

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
NOVEMBER 12, 2002  
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2002. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gavin Brown, Libba Feichter and Kenneth Moore. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure, Public Works Director Fred Baker, Assistant Public Works Director Robert Hyatt and Town Attorney Michael Bonfoey. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Foy said that Alderman Caldwell was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he had obligated himself to host a table for Youth for Christ. Alderman Caldwell sent his regrets for being unable to attend the meeting.

Reception for Electric Superintendent John Yarborough

Electric Superintendent John Yarborough retired from the Town November 1, 2002 after more than thirty years of service in the Electric Department. A reception was given to express sincere appreciation and gratitude to John Yarborough for those years of service. John Yarborough's father, Mr. Robert Yarborough, retired from the Town in the late 1970's with approximately thirty years of service in the Electric Department Superintendent, some of which were as Electric Department Superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yarborough attended along with several other family members. Public Works Director Fred Baker and Assistant Public Works Director Robert Hyatt were also present.

Mayor Foy said this reception for John Yarborough is a pleasurable job, but it is also with sadness. He could not think of a family who has meant more to Waynesville than the Yarborough family. They have done their jobs and carried the responsibility of supervising the Town's valuable electric department. The Yarborough family members throughout the years have done their jobs without expecting a pat on the back and regardless of the political climate of the Town. The Yarborough family not only takes care of the electric department, they also serve as volunteer firemen for the Town. Mayor Foy and the Board expressed their appreciation for the service to the Town by this family.

John Yarborough said he has enjoyed the years he has spent with the Town. He said the largest part of the work which has been done over the years was done by the people he works with. Mayor Foy told John he had been an inspiration to those who have worked for him.

Robert Yarborough said he was hired by Banker Ferguson to help build a substation for the Town in 1948. This job was to take three days, which turned into 30 years. Mr. Yarborough said the

combined years of service that his family has volunteered to the Fire Department totals more than 300 years. He added that the reason for this was his family's love of the Waynesville community and its people.

Manager Galloway presented John Yarborough with a retirement watch as a gift for his years of service. Manager Galloway said he did not want John to retire. At the same time he did not want him to continue working until someday he could not enjoy retirement. He told John it had been a pleasure working with him and wanted him to enjoy his retirement. Manager Galloway then announced that the next Electric Department Superintendent, effective November 13, 2002, will be Wayne Yarborough, John's brother.

It was the consensus of the Board to adopt a resolution of appreciation for John Yarborough and that the "honorable and distinguished record of John Yarborough be entered into the permanent files of the Town of Waynesville." A framed copy of this resolution was presented to John Yarborough by Mayor Foy. (Res. No. 17-02)

#### Approval of Minutes of October 8 and 15, 2002

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the October 8 and 15, 2002 meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Hearing to Close Out 2000 Community Development Block Grant

The Town has successfully completed the 2000 Scattered Site Community Development Block Grant. North Carolina Administrative Codes require that the Town conduct a "close-out" public hearing to receive input from citizens participating in the project. The Final Report is attached to this summary sheet, and it gives data regarding expenditures, contractors, protected classes, etc.

Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. No one spoke; Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the report on the 2000 Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution Regarding State Development Zones

Manager Galloway said under State regulations, specific areas within a locality may be designated as "development zones." In these areas, the percentage of low income persons must reach a certain level, and because that level is above the average, there are certain economic incentives that may be granted to an industry attempting to locate in one of those zones. Generally, these allow higher than normal job credits to that industry for creating jobs in those development zones.

For about four years, there has been a development zone covering most of the Hazelwood and Allens Creek Areas. A map showing the development zones and the statistics within those areas was presented. Under the guidelines, the Town Board must regularly ask that areas remain in the

development zones, and a new resolution is needed for this purpose.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a resolution requesting the N. C. Department of Commerce to designate an area of Waynesville as a State Development Zone. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 18-02)

#### Petitions For Voluntary Annexation - 2360 Russ Avenue; 1510 Asheville Road; 1115 Dellwood Road

Three voluntary annexation petitions were received by the Town. These were submitted as a result of the desire to connect the properties to the public sewage system. Two of the properties are commercial in nature and the third is owned by the Waynesville Christian Fellowship Church.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt a resolution instructing the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petitions. The motion carried unanimously. (Res No 19-02)

#### Hazard Mitigation Grant

Manager Galloway said the Town of Waynesville is seeking a Hazard Mitigation Grant to assist with the planning on how to coordinate response to a disaster. Through this planning process, it is believed that the Town can better prepare the community and Town government to avoid, minimize the impact and prepare for the response to natural disasters. Funds would be used to hire a consultant to assist the Town in the development of this plan.

Of the \$20,000 project, the Town is applying for a grant of \$15,000 and the Town would provide a \$5,000 match, primarily through the in-kind contributions of personnel in assisting with the development of the plan.

It has been indicated that in the future, for a local government to be eligible for financial assistance in the aftermath of an emergency situation, that government must have undergone the Hazard Mitigation Planning process. During the past ten years, the Town has benefitted from emergency funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on three occasions, and it is recommended that the Board take action to authorize the Police Chief and Town Manager to execute the grant application.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to authorize the Police Chief and Town Manager to execute the grant application as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Proposal from NC Department of Transportation for Two Automatic Railroad Warning Devices - 1) Miller Street and 2) Boyd Avenue

Manager Galloway said a few months ago, the Town was contacted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the railroad crossing on Miller Street at Commerce Street.; Crossing No. 720 312V. The federal government has special funds available to pay 90% of the costs of installing automatic warning devices at railroad crossings, and the NCDOT has selected the Miller

Street crossing as a site for these devices.

The estimated cost of this work would be approximately \$100,000, and the Town's share would be about \$10,000. In addition, the Town would be required to pay a share of the annual maintenance costs on the devices, and this cost is estimated at \$1,140 annually. Of the initial cost of \$10,000 to the Town, the agreement with the DOT allows the Town to repay that in three annual installments.

This agreement has been held for a few months, primarily waiting to see that the State disbursed the Powell Bill Funds to which the municipal governments in North Carolina are entitled. Now that those funds have been received, it is recommended that the agreement and the work be authorized.

The second automatic railroad warning device site selected by NCDOT is proposed at Boyd Avenue and Norfolk Southern Railway Tracks; Crossing No. 720 309M. The estimated project cost is \$110,000. Since this crossing is located close to Waynesville Middle School, the Town's 10% share would be paid by the Safe Roads for Safe Schools Program. The Town's estimated share of annual maintenance costs would be \$1,058.50 per year.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements with NCDOT for the automatic railroad warning devices on Miller Street and Boyd Avenue. The motion carried unanimously. (Contracts No. 13 & 14-02) (Res. No. 20 & 21-02)

#### Request by Mayor Foy to Write Letter to NCDOT Regarding Deceleration Lane on Russ Avenue

Mayor Foy asked the Board for their approval in writing a letter to the NCDOT regarding concerns for a proposed deceleration lane to be located in front of the new Clyde Savings and Loan Building which is now being constructed on Russ Avenue. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Mayor Foy to write this letter.

#### Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Henry B. Foy  
Mayor