

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
JULY 25, 2000  
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2000. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gavin Brown, Gary Caldwell and Libba Feichter. 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 of July 11, 2000

Alderman Feichter asked that the minutes be amended on Page 2, paragraph 5, to read ...all businesses must comply with the noise ordinance. Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2000 meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Award to Matt Sellers - Excellence in Canine Handling

In 1999, the Board of Aldermen voted to accept a grant which would provide a K-9 unit. Upon researching the matter, the Police Department found that a local gentleman, Mike Davis, trained dogs for law enforcement work, and Mr. Davis was willing to donate a trained dog to Waynesville. The Board accepted, and the department went through the process of selecting an officer to work with the dog.

Police Officer Matt Sellers and his partner, Teddy, have spent countless hours with Mr. Davis, getting used to each other and training to work together. It has been an excellent match, and already, the pair has excelled far beyond expectations. For his work with Teddy, Officer Sellers has been selected for a special award given by USPCA (United States Police Canine Association). A newspaper article recently appeared about Officer Sellers and his partner, Teddy.

Mayor Henry Foy said that having a K-9 unit is unique and exciting for Waynesville. Mayor Foy introduced Maggie Valley Police Officer David Dallas and Wildlife Officer Mike Crisco who were also present at the meeting.

Officer Sellers told the Board that Officer Teddy stays with him at his home since he took possession of him in November 1999. Their training began on December 1, 1999, they went on the road together on January 1, 2000 and have been working together for the past seven (7) months. Officer Sellers said that Teddy is certified in narcotics detection, but he does not have any apprehension training. However, Officer Sellers felt that with this training Teddy would do a good job. Teddy can also be used to search for persons who are lost. Teddy was two (2) years old in April and will continue his work until he loses his drive to play. Officer Sellers explained how the drive to play is necessary for this type of work and how canines are trained. Sometimes they can work for ten (10) or more years before they are retired. Officer Sellers gave credit to his wife Christy for her help in working with Teddy.

Officer David Dallas explained the importance of the USPCA, a non profit organization which sets up standards for training. These standards are set very high and recognized by the Supreme Court. Officer Dallas said that he was a canine handler in Florida prior to becoming an officer in Maggie Valley where he received this award last year. Officer Dallas explained what is involved in training for the officers and their canine partners. He said that he and Officer Sellers often train together, that it takes a special person to be a canine handler and he is very proud to have Officer Sellers both as a trainer and friend.

Officer Mike Crisco said that he is often called out to see why a canine program fails. He explained that this program only succeeds when it is supported and he could see the support given by Waynesville's Board of Aldermen, Police Department and citizens.

Mayor Foy commended Officer Sellers, Officer Dallas and Officer Crisco for their work, adding that this type of work cannot be done by just anyone.

#### Petition for Annexation - .84 Acres on Russ Avenue - Keith and Ollie Gibson

The Board received a petition for annexation from Keith and Ollie Gibson for a .84 acre parcel of land on the south side of Route 276 (Russ Avenue), a few hundred feet west of the Barberville Baptist Church. The tract of land is contiguous to the Town's corporate limits.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a resolution instructing the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 13-00.)

#### Discussion Regarding the Proposed Asheville Highway Road Improvements Project

There was discussion regarding the recent newspaper article and discussions regarding the proposed Asheville Highway Road Improvements Project. Mayor Foy pointed out that there have been two (2) rulings made by two North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretaries which confirm that the proposed project is to include five lanes, four lanes and three lanes, which is supported and recommended by the Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen. The Board felt that although there is a group effort underway which is trying to alter this plan, it has been confirmed twice and appears to be final. Roscoe Wells attended the meeting and commended the Board of Aldermen on their position regarding the project.

#### Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Henry B. Foy  
Mayor