

## **Strategic Planning Meeting – August 9, 2022**

The Fairmont Board of Commissioners held a special Strategic Plan meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fairmont-South Robeson Heritage Center with Mayor Charles Kemp presiding. Commissioners present were J.J. McCree, Jan Tedder-Rogers, Melvin Ellison and Clarence McNeill, Jr. Staff present were Town Clerk Jenny Larson, and Public Works Director Ronnie Seals. David Richardson was also in attendance.

### **Call to Order and Invocation**

Mayor Charles Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **Strategic Plan Discussion**

David Richardson, Executive Director of the Lumber River Council of Governments stated the topic of this strategic plan meeting is infrastructure.

Some of the suggestions/concerns discussed:

- Town Hall is over 90 years old with outdated pipes and wiring and probably mold in the ductwork.
- Possibility of purchasing old BB&T bank on Thompson Street for new Town Hall. Discussed possibility of negotiating an option to purchase.
- Current library building is not ADA compliant with no elevator and bathrooms located on second floor. Could be used for police department.
- Mr. Richardson discussed the Rural Transformation Grant that might be used for Town Hall/Downtown projects.
- Gas pumps at Public Works are over 50 years old and need replacing, estimated cost for 3 pumps (gas, on-road and off-road diesel) is \$60,000.
- Public Works Building also needs several upgrades including a shower, exhaust fan, and upgraded AC system. The building has not been remodeled since it was built in 1977.
- Discussed park expansion including replacing park equipment, adding splash pad, adding third shelter and resurfacing/widening the walking trail.
- “Ice House” needs roof and painting.

The board agreed to meet again on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss communication and information technology.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Jennifer H. Larson, NCCMC  
Town Clerk