

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
SEPTEMBER 23, 1997
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 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 Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 1997, meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation - "HIT-IT" - Connectivity Plan for North Carolina's Region A

Clark Plexico of Haywood Community College and Kathryn Armitage, Director of Haywood County Public Library presented information regarding the Haywood Information Technology Infrastructure Team (HIT-IT). Mr. Plexico said approximately three (3) years ago, federal grant money was available through the Appalachian Regional Commission. A grant was applied for and money was also placed in the program by the Haywood County Commissioners and Haywood Community College to form HIT-IT. HIT-IT is a plan to encourage counties and regions to engage in joint education and planning activities for telecommunications improvements. Mr. Plexico said that with all the fiber optics in place many things are possible with the Internet, such as the development of a community calendar, availability by computer of homework for students, minutes from town meetings for interested persons to review, etc.

Kathryn Armitage asked that the Town of Waynesville think about their own internal network and expand so that Waynesville can have E-Mail, a Home Page on the Internet, and become an active partner in improving telecommunications in our region. Two hour workshops on the Internet are currently offered at the Haywood County Public Library. Other workshops are offered at Haywood Community College. Town Manager Galloway said that the Town is currently on the Internet at several locations; Police Department, Personnel and Purchasing. No action was necessary.

Public Hearing - Moratorium on Telecommunication Towers

Town Attorney Bonfoey said that the Town is in the process of developing an ordinance to establish zoning regulations regarding telecommunication towers. Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. No one spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Clark, to place a four (4) month moratorium on telecommunication towers, to expire January 23, 1998. The motion carried unanimously.

Extension of Moratorium - Subdivisions

On June 24, 1997, the Board of Aldermen placed a moratorium on major subdivision development in order to study and make changes which are adequate for the anticipated growth in Waynesville's land use jurisdiction. Mayor Foy said that a committee was appointed and has been working on this project.; however, more time is needed to complete their work.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to extend the moratorium on major subdivisions until December 31, 1997. The motion carried unanimously.

Boy Scout Troop 370

Mayor Foy welcomed Lake Junaluska Boy Scout Troop 370 to the Board Meeting.

Update on New Recreation Center Facility - Rick Lee, Architect

Rick Lee attended to present an update on the proposed Recreation Center. Mr. Lee introduced the idea of an interactive play pool & equipment at an estimated additional cost of \$430,000. With this addition it was recommended that the proposed 8 lane swimming pool be reduced to 6 lanes, reducing the shallow end of the pool from 4 feet to 3 ½ feet in order to allow water aerobics. Another change which was suggested was to wrap the walking track along the face of the upper level. Walkers could view the swimming pool below while walking and the walking track would remain at 500 feet. Mr. Lee said that the construction drawings should be nearing completion by January, 1998.

Recreation Director Mike Smith and Athletics Director Donald Hummel attended the meeting. They have been working with Rick Lee in the development of the plans for the Recreation Center.

It was the consensus of the Board to keep the 8 lane pool rather than the 6 lane pool, incorporate the walking track on the upper level, incorporate the play pool and equipment, increase the distance between the play pool and the 8 lane pool, and increase the size of the facility if necessary to accommodate the two additional lanes. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen thanked Rick Lee, Mike Smith and Donald Hummel for their work on this project.

Reappointments - Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission has two members whose terms expire on September 30, 1997. Recreation Director Mike Smith has spoken to both members and they have both expressed an interest in serving another three year term.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to reappoint Don Frady and Kitty Eaker to serve another three year term on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission. This term will expire on September 30, 2000. The motion carried unanimously.

Award of Paving Bids

Town Manager Galloway said that the Town opened bids on Thursday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m.

For the paving of streets in Waynesville for Fiscal Year 1997-98. Manager Galloway said that WNC Paving submitted the low bid of \$130,090 and it is recommended that the bid be awarded to WNC Paving. Three companies submitted bids for paving as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>I-2 Asphalt</u>	<u>Bituminous</u>	<u>BST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
WNC Paving	\$39.95/\$119,850	\$1.90/\$1,900	\$.87/\$3,480	\$130,090
Custom Paving	\$44.55/\$133,650	\$3.00/\$3,000	\$1.10/\$4,440	\$146,450
APAC/Carolina, Inc.	\$50.00/\$150,000	\$2.50/\$2,500	\$1.50/\$6,000	\$168,010

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Clark, to award the bid for paving to WNC Paving for the total amount of \$130,090. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Adopting a Flexible Benefits Plan

Town Manager Galloway said that the Town has an opportunity to participate in a pre-tax program, under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, for the purchase of dental insurance, along with several other programs offered by the AFLAC Company.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Clark, to adopt a resolution adopting the flexible benefits plan. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 27-97) (Cont. No. 18-97)

Ordinance Authorizing Building Inspector to Demolish Property

Town Manager Galloway said that another property, which violates the Town's Housing Code, has been inspected by the Building Inspector. The property is located at 50 Old Asheville Highway, which is outside the corporate limits but within the one mile extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Building Inspector Jack Morgan conducted a hearing with the property owner on August 12, 1997. At that time the property owner requested that he be allowed the option to either tear down, repair or board up the structure; however, the only action taken was to vacate the structure. The building inspector has requested that the Board adopt an ordinance allowing him to tear down and remove the structure.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt an ordinance authorizing the building inspector to tear down and remove the structure. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 40-97)

Transportation Improvement Plan - Annual Update

Town Manager Galloway presented a list of the projects currently on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Manager Galloway said that the State would be holding a public hearing in Sylva on October 14th to update the list.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to recommend the addition to the TIP list of improvements to South Main Street (in the area of the Dayco Plant and Allens Creek Road), and

to request that the Dellwood Road/Brown Avenue to Russ Avenue project be placed back on the feasibility study. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Foy encouraged the Board Members to attend the meetings on Walkable Communities on October 1, 2, and 3rd at the Town Hall.

Marcus Cable Franchise Renewal

Al Swiger, Area Manager of Marcus Cable Company, attended the meeting. Mr. Swiger said that close to five million dollars has been spent in Haywood County for the upgrading of Marcus Cable. Mr. Swiger stated that he felt that Marcus Cable has done an excellent job during the past three years, solving the problems which existed at the time that Marcus first came to Waynesville. Mr. Swiger said that Marcus has not received any complaints at the Board Meetings except the request for the addition of the Black Entertainment Network Channel, and that he should have a response by the middle of October on this issue.

Mr. Swiger said that the issue of the \$56 service charge versus the \$19 service charge hopefully has been resolved. Apparently this fell through the cracks during the transition period from Sammons to Marcus and during a time of appointment of a new Town Manager and Town Attorney. Mr. Swiger said that the FCC has all the necessary paperwork for the Town residents to receive the \$19 service charge. With the \$19 service charge Marcus cable customers will also have an increase of \$.86 per month on their cable bill. Mr. Swiger said that he had spoken to his corporate office and they have agreed to hold off on the \$.86 increase for now.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve, on the first reading, the renewal of the franchise agreement with Marcus Cable. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 41 -97)

Property Matter

Town Attorney Bonfoey reported on property located on Babb Street, belonging to Thad Howell Heirs, which was sold at the Haywood County Courthouse on Tuesday, September 16, 1997. The Board previously authorized Town Manager Galloway to bid on this property. In his absence Town Attorney Bonfoey attended the sale and reported that the property was purchased by Dennis Casey for \$7,600. Anyone interested in bidding on this property has an opportunity to submit an upset bid within a certain time limit. The Board declined to submit an upset bid.

Adjournment

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor