

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 26, 2008
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BIDS - DEMOLITION AND SITE WORK FOR
NEW PARKING AREA EAST OF WALL STREET

On Thursday, February 21, bids will be received for the demolition of the house and preparation of the new parking areas to the east of Wall Street behind the Public Safety Building. This work is being done with funds provided by the Town and would not be part of a loan from either a financial institution or from the Rural Development Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. As such, we are not required to jump through quite as many hoops for Rural Development; however, we have still followed all of the State mandated legal procedures in soliciting bids and will continue to do so in opening and evaluating bids.

As these agenda comments for the Board meeting are being prepared, the bids have not yet been opened. The engineers on this project, Mattern and Craig, will review the bids and investigate the firms offering proposals. By Tuesday, we expect to have a recommendation from the engineers and will present that at the Board meeting Tuesday evening.

ITEM 3. REPORT BY TAX COLLECTOR JAMES ROBERTSON
REQUEST TO ADVERTISE DELINQUENT TAXES

Each year, the Tax Collector of a governmental entity is required to make a report to the governing body advising them of the status of tax collections and seeking the approval of the Board to advertise any delinquent real estate taxes for the current fiscal year. This is actually a requirement of State law, but the law also states that the authorization must be sought and granted by the elected officials of the community.

Tax Collector Robertson will be on hand to give his report and to seek your authorization to advertise delinquent taxes.

ITEM 4. REQUEST OF DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE ASSOCIATION
FOR 2008 STREET CLOSINGS

There follows a listing of the street closings being requested in the downtown area for the 2008 Calendar Year. These closings are for events and activities which are sponsored or co-sponsored by the Downtown Waynesville Association. Other groups participating in these events include FolkMoot, the Haywood County Arts Council, the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Haywood Apple Growers Association and the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce.

The listing includes a variety of activities, from the Block Parties and Christmas Activities which have been conducted for the past several years to long standing events such as the Street Dances, FolkMoot Activities, the Art and Craft and Apple Festivals.

DWA is proposing a new event this year – Downtown Drive-In Movies. These are to be held during the summer on the top level of the Justice Center Parking Deck. DWA has a plan for projecting the image and the “screen” on which the image will be displayed. It is good to see new ideas and activities flowing from the DWA under the direction of Buffy Messer and Jamie Cogdill.

ITEM 5. ANNEXATION REPORT

- A. 101 Woods Edge Road – Edward and Linda Woodbery – 12.8 acres
- B. 65 Paragon Parkway – Thomas and Jacquelyn Morgan – 1.697 acres

At the Board meeting of February 12, 2008, the Board received annexation petitions from the owners of the two properties listed above. At that time, the Board adopted a Resolution directing Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to investigate the sufficiency of those petitions to be sure that they were in compliance with State laws. Ms. McClure has done so and a copy of her report follows on both of these tracts. As you will see in her report, both tracts of land do meet the legal requirements to be considered for annexation.

If the Board wishes to proceed with considering annexation of either or both of these tracts, the next step would be to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing date for citizens to appear to speak on the matter. If it is the wish of the Board, a public hearing could be properly advertised and held at the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting on March 11, 2008.

ITEM 6. REPORT REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

At the last Board meeting, Alderman Kenneth Moore made a recommendation that the members of the ABC Board should receive an increase in the compensation they receive for their service on this Board. Other members of the Town Board asked about the level of compensation granted to ABC Board members in other communities in North Carolina, and the Town Manager and Town Clerk advised that they had no records of those compensation levels.

Mayor Brown asked questions about the compensation paid to members of other Boards and Commissions which are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The Town Manager advised that members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments receive a token payment of \$25 per meeting to cover their travel expenses in driving to look at the actual property that is presented to those Boards for rezonings or variances or for whatever purpose that it is on the agendas of those two Boards.

Alderman Roberson and others on the Board indicated that they would like to have a comparison of what other communities pay the members of the ABC Board as well as the various other Boards and Commissions serving in those communities. The Town Manager and Town Clerk were directed to begin gathering that information and presenting it to the Town Board at a future meeting. Once received, the Board indicated that they would be in a better position to evaluate

what levels of compensation would be appropriate for the members of the various Boards and Commissions appointed by the Waynesville Board of Aldermen.

We have begun gathering that data and are continuing to receive responses. We will prepare a chart comparing this information and present it to the Board on Tuesday evening.