

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
FEBRUARY 11, 1997
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 1997. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, Earl Clark, J. Kenneth Moore and James Williamson. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Town Attorney Michael Bonfoey. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the minutes of the January 14 and January 28, 1997 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Dudek - Richland Creek Action Committee Report

Mr. Dave Dudek, representing the Richland Creek Action Committee (RCAC), presented an update on the efforts of the Committee in working on the easements for the proposed Richland Creek Greenway Trail. Mr. Dudek said the RCAC met on January 7, 1997, with the parties involved. Items discussed were trail easements, liability, extraterritorial jurisdiction, law enforcement, and maintenance of the trail. Landowners reaffirmed their willingness to provide easements to the Town for development of the trail. Mr. Dudek said grant money is available and the RCAC plans to apply for this grant money to use toward the trail.

RCAC requested the following from the Town:

- 1) That the Town hold title to easements for the proposed trail from Lake Junaluska to the Vance Street Park.
- 2) That the Town assume responsibility of said section of trail once constructed.
- 3) That the Town of Waynesville work cooperatively in securing financial and in-kind support of the Richland Creek Greenway Trail Project.

Mayor Foy stated that he felt that the entire Board is supportive of this project and feels that the Town is willing to take the lead in this project. Mayor Foy also stated that perhaps the trail project could become part of the negotiations currently underway with Haywood County regarding the Recreation Center. Several Board members expressed concern regarding liability, maintenance and security of the trail.

Tim Plowman, Assistant Recreation Director, said that he could not recall any liability issues occurring over the period of time in which the existing trail has been in place. Mr. Plowman said

it would be a good idea to talk with the North Carolina Department of Transportation about the possibility of including the trail along Howell Mill Road with the TIP Project; that it is his understanding that bicycle and walking trails could be constructed free of charge to the Town if included in the TIP project.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to support the adoption of a resolution, to be drafted by Attorney Bonfoey, to assure the Richland Creek Action Committee of the Town's continued support regarding the Richland Creek Greenway Trail. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment No. 1 to the 1996-97 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Foy said at the last meeting the Board reviewed an amendment to the 1996-97 budget ordinance regarding a \$67,890 grant available through the Police Department over a three year period. Town Manager Galloway said in order to receive the grant money the Board of Aldermen would need to pledge matching funds totaling \$45,255 during this same time period. It will not require new money, since the Town has already budgeted \$46,950 in the 1996-97 fiscal year for part-time help. If the Town continues to fund the part-time auxiliary at the same level that we have for the past three years, those funds would be the Town's match for the grant.

Alderman Clark moved, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the 1996-97 Budget Ordinance; the motion failed for lack of a second.

Alderman Williamson moved, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the 1996-97 Budget Ordinance only for the current fiscal year; the motion failed for lack of a second.

Police Chief Frank Ross explained that this grant was issued for a three year period. Funding by the Town for this grant includes part time positions only; no full time positions will be added. Attorney Bonfoey added that if the Board does not wish to continue with the grant next year then they simply do not approve the money for that year's budget.

Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the 1996-97 Budget Ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 4-97)

Annexation Report - Emil Massaro

Town Manager Galloway said that Town Clerk Phyllis McClure has investigated the petition from Mr. Emil Massaro for annexation and found that it meets the requirements for annexation. The next step is to set a public hearing date.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt a resolution to set the date for the public hearing for Tuesday, March 11, 1997. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 3-97)

Recreation Department Grant

Town Manager Galloway presented a copy of a grant application, prepared by Recreation Director

Mike Smith. Manager Galloway said this grant would fund \$250,000 toward the development of the new recreation facility. This would be a one time grant and proposes that the entire facility be constructed.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to support the \$250,000 grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

Sludge Handling

Director of Public Works/Utilities Fred Baker reported on a project to handle sludge which the Town has been working on for a number of years. This project is important since it needs to be in place before the landfill is filled up. McGill and Associates recently opened bids towards the purchase of equipment for approximately \$435,885; this bid is good for ninety days. Bids will be presented to the Board for the contractor before this time period is up. It is recommended that both bids be awarded at the same time.

Bids for the equipment were received by McGill Associates as follows:

Cost Item	Alternative A		Alternative B	
	N-Viro Base Bid No. 1	N-Viro Base Bid No. 2	RDP Base Bid	RDP Deduct. Alt.
A. Equipment Price	\$346,159	\$346,159		
B. One-Time Royalty Payment		\$ 85,000		
C. Total Bid Price	\$346,159	\$431,159	\$435,885	\$328,885
D. Est. Const. Cost Adjustment	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 9,500
E. Adjusted Total Capital Cost (C+D)	\$362,159	\$447,159	\$447,385	\$338,385
F. Guaranteed Operating Cost (Per wet ton)	\$ 18.99	\$ 12.55	\$ 11.37	\$18.56
G. Annual Total Operating Cost (Calculated)	\$ 81,411	\$ 53,803	\$ 42,665	\$ 69,618
*H. Calculated Present Value of Capital & Operating Costs For 10 years @ 8% discount Rate = E+(6.71xF)	\$908,427	\$808,177	\$733,667	\$805,522
I. Annual Quantity of Final Product (Tons)	6,086	6,086	4,969	4,802
**J. Unit Distribution Cost (\$ per ton)	\$10/ton	\$10/ton	\$10/ton	\$10/ton
K. Annual Distribution Cost (HxI)	\$ 60,860	\$ 60,860	\$ 49,690	\$ 48,020
L. Total Annual Cost (F+J)	\$142,271	\$114,663	\$ 92,355	\$117,638
*M. Calculated Present Value for 10 years at 8% Discount Rate = E+ (6.71xK)	\$1,316,797	\$1,216,548	\$1,067,087	\$1,127,736

Town Manager Galloway said when the Board was working with the budget it was estimated that the cost of this project would be around \$800,000; it now appears that the project will be closer to \$850,000. \$95,000 is available in this year's budget for the deposit. The Town will finance \$755,000, and it appears that the Town may be able to finance this project with an interest rate of 4-1/2% to 5-1/2 %.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to resolve to award the equipment contract to RDP, contingent upon the receipt of acceptable construction bids. The motion carried unanimously.

Delinquent Tax Settlement

Town Manager Galloway presented a report prepared by Tax Collector Beverly Guy regarding 1996 delinquent taxes. As of February 10, 1997, 86% of the taxes have been collected. Delinquent tax notices will be mailed the week of February 24, 1997. Unpaid taxes after that date will be advertised on April 2, 1997.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Clark, to authorize Tax Collector Beverly Guy to advertise the delinquent taxes on April 2, 1997. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Williamson moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor