

Special Meeting – February 6, 2024

The Fairmont Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fairmont-South Robeson Heritage Center with Mayor Charles Kemp presiding. Commissioners present were J.J. McCree, Terry Evans, Heather Seibles (arrived at 2:15 p.m.), Melvin Ellison, Clarence McNeill, Jr., and Jan Tedder-Rogers. Staff present included Town Manager Jerome Chestnut, Town Attorney Jessica Scott, Town Clerk Jenny Larson, Deputy Town Clerk Rodney Cain, and Public Works Director Ronnie Seals. Several citizens were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Charles Kemp called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence McNeill, Jr. gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approve property purchase for location of sewer pump station on Highway 130 East in Orrum

Town Manager Jerome Chestnut informed the board that purchasing the property located on Highway 130 East in Orrum is one of the final phases prior to the construction of a pump station designed to mitigate the effects of stormwater issues in the Old Field Community. The property and all associated costs, including the construction of the Pump Station, has and will be reimbursed by CDBG-I grant funds. There is no debt associated with the property purchase – the deed of trust has been satisfied and construction is scheduled to begin over the next few months.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the property purchase for the new sewer pump station on Highway 130 East in Orrum at a cost of \$5,049 to be paid with CDBG-I funds. Commissioner Tedder-Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Select property for the future location of the new town hall.

Town Manager Jerome Chestnut informed the board that the Town of Fairmont has received \$3.25 million to construct a new Town Hall. Six locations are under consideration:

1. Corner of Cottage and South Walnut – across from Family Dollar.
2. Corner of South Walnut and Hwy 130 Bypass - former Robeson Healthcare building.
3. Corner of Main Street and Railroad Street – downtown - Town-owned property next to FF Palace.
4. South Walnut - located behind Mi Gallo Giro Mexican Restaurant – Mr. Lewis property.
5. South Walnut – large tract located on the right – northside of Lewis and Brady, beside Townsend Car Wash – Mr. Faulk property.
6. South Main – large tract located on left side next to former Gaston Sealy Warehouse – Ms. Fant property.

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Commissioner Evans made a motion to select the town owned property and two adjacent lots located on the corner of North Main and Railroad Streets. Commissioner Tedder-Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Commissioner Tedder-Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jennifer H. Larson
Town Clerk