

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
JUNE 10, 1997  
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 1997. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, Earl Clark, Kenneth Moore and James Williamson. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Town Attorney Michael Bonfoey. Mayor Henry Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Williamson, to approve the minutes of the March 17, May 13 and May 20, 1997 meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 1997-1998 Budget

The Board of Aldermen have held two budget workshops to discuss the proposed budget for fiscal year 1997-1998. A copy of the budget has been available for review at the Town Hall and a notice appeared in the Enterprise Mountaineer announcing the public hearing. Town Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. No one spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing. Another budget workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Public Hearings - Placing Property on Local Historic Landmarks List

Jack and Eleanor Suddath - 803 ½ Love Lane - (Clyde Ray, Sr. House)

Mr. and Mrs. Suddath own the Clyde Ray, Sr. House at 803 ½ Love Lane. A few years ago, the Suddaths converted the home to the Ten Oaks Bed and Breakfast Home. The Suddaths are the first property owners to apply to the Board of Aldermen for placement on the Local Historic Landmarks Listing. The Board must conduct a public hearing and adopt an ordinance to place the property on the local listing. The Clyde Ray, Sr. House was recommended for local landmark listing by the N.C. Division of Archives and History; the property is already on the National Register of Historic Places.

Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. Ms. Helen Malina, Chairman of the Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission, said that this property is the first to be officially recommended for designation in this community and the beginning of a lively series of presentations to come. Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt an ordinance to place the property located at 803 ½ Love Lane (Clyde Ray, Sr. House) on the Local Historic Landmarks List. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 24-97)

#### Scott and Lisa Fleenor - 306 Depot Street - R. D. Gilmer House

Mr. and Mrs. Fleenor own the R. D. Gilmer House at 306 Depot Street. They are presently renovating the building to convert it to the Suyeta Park Inn. The Fleenors are applying to the Board of Aldermen to place the property on the Local Historic Landmarks Listing. The Fleenors are also planning to place the property on the National Register of Historic Places. The N.C. Division of Archives feels that the R. D. Gilmer House is a good candidate for landmark listing.

Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. Bob Breece, representing Scott and Lisa Fleenor said that the Gilmer house was built between 1885 and 1890 by General R. D. Gilmer. The house is approximately 5,000 sq. ft. in size, built with the finest timber available, and was the political and social center of Waynesville at one time. Mr. Breece said this was one of the few homes originally built in this area which remains. The Fleenors are restoring the house, beginning with the inside.

Ms. Helen Malina said that the Historic Preservation Commission recommends placement of this property on the Local Historic Landmarks List. Ms. Malina said that the Fleenors are restoring the interior of the house first and that the work being done is magnificent.

Mr. Frank Childers, 510 Smathers Street, expressed his support for placement of this property on the Local Historic Landmarks List. No one else spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt an ordinance to place the property located at 305 Depot Street (R. D. Gilmer House) on the Local Historic Landmarks List. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 25-97)

#### Public Hearings - Renaming of Streets

##### Oakdale Drive to Meteor Court

The Board previously approved a change in the name of Oakdale Drive to Cindy Lane. There is a spur off the end of this road which needs to have a different name. Residents were contacted requesting suggestions for a new name; the name suggested was Meteor Court. Residents were then notified of the proposed name and advised that a public hearing would be held regarding the suggested name. Attorney Bonfoey opened the public. No one spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Clark, to rename the portion of Oakdale Drive to Meteor Court. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 26-97)

##### Mountain View Drive to Ethel's Lane

There is a spur off of Mountain View Drive which needs to have a different name. Residents were contacted requesting suggestions for a new name; none were received. Mayor Foy has suggested the name of "Ethel's Lane". Residents were notified of the proposed name and public hearing. Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. No one spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to rename the portion of Mountain View Drive to Ethel's Lane. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 27-97)

## Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Budget Revision

Each time that a budget revision is needed for the Community Development Block Grant Program, a public hearing must be conducted by the Board of Aldermen, and the budget revision must be approved by the N.C. Division of Community Assistance. The Town is requesting a \$15,000 transfer of CDBG local revenue funds which were originally for rehabilitation activities to the relocation activity line item. This transfer is necessary to provide a replacement dwelling unit for Wilma Henry who lives on Camelot Drive. The budget revision will also allow the expenditures of rehabilitation monies to cover inspection services. Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. No one spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the Community Development Block Grant revision. The motion carried unanimously.

## Ms. Marsha Crites, N.C. Community Foundation/Recreation Task Force Commission

Mr. Bob Brannon, Chairman of the Recreation Task Force Commission, said he had spoken with Mr. Wendell Lovingood, with the Southwestern Planning and Economic Development Commission, regarding the establishment of an endowment fund for the proposed recreation center. Mr. Brannon said that Mr. Lovingood was 100% supportive of this endowment fund to help support the operational expenses of the multi-use recreation facility for Waynesville. Mr. Brannon introduced Ms. Marsha Crites, an associate of the N. C. Community Foundation, to present information about setting up an endowment fund.

Ms. Crites said that the NC Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1988, which is represented statewide. Ms. Crites said that she had met with members of the Recreation Task Force Committee and Waynesville Mayor Henry Foy and had spoken with Sam Smith, a member of the Haywood County Community Foundation. Ms. Crites explained that money in an endowment fund is invested; only the income will be used for charitable purposes, the remainder will be left in perpetuity. Waynesville would be able to choose which institution to invest in. All money is invested except 1% which the NC Community Foundation uses to take care of writing thank you letters, filing taxes and administrative work regarding the endowment fund. The Foundation can accept and invest gifts other than cash and the one time start-up fee of \$500 was recently waived. Ms. Crites presented a packet of information regarding the Foundation, along with several examples of amounts of money invested over various time frames.

Mr. Brannon asked the Board of Aldermen for their approval to establish the endowment fund with the following:

- 1) Name the endowment fund “The Town of Waynesville Recreation Endowment”;
- 2) Reinvest 25% of income; and
- 3) Decide who to place the endowment with.

Alderman Clark requested time to study the material distributed by Ms. Crites. Town Manager Galloway asked if other foundations were considered. Mr. Brannon said he was open to other suggestions; however, this foundation was recommended by Mr. Wendell Lovingood.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the establishment of an endowment fund through the North Carolina Community Foundation. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) nay (Clark).

#### Natural Gas Service

Mr. Don Hallingse, Area Manager for Public Service Company of North Carolina, along with Mr. Jerry Atkins in Brevard, introduced his company to the Board and explained their plans to extend the gas service to Waynesville. Mr. Hallingse began by saying that the 30 year franchise is standard throughout their system. Mr. Hallingse said there were a few exceptions which can be made to the standard franchise such as mapping. After the franchise is approved Mr. Hallingse said that Public Service Company plans to begin laying the gas line by mid October, working until late December or early January, depending on the weather. Completion of the expansion project is scheduled for June 30, 1998. Mr. Hallingse said there would be 40,000 feet of 6" main line; 40,000 feet of 4" line, and 26,200 feet of 2" line installed.

Mr. Hallingse said that his company was "customer driven" to high demands areas and gas lines would be extended. He said that Public Service Company has become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and will place a map at the Chamber outlining where the gas lines will be located.

Town Manager Galloway reported that he had contacted several other cities regarding their natural gas franchise with Public Service Company to compare with the proposed franchise for Waynesville. Manager Galloway said that he has spoken with Mr. Hallingse of Public Service Company and he has indicated a desire to work with the Town.

Alderman Clark said he began trying to get natural gas to Waynesville about 13 years ago. It was the consensus of the Board to delay action until their meeting of July 15, 1997.

#### Request by Bible Baptist Church to Rename North Frazier Street

Town Manager Galloway presented a petition submitted by members of Bible Baptist Church, located on North Frazier Street, requesting that their street be renamed to Bible Baptist Drive. Manager Galloway added that the street name requested in the petition should be presented to Haywood County's 911 Addressing for approval. Manager Galloway said that the Town of Waynesville also owns property along this road which leads to the Town's old landfill.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the renaming of North Frazier Street to Bible Baptist Drive if the name is approved by Haywood County's 911 Addressing Office.

#### Minor Subdivision Plat - David and Glenda Haverson - Oakdale Road

David and Glenda Haverson are subdividing a 2.4 acre lot to create a .509 acre lot on Oakdale Road. The property is zoned "R-2" and has public water and sewer. Town staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. Submit revised survey plat with the following:
  - a. Survey plat must be Class A and the error of closure must be at a ratio of 1 to 10,000;
  - b. Add appropriate certification blocks;
  - c. Show water and sewer easements;
  - d. Designate access drive to be a right-of-way;
  - e. Alter eastern boundary line to run with existing eastern boundary line; and
  - f. Alter western boundary so as not to create an additional lot of record which is land locked.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Williamson, to approve the minor subdivision for David and Glenda Haverson, subject to the conditions as recommended by town staff. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Request to Close a Portion of Lea Plant Road

Ms. Vera Reideberg, on behalf of the merchants of Smoky Mountain Emporium, has requested to close the portion of Lea Plant Road between Hemlock Street and Brown Avenue for a dance. The dance is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 14. The road would be closed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to close the portion of Lea Plant Road as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Sixty Day Moratorium Regarding Night Clubs in Waynesville

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to place a sixty (60) day moratorium on any further location of night clubs, bars or adult entertainment while the issue is studied by the Board and while the Town Attorney reviews the Town's current ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Update Regarding Storm Drainage - Sulphur Springs Road

Town Manager Galloway reported that the estimate to relocate the storm drain on Sulphur Springs Road across the properties of Mr. Melvin Allen, Ms. Paula Ferguson and Mr. W. Lee Allen is \$5,500. Ms. Ferguson agreed to grant an easement to the Town; however, the other two property owners have not. They requested that the storm drain be installed along Sulphur Springs Road rather than on their property. Director of Public Works/Utilities Fred Baker estimated the costs to install the storm drain along Sulphur Springs Road at \$11,900.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Clark, to construct the storm drain along Sulphur Springs Road at the estimated cost of \$11,900. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Update Regarding Sewer Problem on Sulphur Springs Road

Town Manager Galloway reported that the Town received three bids from companies which video

tape the sewer lines to help the Town locate areas which are damaged and causing infiltration of water into the sewer lines. The lowest bid received was for \$1.25 per foot, with a 10,000 foot minimum. The cost to video tape the sewer lines in this area would be approximately \$12,500. This work could begin within one (1) month. No action was necessary.

### Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Henry B. Foy  
Mayor