

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
JUNE 27, 2006
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2006. 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, Finance Officer Eddie Caldwell, Administrative Intern Alison Melnikova and Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2006

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2006 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget

After meeting with the Town Board for budget discussions during the month of May and following the final budget work session on June 19, it was recommended that the Board adopt the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The budget for the coming year is \$23,402,310 and is divided into four sections as follows: General Fund \$11,828,420; Water Fund; \$ 2,311,400; Sewer Fund; \$1,935,410; Electric Fund \$7,327,080.

Manager Galloway said the 2006-2007 Budget has been challenging and various fees and rates had to be increased in order to meet the ambitious goals established by the elected officials and the town department heads and staff members. With the property revaluation by Haywood County, the revenue neutral tax rate would drop to 36 cents per \$100 from the rate of 43 cents per \$100 in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. But in order to provide the funding to undertake the construction of a fire station and the renovations and expansion of the police department and a new development office, a tax rate of 40 cents per \$100 is needed. Higher fees for garbage collection are needed to help offset the tremendous increase in the price of gasoline and diesel fuel the Town has experienced the past two years. Increased charges for water and sewer service are needed to handle the cost of continual repairs and replacements of aging and deteriorating lines, manholes and appurtenances. The Town will continue to assess the fuel adjustment charges made by Progress Energy, and recommendations will be made for changes in the Town's electrical rates as it is seen what impact the Progress Energy charges will have on the financial stability of the Electric Fund.

Manager Galloway said considerable time has been invested in the development and the revisions to the budget, and he and Finance Director Eddie Caldwell recommended the Board's approval.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 21-06)

Adoption of Resolution Regarding Internal Service Funds

The Internal Service Funds are created with funds contributed by the General, Water, Sewer and Electric Funds. The obligation of the Internal Service Funds is to provide services to the other departments.

In the case of the Garage Operation, the other funds are assessed a prorated share of the cost to operate the garage, with the cost of gasoline, tires, repair parts and personnel all added into a total cost of approximately \$501,780. These costs are up quite a bit this year over the previous year due to the dramatic increase in the cost of gasoline.

In the case of the Public Works Fund, the various other funds are charged on the basis of the approximate square footage that each of the four funds occupies at the property on Legion Drive, with the total cost of running this operation being approximately \$290,560.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the resolution regarding internal service funds as recommended. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 21-06)

Presentation by Daniel Holt, North Carolina Department of Transportation Comprehensive Transportation Plan

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is conducting informational meetings for elected officials across the state to talk about the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The representative from the DOT who would be working with Waynesville is Daniel Holt, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordinator. Mr. Holt attended the Board meeting and explained how N.C. General Statutes 136-66.2 allows for the development of a coordinated transportation system and provisions for streets and highways in and around municipalities.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is to develop a plan that serves the present and anticipated travel demand in and around a municipality or a county. The plan will be based on information such as population growth, economic conditions and patterns of land development. This plan can help policymakers, planners and elected officials make better decisions about how the community should grow in the future. This information helps in the development of the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). In order to participate in this plan an area must have a land development plan or policy in place.

Mr. Holt said there will be two public informational meetings, on July 19 and 20. Draft CTP maps will be prepared to analyze deficiencies in the transportation system to help with future planning. Information is being gathered from planning staffs to identify bicycle paths, greenways, rail, etc., for inclusion in the maps. Local officials can contact NCDOT if there is new development in an area or if there are other occurrences which could affect the plan in place, and the CTP will be reviewed if there are changes.

The last U.S. Census included the urbanized areas of Haywood County as part of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, which means that it is now subject to federal regulations as they pertain to long range planning.

The Board thanked Mr. Holt for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

Philan Medford - Concerns Regarding Land Development Standards

Philan Medford said when the Land Use Ordinance was being developed, charettes were held and people in each community were involved with the process. During that time, Dan Burden spoke regarding the Russ Avenue area. Ms. Medford said she was concerned that as landowners and board members change, there will be people serving the Town who did not participate in the charettes which may cause threads in the community to be lost. Ms. Medford said she was looking ahead for future generations and wanted to express her feelings and concerns to the Board.

Request to Close Boundary Street on July 4

Manager Galloway said a request was received to close Boundary Street on Tuesday, July 4 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a community Fourth of July Celebration.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the request to close Boundary Street from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution for Disposal of Surplus Property

Manager Galloway said a resolution was needed in order for the Purchasing Supervisor to use existing electronic auction services, Gov Deals, to dispose of property declared surplus by the Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen. This program, which is similar to E-Bay, allows the Town to advertise surplus properties, especially vehicles, resulting in a more profitable price for the Town.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Purchasing Supervisor to use electronic auction services, Gov Deals, to dispose of surplus property for the Town. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 22-06)

Alderman Moore - Comments Regarding Lab Extension Project at Water Plant

Alderman Moore asked about the proposed lab extension at the Water Plant. Town Manager Galloway said this project is included in next year's budget and loan payments would begin the next year.

Alderman Moore said he would like to commend Superintendent Kyle Cook and Assistant Superintendent Roger Patterson for the good job that they are doing for the Town. Alderman Moore said the Town is fortunate to have such good employees.

Manager Galloway added that this is a good group of employees at the Water Plant. He pointed out that another employee, Hugh Parrott, just completed 687 hours of Basic Law Enforcement Training and is now a sworn police officer. Hugh is currently the watershed attendant but also holds certifications necessary for the operation of the water plant. These certifications are kept current and Hugh can fill in at the plant when needed.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure, Town Clerk
Henry B. Foy, Mayor