

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber, 103 North Main Street, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Lynne Green, Janet Harrington, Teresa Kelly and Jim Paschal. Also, Town Clerk Laura Duval was present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews.

The Mayor requested a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paschal. Motion carried unanimously.

After returning to regular session, Mayor Andrews discussed cancelling all community building reservations for the remainder of March and April. Since the President has advised gatherings of over 10 people should not be held, the Town Board agreed reservations should be cancelled for these two months.

The Town Board discussed cancelling the Broadway Our Way Festival. Last Friday the Mayor participated in a video conference with Emergency Management and the Health Director. They believe we are a month away from the peak, but that could be extended. \$10,000 has already been spent on the festival, which cannot be recouped. Mayor Andrews advised we have enough reserves to cover the loss. Cancelling the festival will be a detrimental blow, but the Town Board agreed it should be cancelled. Next week refunds will be issued to vendors, sponsors, and BBQ teams.

The Town Board discussed hosting a smaller event in the fall. It could be an afternoon/evening event with a few food trucks, kids' activities, a few bands, and the street dance. When the Mayor writes the press release cancelling the festival, he will include the possibility of a fall event. Mayor Andrews is trying to share all information from Lee County on the Town's Facebook page.

The Health Department and Emergency Management are as prepared as they can be during this time of uncertainty. The Mayor is concerned about the Town's small staff in the event one of them gets sick. Tony can back up Craig at the wastewater plant. The police department has a good relationship with the sheriff department. Todd feels the officers can rearrange their schedules to cover for someone who gets sick. No

one's water will be cut off due to a delinquent balance during the coronavirus restrictions. If a staff member does get sick, working arrangements will be re-evaluated at that time. Mayor Andrews requested prayer for our staff, senior citizens, and businesses.

Many municipalities and counties are declaring a state of emergency. This declaration opens them to receiving federal funds in assistance.

If the elderly are in need of food during this time, the Enrichment Center has a drive-thru for meals, and Meals on Wheels is still operating. Commissioner Kelly asked to be contacted should we know of any elderly who need food. CUOC is still in operation, also. They will be providing food to school students who are on free or reduced meals. The Broadway location for this distribution is Broadway Baptist Church.

The pre-budget work session may be held at the Town Board Meeting Monday night rather than meeting again on Tuesday.

With no further business to come before the Town Board, Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paschal. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk