

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
JANUARY 22, 2002
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gavin Brown, Gary Caldwell, Libba Feichter and Kenneth Moore. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Town Attorney Michael Bonfoey. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2002

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2002 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment/Reappointment Historic Preservation Commission

The terms of Ron Fleenor and Alex Lesueur on the Historic Preservation Commission expire on January 31, 2002. Mr. Lesueur has moved from the area, creating a vacancy on the Commission, but Mr. Fleenor has indicated an interest in continuing to serve. It has been recommended that Mr. Warren Gresham be appointed to this vacancy. He is an architect who lives on Overbrook Drive.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to appoint Warren Gresham to serve a four-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission. This four-year term will expire on January 31, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to reappoint Ron Fleenor to serve a four-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission. This four-year term will expire on January 31, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Minor Subdivision - Clyde Savings Bank

This item was withdrawn from the agenda by Mr. David Probst and will be added at a later time.

Appointment to 1) the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee and 2) the Rural Transportation Coordination Committee

Town Manager Galloway said at a recent meeting of the Town Board, the creation of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RTO) was endorsed. The RTO has now been established, and one of the requirements is that there be a Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and a Rural Transportation Coordination Committee (RTCC).

Members of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee are to be made up of one Commissioner from each of the seven counties, the DOT Transportation Commissioner from District 14 and a mayor or town board member elected by all of the Town Boards in each county to represent the municipal interest.

Members of the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee are to be made up of the County Manager or his designee from the seven counties, the manager or his designee from each town in the seven counties, a Southwestern Commission staff member, the 14th Division Engineer or his designee, a NCDOT representative from the Statewide Planning Branch and the Area Traffic Engineer for DOT or his designee.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to designate Mayor Foy as the Town Representative, giving Mayor Foy the proxy to vote on behalf of the Town for an elected representative for Haywood County. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Certification of Firemen

Each year the Fire Chief is required to complete a report designating which fulltime and volunteer firefighters are certified under state guidelines. These firefighters must complete a certain number of hours of training each year and be active as firefighters. If they are certified to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, they are eligible for the \$25,000 line of duty death benefit as well as eligible for service credit under the Pension Fund.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the annual certification of firemen list as presented by Fire Chief Bill Fowler for submission to the State. The motion carried unanimously.

Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Grant

Haywood County is applying for a \$400,000 grant for Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation through the Community Development Block Grant Program. The County is assured of the grant, and they are contacting the towns within the County to determine if they wish to have homes within the towns considered for the grant funds just as residents outside of the town.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, for citizens with homes inside the town to be included for consideration of these funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment - Philan Medford - Highway Construction

Philan Medford, Waynesville, spoke regarding the decisions that the NC Department of Transportation is making regarding highway construction, giving examples in Salisbury and Fayetteville, NC. She gave some statistics regarding the safety and cost savings of the four-lane median divided highways versus five-lane highways. Ms. Medford asked that the Town carefully monitor decisions regarding driveways, especially those on Russ Avenue. Alderman Brown pointed out that towns similar in size to Waynesville are beginning to have some input since the Federal

Government is putting some pressure on DOT to do this. Alderman Feichter said it is important for citizens to have this type of information that Ms. Medford has given the Board.

Citizen Comment - Marshall Caldwell - Proposed Traffic Light on Russ Avenue

Marshall Caldwell, Maggie Valley, requested that the Town have some input with the NC Department of Transportation regarding a proposed traffic light which is to be installed on the north side of the 23/74 By-Pass. Mr. Caldwell said that he has a petition with 1,000+ signatures opposing this location for the traffic light and requesting that the traffic light be installed at the entrance to K-Mart. Mr. Caldwell said the light should be at this location since it is the most “accident prone” site.

Town Manager Galloway said the Town has requested for several years that a traffic light be installed at the entrance to K-Mart. The Town has also requested that the DOT reduce the speed limit in this area. Manager Galloway will request information regarding the proposed traffic light location from DOT.

Citizen Comment - Jean Knight - Sidewalks, Leaf Vacuum Truck and Leash Laws

Jean Knight, Hazelwood Avenue, Waynesville, requested time to speak to the Board regarding three issues:

- 1) That the Town install cuts in the sidewalks which are handicapped accessible so that someone in a wheelchair could travel from Hazelwood to downtown Hazelwood and Waynesville’s Main Street. The Board asked the Manager to consider this when evaluating sidewalk improvements.
- 2) Ms. Knight said this past fall during leaf pick-up, the Town’s vacuum machine blew out just as many leaves as it picked up. Manager Galloway said this past fall was extremely dry and the Town did experience some problems with leaf pickup.
- 3) She asked if the Town had a leash law for dogs, cats and snakes. The Town Attorney said there were regulations regarding dogs and cats but not snakes.

Citizen Comment - Roscoe Wells - Update Regarding Website Vote - Courthouse Facilities Thank You for Cleanup of Construction Site

Roscoe Wells said that his group, CIA, started a voting process by computer to give people in Haywood County an opportunity to vote on where the Courthouse should be built in Haywood County. Several problems with the website have been encountered. However, the vote at this time is 186 in favor of the downtown site and 8 in favor of the Ratcliffe Cove site. Mr. Wells said that votes can also be mailed to PO Box 216, Hazelwood, NC 28738.

Mr. Wells also expressed appreciation to the Town for having the construction site on Brunswick Drive cleaned up.

Town Manager Report on Upcoming Meetings

Manager Galloway said there will be a dinner meeting on Thursday, February 28 in Asheville before the General Assembly begins their session. This meeting is an attempt by the WNC Caucus to stop some of the inequities in the distribution of grant monies to the eastern part of North Carolina and the imbalance of appointments to various State Boards. Manager Galloway plans to attend and he asked any interested Board Member to let him know if they plan to attend so he can let them know how many to expect for the dinner meeting.

The Region A Meeting is to be held on Monday, January 28. A transportation meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. and the regular dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings are to be held at the Cherokee Holiday Inn.

Appointment of Alderman Libba Feichter by NC League of Municipalities

Town Manager Galloway reported that Alderman Libba Feichter was recently appointed by the NC League of Municipalities to serve a two-year term as a representative on the Transportation, Communication and Public Safety Policy Committee for the League. No action was necessary.

Closed Session - Property Matter

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn to closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a property matter.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to return to regular session at 8:37 p.m. Both motions carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor