tyson Nixon voting yes. Lynda Hooker-Ravenell was appointed to the Library Advisory Committee for a three year term expiring August 2023.

Budget Amendment # 3

This amendment is to move funds from General Fund App to the Library Department expenditure line items. (Monies are being transferred from the E Lowe NCCMT account into the General Fund). Council Member Chris Compton made a motion to approve. Council Member Larry Coble seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members Larry Coble, Chris Compton, Don Herndon, JR Beard, and Tyson Nixon voting yes. Budget Amendment # 3 was approved.

Highfill Street Speed Limit Change

This would change the speed limit on Highfill Street from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. This is an ordinance change we will add to the Public Hearing on September 27th for public comment. The consensus of the Council is to add to the Public Hearing.

Administrative Reports

Manager's Report

Town Manager Scott Kidd has started interviews for Public Service Director and is very pleased. He would like to thank staff for working in the extreme heat.

Closed Sessions per, GS 143-318.11 (5).

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to go into Closed Session per GS 143 - 318.11 (5) . Council Member Larry Coble seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members Larry Coble, Chris Compton, Don Herndon, JR Beard, and Tyson Nixon voting yes to go into Closed Session. The Liberty Town Council went into Closed Session at 5:50pm.

Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Council Member Chris Compton seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Council Members Larry Coble, Chris Compton, Don Herndon, JR Beard, and Tyson Nixon voting yes. The Liberty Town Council came out of Closed Session at 6:15pm.

Mayor Comments


Mayor York said he hopes everyone stays safe. UNC, Duke, and Wake hospital are filling up with COVID patients. There will be a Human trafficking class at RCC on Octobe 21st if anyone would like to register. Council Member Tyson Nixon remarked he had taken one and it was very eye opening.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Council Member Tyson Nixon made a motion to adjourn. Council Member JR Beard seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote: Council Member Don Herndon voted yes, Council Member Larry Coble voted yes, Council Member Tyson Nixon voted yes, Council Member JR Beard voted yes, and Council Member Chris Compton voted yes. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Filmore York

ATTEST: 

Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF LIBERTY

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina will be appropriated funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund necessary Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will provide for the distribution of funds to eligible municipal corporations, and townships; and

WHEREAS, before receiving a payment, a municipality is required to adopt a resolution affirming that the municipality will spend funding only on federal guidance related expenses as required under the ARP Act; and

WHEREAS, revenue received under the ARP Act will be kept in a separate fund and will not be commingled with other revenue; and


WHEREAS, the Town of Liberty will provide to the State of North Carolina and the US Treasury any unspent balance of the funds received.

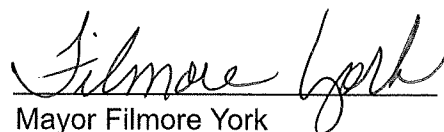
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LIBERTY:

That we do hereby request ARP Act funding to be distributed by the State of North Carolina and by adopting this resolution affirm that the revenue will only be used for the purposes prescribed in the ARP Act guidance as described in 31 CFR, Part 35, and any applicable regulations, for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency connected with the COVID-19 pandemic, budget and certify such to the State Director of Office of Budget and Management and the Town of Liberty Finance Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Liberty will comply with the procedure created by the North Carolina General Assembly and the US Treasury Department to receive funds under the act.

Adopted this August 23, 2021 at Liberty Town Council Meeting Town Hall Liberty, North Carolina.


ATTEST: Town Clerk


Mayor Filmore York

Meeting Date: August 23, 2021

Town of Liberty Budget Amendment (FY 2021-2022 #2) Council Approval Needed

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Liberty Town Council that the Town of Liberty Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2021-2022, which was adopted on June 28, 2021, be amended as follows:


This amendment is to move funds from Capital Reserve General (71 Fund) to Street Dept Capital Outlay Equipment.(10 Fund)

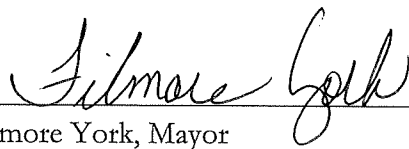
Section 1: The following revenue and expenditures in the General Fund shall be increased by the amounts indicated:

71 Fund				
General Fund	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
S/A Transfer to General Fund	71-6900-890	194,000	38,000	232,000
Total Expenditures		194,000	38,000	232,000
71 Fund				
Capital Reserve	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
S/A Fund Bal Appr	71-3990-000	194,000	38,000	232,000
Total Revenues		194,000	38,000	232,000
10 Fund				
General Fund	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
Transfer from Gen Fund Cap Reserve	10-3980-000	194,000	(38,000)	156,000
Total Reserve		194,000	(38,000)	156,000
10 Fund				
General Fund	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
St Capital Outlay Equipment	10-5600-760	42,000	38,000	80,000
Total Expenditures		42,000	38,000	80,000

Prepared By: Kathy Bond, Finance Director

Reviewed By: Scott Kidd, Town Manager

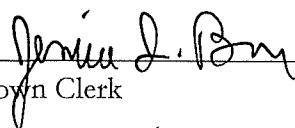
Town Manager Initials: 



Filmore York, Mayor

ATTEST:

Date: 8-23-21



Town Clerk

Date: 8/23/21

Meeting Date: August 23, 2021

Town of Liberty Budget Amendment (FY 2021-2022 #3) Council Approval Needed

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Liberty Town Council that the Town of Liberty Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2021-2022, which was adopted on June 28, 2021, be amended as follows:

This amendment is to move funds from General Fund App to the Library Dept expenditure line items. (Monies are being transferred from the E Lowe NCCMT account into the General Fund.

Section 1: The following revenue and expenditures in the General Fund shall be increased by the amounts indicated:

10 Fund				
Library	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
Capital Outlay Equipment	10-6300-760	5,000	6,071	11,071
Total Expenditures		5,000	6,071	11,071
10 Fund				
General Fund	Line Item	Budget	Change	Amended Budget
General Fund Balance App	10-3990-000	204,146	6,071	210,217
Total Expenditures		204,146	6,071	210,217

Prepared By: Kathy Bond, Finance Director

Reviewed By: Scott Kidd, Town Manager

Town Manager Initials: SR

Filmore York
Filmore York, Mayor

ATTEST:

Date: 8-23-21

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Town Clerk

Date: 8-23-21

