

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
AUGUST 27, 2002
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2002. 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, Finance Director Eddie Caldwell and Intern Josh Ray. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of July 23 and August 13, 2002

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes of the July 23 and August 13, 2002 meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation Regarding September 11, 2001 Memorial

The American Legion, on both a national and local level, is planning activities to commemorate September 11, 2001 when the terrorists attacked the United States. As a part of that event, they have asked that the local governments adopt proclamations regarding the terrorist attacks and the resulting actions by the Country.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a proclamation to memorialize those men, women and children who lost their lives and to remember with eternal respect those whose lives were suddenly, without cause, and pointlessly taken from them on September 11, 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

Declare Items Surplus for September 14 Auction

Under North Carolina law, when capital items with a value of more than a specific value are no longer needed by a local government, the elected officials of the unit should declare those items surplus and direct the town manager to dispose of them. The Town's purchasing department is working with Haywood County regarding a joint auction on September 14, 2002. A list of the Town's surplus items was presented to the Board for approval.

Town Manager Galloway reported that the 1990 Chevrolet Truck in the Street Department should be removed from the list.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to declare the list of items surplus as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Lease-Purchase Financing Agreement on Commercial Garbage Truck

In adopting the 2002-2003 Town Budget, the Board approved the purchase of a new commercial garbage truck, and bids were accepted on that truck in mid-July. The unit has been ordered and it is estimated that it will be received toward the end of September or early in October. In adopting the budget, it was projected that the Town would need to finance an estimated purchase price of \$150,000 over a three-year period, and bids on the financing were opened on August 19, 2002. The results are as follows:

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to authorize Finance Director Eddie Caldwell to enter into an agreement with the low bidder, Centura for \$150,000 with a three-year interest rate of 2.67%. The motion carried unanimously. (Contract No. 9-02)

John Burgin - Hazelwood Revitalization

Mr. John Burgin, one of the owners of commercial property in downtown Hazelwood, requested time on the agenda to discuss some ideas for revitalization of that business area. Mr. Burgin has done a considerable amount of work on Hazelwood Avenue. One of his buildings was destroyed in a fire and has now been rebuilt. A restaurant and antique store will be in this location and space is available for three other businesses. Mr. Burgin said he is proud of what has been going on in this area and appreciated any help the Town could give to continue these efforts. A new sidewalk was recently constructed in this area.

One request made by Mr. Burgin was that the Town speak with CP&L representatives to see if it would be possible to either remove their utility poles and place the electricity underground or relocate the poles to the back of the buildings. He added that Town Planner Andrew Powell has a

street scape plan for this area which looks good. Mr. Burgin plans to add parking behind his buildings and suggested that the Town spruce up the parking lot on Hazelwood Avenue. He has spoken with other property owners in this area (Mr. Duke and Perry Buchanan) and they are also interested in revitalizing the area.

Alderman Feichter said it is a pleasure to drive down through Hazelwood Avenue and the property owners have done a very good job. Town Manager Galloway said the Town is currently in negotiations with CP&L for renewal of the contract they have with them. The possibility of relocation of utility poles or underground utilities can be discussed with CP&L during these negotiations. No action was necessary.

Don Eudy - Request for Closing a Portion of Auburn Park Drive on September 14, 2002

A letter was received from Mr. Don Eudy requesting that a portion of Auburn Park Drive be closed for a neighborhood covered dish dinner on Saturday, September 14, 2002. The neighborhood held a similar event in prior years, and the Town allowed them to close portions of the streets in their neighborhood for children's events and for the picnic.

Town Manager Galloway said in past years, the Town lent the neighborhood barricades, which they set out to block traffic during previous picnics, and the Town can do this again. The police, fire and emergency personnel would be notified about the closing of this street during the hours of approximately 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minor Subdivision Plat - Maria Hendricks

Maria Hendricks owns a 2.525 acre lot on Magellan Drive. She is dividing the lot into two lots so her sister can develop the newly created lot. The subdivision meets or exceeds Town standards, and Town staff recommends approval.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the minor subdivision plat as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

David Moses - Former Dayco Property

At the meeting of August 13, 2002, Mr. David Moses appeared during the public comment portion of that meeting and made brief remarks regarding the future development of the property formerly occupied by the Dayco plant. At that time, he distributed some information on the proposed development, and requested a spot on the agenda to discuss the plans.

Mr. Moses did not attend the meeting. However, several members of the Haywood Advancement Foundation were present. Jay Henson said the Haywood Advancement Foundation met today and unanimously approved the foreclosure. This process should take about two months. Two weeks ago

the Haywood Advancement Foundation successfully purchased the first mortgage from CHW. According to the Bankruptcy Court, they are free to foreclose on the property.

Mib Medford - Suggestion for Signs

Mib Medford said she recently attended a conference conducted by Dan Burden. At that conference an idea was presented for signs to slow traffic down. The first sign would read “Slow Down” and the next sign would read “Slow Down More”. No action was necessary.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor