

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
AUGUST 12, 2008
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008. Members present were Mayor Gavin Brown, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, Libba Feichter, Kenneth Moore and LeRoy Roberson. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure, Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin and Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2008

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on Annexation Petition 6.6 Acres at 41 Lansing Road - Richard Miller

At the July 8 meeting of the Town Board, a petition was received from Mr. Richard Miller requesting that the town annex a 6.6 acre tract of land he owns at 41 Lansing Road.

Upon making her investigation, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure found that the property under petition meets the requirements of State Statute and would qualify for annexation by the Town of Waynesville. With that information, the Board passed a resolution setting a public hearing date on the request for annexation.

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

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt an ordinance to annex the 6.6 acre tract of land located at 41 Lansing Road, effective August 31, 2008. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 23-08)

Annexation Report by Town Clerk 4.4 Acres at Lickstone Road - Troy Muse

At the July 22 meeting of the Town Board, a petition was received for the annexation of 4.4 acres on Lickstone Road in the Allens Creek area. At that time, the Board passed a resolution directing Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to investigate the sufficiency of the petition.

Ms. McClure has conducted that investigation and found that it meets the requirements of the State Statutes.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt a resolution to set the public hearing date regarding the voluntary annexation petition submitted by Troy Muse for the property at Lickstone Road for August 26, 2008. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 23-08)

Resolution in Support of North Carolina League of Municipalities Green Challenge

In June of this year the North Carolina League of Municipalities announced the creation of the NCLM Green Challenge. The goal of this program is to encourage cities and towns to implement short-term and long-range actions that will conserve resources and save money. To participate in this program, cities with a population under 10,000 must complete two of the following five actions:

1. Adopt a sustainability plan, climate protection resolution or similar commitment by the governing body
2. Create an energy improvement plan (EIP)
3. Register with the EPA's Energy Star Challenge
4. Conduct an energy audit of two or more of your government facilities and implement at least one recommendation
5. Create a water conservation education program

These are the suggested steps for the first level; this winter cities and towns will receive additional information on the intermediate and advanced levels of the challenge.

The Board and town staff have already undertaken a number of green initiatives in recent years, most notably incorporating energy efficiency measures in the new Police Station/Development Office. Other steps include the purchase of two hybrid vehicles, allowing utility customers to sign up for NC GreenPower, increased office recycling, a feasibility study on placing solar panels on the Recreation Center, and the development of a pedestrian plan. Within the next six months we hope to have the final usage numbers on natural gas at the Recreation Center so we can decide what the next step there will be regarding the solar panels, implement an idling policy for town vehicles, and have an energy audit conducted on at least two town facilities.

Municipalities which participate in the Green Challenge will receive a plaque signifying this commitment at the NCLM Conference in Charlotte this October. If we achieve the intermediate and advanced levels, further recognition will be given by the League. But the true benefit of this program is the potential to lessen our environmental impact and save money in the process.

If the Board is interested in participating in this program, a resolution must be submitted to the League by September 1, 2008.

If the resolution accepting the Green Challenge is passed, then the next item on the agenda may be considered. It is a resolution in support of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which, if passed, would meet the first requirement for the Green Challenge. Waste Reduction Partners from the Land-of-Sky Council of Government will be conducting energy audits on two town-owned buildings soon, and with that the Town will have fulfilled these first, basic requirements.

Alderman Roberson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt a resolution accepting the

Green Challenge. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 24 -08)

Resolution in Support of the U. S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement is a public policy statement that says the Town will support in its operations green initiatives and energy conservation. As a part of that public policy statement, the Town also asks local, state, and federal governments to think in terms of good energy conservation public policies, which is certainly something that is at the forefront of many conversations this summer. The agreement only requires that the Mayor sign and return a form to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, but most communities have asked their entire boards to show support for the program.

This resolution does not mandate anything within the community or the town; rather it merely indicates that the Town is in support of those activities. This resolution will fulfill the first requirement of the NCLM Green Challenge.

Alderman Roberson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt the resolution in support of the U. S. Mayor Climate Protection Agreement. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 25-08)

Consideration of Reappointment Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

The three-year term of ABC Board Chairman Wilson C. Medford expires on August 15, 2008. Mr. Medford has served on this board for several terms and has agreed to serve another three years if the Board desires to reappoint him.

There was discussion regarding the residency requirements of members serving on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. It was felt that representatives serving on this Board should live inside the corporate limits of Waynesville. This Board will face additional challenges and responsibilities, and Waynesville was recently approved for liquor by the drink. It was the consensus of the Board that applications be solicited for persons interested in serving in this position.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to table the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board appointment until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control Issues

Alderman Moore expressed concern regarding a recent incident involving poisonous snakes being kept in a storage building. Haywood County's Animal Control Ordinance may already address this issue.

Buchanan Cemetery

Alderman Moore said he received a request for help from the Town of Waynesville with the maintenance of Buchanan Cemetery, located off Buchanan Cemetery Road. Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova said she is currently reviewing this matter.

Water Situation

Manager Galloway said Waynesville's water situation is currently in good condition. The water level is seventeen inches below the full level which is thirty-two feet. Waynesville's Water Shortage Response Plan asks that the public begin voluntary water restrictions if this level reaches forty-eight inches. If the level reaches ninety-six inches below the full level, mandatory restrictions will be required. If the water level continues to drop and there is no rain, Waynesville may need to prepare a news release to get this information to the public regarding water restrictions. Mayor Brown said although Waynesville is currently a long way from requiring mandatory water restrictions, it may be time to begin talking about voluntary restrictions. Mayor Brown added that at some time Waynesville may be asked to provide water to neighboring towns and the Board may want to consider a policy now about sharing water with the other towns.

Issues in Frog Level

Alderman Moore said he received a telephone call from a business owner in Frog Level that they are having problems with people that are drunk in the area. Alderman Caldwell said he plans to meet with a gentleman next Tuesday and will ask the Police Chief to join them. Manager Galloway said there are U. S. Supreme Court cases that prohibit charging people with loitering. Alderman Moore said one of the problems in this area is that people stand on the street and yell at the passing traffic. Manager Galloway said he will speak with the Police Chief about things being done in this area that may be in violation.

Adjournment

With no further business, it was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Gavin A. Brown
Mayor