

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN HALL – 9 SOUTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 11, 2011
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Waynesville held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Members present were Mayor Gavin Brown, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, Libba Feichter, J. Wells Greeley and LeRoy Roberson. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2010

Alderman Roberson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Annexation of 2020 Dellwood Road – Kevin and Melanie Sandefur

At the meeting of December 14, 2010, Kevin and Melanie Sandefur presented a petition for annexation of the property they own located at 2020 Dellwood Road. The Board voted to direct Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. In addition, if the petition was found to be in order, a public hearing was set for the annexation of the property into the corporate limits.

Ms. McClure investigated the sufficiency of the petition and found that it meets the requirements of the State Statutes. Finding that, she advertised a public hearing for the meeting of January 11, 2011, on a satellite annexation of this property into the corporate limits of Waynesville.

As noted at the last meeting, Mr. and Ms. Sandefur wish to lease this tract of land and one of the conditions of the lease is that the property be annexed into the Town of Waynesville.

Attorney Griffin opened the public hearing.

Melanie Sandefur attended the meeting and spoke in favor of the annexation. Ms. Sandefur said Mr. Faulk, a representative with Life Span, was unable to attend the meeting due to the inclement weather. Life Span plans to lease the property and locate their business there. Ms. Sandefur said the business will create eleven new jobs.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt an ordinance to annex the property located at 2020 Dellwood Road effective January 11, 2011. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 1-11)

Annual Certification of Firemen

Each year, the Chiefs of all Fire Departments in North Carolina must submit a certification to the State that the firefighters in that department have been active in responding to fires and in receiving the required annual thirty-six annual training hours. If a fireman is on this certified list, that individual or his heirs become eligible for certain benefits, including the state line-of-duty death benefit. After a period of service and certification spanning twenty years, and at the age of fifty-five years, the firefighter becomes eligible for a small monthly payment through the Firemen's Pension Fund.

Chief Joey Webb has submitted the list of firefighters and certified that they have the appropriate number of training hours. In order for these individuals to be certified, the Town Board must approve the list as well.

Alderman Greeley moved, seconded by Alderman Roberson, to approve the Annual Certification of Firemen list as presented by Fire Chief Joey Webb. The motion carried unanimously.

Snow Removal

Manager Galloway said street cleaning during the snow storm this week has been a challenge. It was evident after the crews worked Sunday night that some help was needed because the snow was coming down rapidly. The Town contacted WNC Paving and contracted with them for four motor graders to begin work on Monday afternoon. Some of the Town's crews were still out on Tuesday evening removing snow from the Town's streets. The snow on Main Street was removed during the day on Tuesday. Alderman Greeley added that streets in Waynesville were in good condition compared to other areas in Haywood County and the Town's crews have done an outstanding job with the streets. Mayor Brown said it is important for Waynesville's citizens to see that things are being taken care of in the Town.

State Budget Issues

Manager Galloway said, in a recent meeting with the Department of Environment Health and Natural Resources in Raleigh, there was discussion regarding budget issues with the State of North Carolina and the need to come up with 5, 10 and 15% budget reductions. There was concern that some of the money needed to make up the shortfall would be taken from education. Manager Galloway said this will be a difficult budget year and there is still a lot of uncertainty.

Progress Energy and Duke Energy

Manager Galloway said e-mails were sent out regarding the sale of Progress Energy to Duke Energy. He added that in speaking with representatives of Progress Energy, once the two companies merge, there is a possibility that the Town of Waynesville may be able to continue dealing with the same group of people they have dealt with for the past several years with Progress Energy.

Retreat

The Board Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center. Manager Galloway asked Board Members to contact Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova if they have items to add for discussion during the retreat.

Comments by Vic Dossey

Vic Dossey attended the meeting and complimented the Board for moving forward with the purchase of the new Christmas decorations that were displayed this year. Mr. Dossey also expressed appreciation for the snow removal on the Town's streets during the recent snowstorm.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Greeley moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Gavin A. Brown
Mayor