

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
MAY 8, 2001
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2001. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gavin Brown, Gary Caldwell, Libba Feichter and Kenneth Moore. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure, Town Attorney Michael Bonfoey and Finance Officer Eddie Caldwell. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2001

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2001 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Local Landmark Designation 74 North Main Street - Penny Morse

Ms. Penny Morse has requested that her building located at 74 North Main Street be designated as a Local Landmark. This structure is the former location of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, constructed in 1921, and sits at the top of Miller Street. Ms. Morse intends to restore the building, as much as possible and feasible, to its original appearance. Town Attorney Bonfoey opened the public hearing. The following persons spoke.

Penny Morse said that she hoped to add this building as a local landmark designation. She is currently working with the State to remodel the building as a tax act project. Ms. Morse plans to use the main floor as a book and tea shop, and is considering leasing the portion in the Wall Street area or using it for antiques.

Alderman Feichter said she was impressed with the work involved in getting the local landmark designation and she was glad that there are people who are willing to do this. Mayor Foy suggested that Ms. Morse talk with Bill Dover who may have historic information regarding this building which may be useful to her.

Ron Fleenor, who serves as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, said that the Commission highly recommends this property to the Board of Aldermen as a landmark designation. Mr. Fleenor added that Ms. Morse is using an architect from Asheville for this remodeling project.

Attorney Bonfoey closed the public hearing.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt an ordinance designating the

property known as the “Citizens Bank and Trust Company Building” as a local historic landmark. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 8-01)

Request by Downtown Waynesville Association for Street Closings for the 2001 Calendar Year

The Downtown Waynesville Association, on behalf of Folkmoot, Haywood County Arts Council, Smoky Mountain Folk Festival, Cooperative Extension Service, Haywood Apple Growers Association and DWA, requested that Main Street be closed for the following events:

Friday Night Street Dances - July 6 & 20 and August 3 & 17

Folkmoot Parade, Friday, July 20

International Festival Day - July 28

Church Street Art & Craft Show - October 13

Apple Festival - October 20

Waynesville Christmas Parade - Monday November 26

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to close Main Street for the dates as requested by the Downtown Waynesville Association. The motion carried unanimously.

Regulation of Building Exteriors in Commercial Zoning Districts

Mayor Foy presented examples of ordinances adopted by other communities regulating the exterior appearance of commercial buildings in C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, and I-1 zoning districts.

After discussion, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to ask the Community Appearance Commission to investigate the issue of the exterior appearance of commercial structures in C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4 and I-1 zoning districts and prepare an ordinance if appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.

Modification to Municipal Agreement for Sidewalk Project Funding by the N. C. Department of Transportation

The Board recently entered an agreement with the DOT under which they would fund a portion of the costs of installing sidewalks along three State maintained roads in the Town. Originally, a specific figure had been designated as the maximum amount the State would contribute to this project; however, upon receiving bids, it was found that the costs were higher than anticipated. The DOT then agreed to participate at a higher level, and it became necessary to sign a revised agreement between the Town and the State.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to authorize Mayor Foy to enter into an agreement with the DOT for sidewalk project funding. The motion carried unanimously. (Cont. No. 6-01) (Res. No. 12-01)

Appointments/Reappointments for Planning Board and Board of Zoning Adjustment

The terms of several members on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment will expire at the end of May, 2001.

Board of Zoning Adjustment

<u>Town Appointments</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Joan Lesueur	- regular member (reappointment)	May 31, 2004
Jack Suddath	- alternate member (reappointment)	May 31, 2004
Gail Crow	- alternate member (new appointment) (To replace vacancy Keith Plemmons)	May 31, 2002

<u>County Appointments</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
John Richardson	- regular member (reappointment)	May 31, 2004

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to reappoint Joan Lesueur and Jack Suddath, appoint Gail Crow and recommend to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners the reappointment of John Richardson to the Board of Zoning Adjustment as recommended.

Planning Board

<u>Town Appointments</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Rex Feichter	- reappointment	May 31, 2004
Marty Prevost	- reappointment	May 31, 2004

<u>County Appointment</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Merel Painter	- reappointment	May 31, 2004

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to reappoint Rex Feichter and Marty Prevost and recommend to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners the reappointment of Merel Painter to the Planning Board as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Donation to Town by Citizens in Action for Community Viz Software

David Erickson said that a group of citizens concerned about pollution, air quality, etc., formed the group "Citizens in Action". Mr. Erickson explained that the Citizens in Action have managed to obtain six multi media presentations for the school system from the Urban Land Institute to help in education regarding these important issues. Videos have been obtained from the Orton Group which are currently being circulated. This group also offers software which has a number of different facets such as an aerial view to show how development can affect an area. The Citizens in Action are concerned with development and feel that the Town should have this type of software to help in future planning issues. The total cost for this software is \$5,000, and the Citizens in Action

presented a check to the Town in the amount of \$2,500 to apply toward the purchase of this software.

The Board accepted the donation and expressed appreciation to the Citizens in Action for their donation.

Set Public Hearing Date for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to set the date for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget for Tuesday, June 12, 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

Cancel/Reschedule Meeting of May 22, 2001

Town Manager Galloway said that three of the Board members will be in Raleigh on May 22 and 23 to attend Town Hall Day. It is recommended that the meeting of May 22, 2001 be cancelled, and if the Board chooses to do so, reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, May 29, 2001.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of May 22, 2001 and schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, May 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Declare Property Surplus

Each year the Town has an auction to dispose of property which is no longer needed. This year's auction is planned for Saturday, May 12, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Building on Legion Drive. The auction is held in conjunction with Haywood County. A list of items to be declared surplus was presented to the Board.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to declare the list of items presented to the Board as surplus and authorized Town Staff to sell those items at the May 12 auction. The motion carried unanimously.

Grand Opening of Recreation Center on Vance Street

Mayor Foy said that the Grand Opening for the Town's new Recreation Center on Vance Street will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2001 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served, there will be drawings for door prizes with free admission to the Recreation Center on that day.

Request by Ron Fleenor for Installation of Banners and Brackets in Frog Level

Ron Fleenor said that a clean up day was held on Saturday, May 5 in the Frog Level area. Mr. Fleenor said there was very good response for the clean up with Citizens in Action, area merchants and people who live in the area present to help. A request was made to the Downtown Waynesville Association (DWA) for the banners which are no longer used on Main Street. DWA has given permission for the banners to be used and a request has been made to the Town to install the brackets and banners.

Town Manager Galloway said that Public Works Director Fred Baker has expressed some concern with installing this hardware on the wooden utility poles in Frog Level and he encouraged the Board to request Mr. Baker's attendance at the next meeting to give his advice regarding those poles.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to invite Fred Baker to attend the next meeting to discuss the wooden poles in Frog Level. The motion carried unanimously.

Request by Roscoe Wells for Enforcement of State Laws Regarding Litter

Roscoe Wells said that he has spent more than eighteen hours doing public service work on highways and in the Frog Level area. Mr. Wells said that an enormous amount of garbage has been collected in these area cleanups. He presented copies of NC State Law regarding litter and said if those laws were enforced, Waynesville would not have as many problems with litter.

Mr. Wells and other people in the audience held posters to boycott Burger King. Burger King, located on Russ Avenue, plans to demolish their existing structure and build another. The Citizens in Action Group have asked that the new building be designed in keeping with the character of Waynesville. He added that Long John Silvers also plans changes to its business and he realizes there is nothing that the Board can do at this point without an ordinance. Mr. Wells said that his group will also request that Long John Silvers design their building to blend with the character of Waynesville.

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget

Town Manager Galloway presented copies of the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget. Manager Galloway said that this is the most difficult budget he has prepared during the 28 years he has been in local government because there are so many uncertainties this year. There was a drop in the 2000 Census Count which will affect sales tax, Powell bill funds, and the beer and wine tax, resulting in a reduction in revenues of \$150,000 - \$200,000. The State of North Carolina froze money in February and in April discovered that their situation was worse than anticipated. This proposed budget includes this money but it is uncertain whether the Town will get this money. Another item of concern is money from the Haywood County Commissioners for the Town's Recreation Center.

The 2001-2002 Budget totals \$19,249,430, with \$9,520,000 in the General Fund. The Town is not sure if it will receive \$400,000 - \$600,000 which is included in this budget. Manager Galloway said that the Town is in a good financial position at this time, and will be able to carry this for at least one year. However, with so many uncertainties in the State Budget, changes may need to be made in the future for Waynesville.

Only one new position is being proposed in the Electric Department. No positions or services are recommended to be cut. Manager Galloway asked the Board for dates and times to set budget work sessions. It was the consensus of the Board to set budget work sessions for Monday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Closed Session to Discuss Property Matter

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn to closed session at 8:40 p.m.
Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to return to regular session at 9:15 p.m.
Both motions carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor