

Attendance: Mayor Kitts; Mayor Pro Tem John Crump; Councilmembers: Allen Burnette, Darren Hartsell and Rich Wise; Town Manager, Doug Paris; Town Clerk, Nancy E. Boyden, CMC, NCCMC.

Also Present: None.

Absent: None.

Late: None.

Guests: None.

All items are for discussion and possible action unless otherwise specified.

1. **Open Meeting:** Mayor Kitts opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and called the room to order.

2. **Holiday Planning Discussion:**

Mayor Kitts opened by saying that the Central Cabarrus High School called her about having the marching band play on the 19th of November for the Tree Lighting ceremony. If the Board wants them to play she needs to contact them immediately.

Council began discussion with the following:

- Council looked at different companies for Christmas trees and other small display decorations. The consensus was to go with a 14' artificial Everest tree with LED bulbs. The item is in stock and can be shipped in only a few days. The price is \$4,709;
- The tree is expandable and can be added to each year;
- Discussed having just the 1 tree in a single location at the Crossroads. Councilmembers will talk to the owners of the Sundae Shoppe about placing the tree on their corner;
- Storage for the tree. May need to get a larger or additional storage unit.

Motion was made by Councilmember Burnette and seconded by Councilmember Hartsell to purchase the 14' Everest tree for the amount of \$4,709. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Council also discussed:

- Having the official lighting of the tree on December 3rd, 2016 at 6:30pm. May have a few people come out for it but nothing formal planned for this year as in years past;
- Turning the lights on can be advertised via the Town website, social media, email and at the FOML Christmas Extravaganza;
- Have the tree delivered to Midland Fire & Rescue Station 1.

Councilmember Burnette said he will take care of small refreshments for the next Town Council meeting on December 13th, 2016.

3. **Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Crump and seconded by Councilmember Hartsell to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Council adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Attest/Seal

Mayor Kitts

Nancy E. Boyden, CMC, NCCMC Town Clerk