

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Pat Edwards, Bryan Marley, Commissioner Deaver, and Jerry Legge were present.

Others present were Town Manager John W. Ellis, III, Town Clerk Melissa Adams and Town Attorney T.C. Morphis.

PURPOSE: Closed Session was called pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the attorney and maintain the attorney-client privilege and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

Item 1.

Town Manager John Ellis reported that unmarked human remains had been discovered recently at the Legion Road Cemetery upon digging the gravesite for another person. Mr. Ellis stated there is no record of anyone being buried in that site. The Town will need to purchase a casket, provide a plot and headstone marker.

Item 2.

Redacted.

Item 3.

Redacted.

Item 4.

Mr. Ellis stated that Del Shannon and Kevin Lugo are both here and will come into the Closed Session when the Board is ready. There was a brief discussion concerning the proposed GMP and the disappointment on that number.

At 9:45 Kevin Lugo and Del Shannon came into the Closed Session. Mr. Lugo informed the Board that they have been working through the numbers on the GMP and that they have shaved off a considerable amount. Mr. Shannon reported that at the meeting held on Friday he felt progress had been made on reducing the amount of the GMP.

Mr. Shannon spoke concerning where we started and where we are now, that they have reduced it to roughly 9.2 million. Mr. Shannon explained that they focused on the construction services costs and were able to reduce their direct cost of construction by approximately \$600,000.00. The Board and Mr. Shannon reviewed the new proposed figures of the GMP line by line.

Mr. Shannon remarked that these negotiations are part of the design/build process and that at the 60% design level, the cost of the GMP was going to be high. There were concerns from the Board in reference to the timeline. There was great emphasis that the Board of Commissioners wishes to have a GMP that they feel comfortable as soon as possible.

Mr. Shannon remarked that the negotiation process is give and take, back and forth messy process but it is working. They are continuing to reduce the number. Mr. Shannon remarked that they are planning to have another meeting this Thursday to continue working on the reduction of the GMP.

The consensus of the Board was that they wished for Mr. Lugo, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Morphis and Mr. Ellis to continue working on reducing the proposed GMP and to get back to the Board as soon as possible, with the possibility of calling a Special Meeting to discuss. Furthermore, a statement will be made in open session concerning this process.

Mayor Warner closed the session at 10:48 p.m.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Melissa P. Adams, MMC Town Clerk