

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2002  
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 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, Finance Director Eddie Caldwell and Acting Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to Troop 305 Boy Scout

Mayor Foy welcomed a boy scout and his parents from Troop 305 of Shady Grove Church.

Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2002

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2002 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Audit Report - Bruce Kingshill of Ray, Bumgarner, Kingshill & Associates

Bruce Kingshill, representing Ray, Bumgarner, Kingshill and Associates attended the meeting to review the annual audit of the Town's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. This audit has been completed and submitted to the Local Government Commission. Mr. Kingshill said the Town is in good, sound financial shape even with the State's financial situation. There are other Towns which are not in such good shape. He said that Finance Director Eddie Caldwell, Town Manager Lee Galloway and Town Staff are always good to work with.

Mr. Kingshill said the Town's revenues in the General Fund have decreased this year because of the State's budget crisis. The ad valorem taxes are up approximately \$56,000, mainly due to the increased tax collection efforts by Tax Collector James Robertson. Ad valorem taxes are the largest revenue source the Town has. The 1/2¢ sales tax which goes into effect December 1, 2002 is projected to bring in \$190,000 during the first seven months. Manager Galloway said that only 79 Counties in North Carolina have adopted the 1/2¢ sales tax and the estimation may be based upon all Counties adopting this sales tax.

There have been increases in the Town's health insurance and more employees have been hired in the Recreation Department.

The Electric Department was not as profitable as last year. Although the Town has sold more

electricity, it has also cost the Town more. This can be attributed to higher line costs, higher demand costs, the rate decrease for small commercial accounts and uncertain fuel costs. With the newly executed contract with CP&L, the Town may be able to recoup some of this money. Bruce Kingshill pointed out that Towns which are electric cities historically have been able to keep lower tax rates for their citizens than non electric cities.

Water, sewer and electric funds all show positive cash flows from all activities. However, the sewer fund lost money, mainly due to the fact that it costs almost twice as much to treat sewage as it does to treat water. Mr. Kingshill said this is historically true in other towns also. Finance Director Eddie Caldwell said he has gone back as far as 1981 and since that time the Town has lost money on the sewer fund.

Mr. Kingshill said next year the figures will be larger, because of changes in the State Law which require additional information showing the values of streets, bridges, etc., owned by the Town.

The Board thanked Mr. Kingshill and his firm for their work.

Finance Director Eddie Caldwell handed out a breakdown of the cash available and the fund balance available for appropriation as of June 30, 2002. Mr. Caldwell said this information is not part of the audit report but a report intended for management and the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Caldwell for his information. No action was necessary.

#### Petition for Voluntary Annexation - Gardner - Wildcat Mountain Road

Bruce and Joanne Gardner have purchased several lots on Wildcat Mountain Road and wish to connect those lots to the Town's sewer system along Sanctuary Road. When the owner of a tract of property wishes to connect that property to Town sewer, they must petition for annexation.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 22-02)

#### Report on Petitions for Voluntary Annexation

At the meeting of November 12, the Board authorized the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of petitions for voluntary annexation as submitted by the owners of property at 2360 Russ Avenue, 1510 Asheville Road and 1115 Dellwood Road. Town Clerk McClure has conducted this investigation and found that all the petitions meet the requirements for annexation.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a resolution to set a public hearing date for comment on these annexations for December 10, 2002. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to table action on the voluntary annexation petition submitted by Waynesville Christian Fellowship. The motion carried

unanimously.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to amend the motion to set the public hearing date for December 10, 2002 and move that date until January 14, 2003. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 23-02)

#### Minor Subdivision - 2147 Russ Avenue - Ken and Marian Hobbie

Ken and Marian Hobbie own a 12.54 acre lot at 2147 Russ Avenue. They are subdividing the property to create a new, 1.898 acre lot which will accommodate the Haywood County Public Transit. Town staff recommends approval of the plat with the following condition:

- 1) Show sewer easement of record on revised plat.

Alderman Caldwell, moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minor subdivision plat as requested with the condition as recommended by Town Staff. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Meeting of December 24, 2002

Town Manager Galloway said traditionally, the Board has voted to cancel the second meeting during the month of December, and this year, that meeting date would be on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2002. It is recommended that the meeting be canceled.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to cancel the regular meeting of December 24, 2002. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Meeting With Representative Ray Rapp - December 18

Manager Galloway said Representative Ray Rapp of Mars Hill would like to meet with each Town and County in his district and would like to meet with Waynesville's Mayor and Board of Aldermen on Wednesday, December 18, 2002. Manager Galloway suggested that the Board meet at the Waynesville Country Club at noon for lunch and discuss issues which are important to Waynesville. It was the consensus of the Board that this special meeting be advertised.

#### Employee Appreciation Luncheon - Friday, December 13, 2002

Manager Galloway reminded the Board that the Employee Appreciation Luncheon is Friday, December 13, 2002 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center at 550 Vance Street.

#### Relocation of Electric Lines in Hazelwood

Manager Galloway said the Town has received a quote from CP&L of approximately \$130,000 to relocate the electric lines in the former downtown area of Hazelwood. Public Works Director Fred Baker is in the process of trying to get another quote for this work.

### Russ Avenue Traffic Lights

The Board discussed the newly installed traffic light on Russ Avenue for those exiting the By-Pass on Exit 102. It was noted that several requests had been made for the installation of a traffic light at K-Mart; however, DOT felt that the traffic light should be installed closer to the By-Pass.

Several months ago, a traffic light was installed by NCDOT at the Mauney Cove Road intersection with 276, and recently a traffic light was installed by NCDOT in Waynesville at the intersection of North Main Street and Walnut Street.

### Taxes Collected on Former Dayco Property

Finance Director Eddie Caldwell said the Town has now collected three years of back taxes totaling \$98,000 on the former Dayco Property which was recently purchased by the Haywood Advancement Foundation. The current year's taxes were not included in this collection.

### Adjournment

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

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Henry B. Foy  
Mayor