

GOLDSTON TOWN BOARD MINUTES

11 November 2024
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Jonathan Hensley, Lynn Gaines, Wayne Woody, Lisa Burke, Charlie Fields, Dan Sargent

Mayor Hensley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was present. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Charlie moved to approve the agenda. Wayne seconded and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

The Minutes of the October 7, 2024 regular session minutes were emailed to board members for review. Wayne moved to approve. A second was heard from Charlie and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

There was a special called meeting held on October 30, 2024. The minutes from that meeting were emailed to board members to review. Charlie moved to approve. A second was heard from Wayne and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk provided financial statements with balances as follows: General Fund \$321,828.95; General Fund CD's \$450,000; Powell Bill Fund \$28,975.31; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$318,129.05; Short Lived Asset Fund \$39,717.45; CDBG-Ph2 \$0.00. All members were given copies, and a copy is attached hereto. Lynn moved to approve. Wayne seconded the motion, and all voted to accept as presented.

Recognition of Guests: Mayor Hensley welcomed the guests.

Public Comments:

- none

Audit Update:

The annual audit has been completed by Sharpe Patel CPAs. The results will be presented by Jay Sharpe at the December 2, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Town Board Calendar - 2025

The clerk presented proposed dates for Town Board meetings in 2025. The Board suggested to move the July meeting to July 14. The Clerk will make that change and the Board will vote on it next month.

Other Updates:

- The outlets on the power poles on Main St. will be completed soon. The Fire Department will be hanging the holiday decorations on the poles this weekend. The decorations will be plugged in as the outlet installations are completed by Duke Energy.
- An anonymous donor gave two basketball goals to the park. Estimated value is \$2,500. Installation still needs to be done.
- The refinishing of the tennis/pickle ball courts has generated interest in more people playing later in the day. It has been requested to now get the court lights fixed so people can play after dark. An electrician has looked at the existing lighting and suggested abandoning that system. The recommendation was to just add 4 regular flood lights, one on each corner, as the most cost-effective solution. A pole charge will be added to the current monthly light bill. Charlie moved to put in a work order for Duke to add the lights. A second was heard from Lisa and all voted in agreement. Jonathan will put in the work order tomorrow.
- There is a dog that has been seen in the Town's building that is leased by First Health. The current lease does not allow for pets in the building, but it is unclear if the dog is a service animal. It was noted that the dog does not ride on the ambulance when the owner is gone on a call, so there are times that the animal is left in

the building alone. Charlie will call First Health, make sure they are aware of the situation, and see if there is any additional information about the owner's need of a service animal.

- Lisa reported that she has reached out to 2 different website providers that specialize in municipal websites; Municipal 1 and Town Web. She and Jonathan have met with Municipal 1 They would charge \$2000 for the design plus the cost of monthly hosting (yet TBD). Town Web is \$2,300 for design. Town Web also quoted an add-on for \$1,100 per year for hosting and annual maintenance and that website would have the capability to upload forms and accept payments. Email addresses for the Board and staff would also be included. The water department may also be willing to split the cost of monthly hosting and maintenance since their customers would have the benefit of online bill pay. Dan made the motion to accept the Town Web bid to create and host a new website. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor. Lisa will contact Town Web and have them start the process of website design. She will also ask the water department about splitting the maintenance fee. Central Pines will be responsible for keeping the website updated since that is part of the contract with them.
- Steve Cunnup met with WithersRavenel regarding hooking up the last 10 houses to finish out the SRP. They are continuing with the same plumber. Upon receipt of the final permits, the work can be completed, hopefully by the end of the month.
- Lisa and Charlie have met with the folks interested in opening the RV park. They are still planning to submit a request for annexation.
- Sunrock was present and alerted the Board that they are updating their annexation and rezoning application. They have now put the 17 acres of land adjacent to the park under contract and will donate the land to the Town if the annexation and rezoning is approved.

There being no further business, Charlie moved to adjourn; Dan seconded, all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Upon realizing that the Board had not talked about a couple of other issues regarding the park, Charlie immediately moved to reconvene and Wayne seconded. All voted in favor.

Other Updates:

- First Baptist Church and Preschool in Sanford is selling a piece of playground equipment for \$5,000 AS IS. Lynn looked at it, but it was nighttime and inside a fenced area. The equipment would also have to be removed and relocated to Goldston. Ultimately the Board decided to pass on the used equipment. Charlie will get 2 new quotes. The Clerk was asked to look for an additional \$25,000 to add to the current line item for the playground equipment. The initial \$75,000 budgeted amount does not seem to be enough to cover the equipment, installation, and substrate that the Board wants.
- Dan will find someone to diagnose the sewage smell coming from the concession stand at the ballpark.
- Jonathan will add to the Duke Energy work order and have them check the street lights.

Wayne moved to adjourn. Charlie seconded and all voted to approve.



Resperctfully submitted,

Jonathan Hensley
Mayor


Annie K. King-Gaines
Clerk

Assisted by Ben Townsend

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AGENDA: (*Requires Action)

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Approval of Agenda*

Approve October 7, 2024 Regular Session Minutes*

Approve October 30, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes*

Approve Financial Reports*

Recognition of Guests

Public Comment Period

Audit Update

Town and Planning Board Calendar for 2025*

Other Updates