

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
AUGUST 26, 2003
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2003. 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 and Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2003

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2003 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Report Regarding Annexation Petition of Blossman Gas on Dellwood Road

On August 12, 2003, Blossman Gas submitted a petition requesting annexation of a 1.0814 acre tract of land located on the east side of Dellwood Road (U.S. Route 19). At that time, the Town Board passed a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. This has been done and Town Clerk Phyllis McClure has found the petition to meet the requirements of State law. The property owner desires sewer service and must petition for annexation. Several properties in this area have already been annexed and receive Town services.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a resolution to set the date for a public hearing on September 16, 2003. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 16-03)

Petitions for Voluntary Annexation

Haywood County Farm Bureau - 1520 Asheville Road

With the widening of the Asheville Road, the septic system of the Haywood County Farm Bureau was taken, and the facility must connect to the Town's wastewater collection system. The Town's ordinance also requires that a petition for annexation be submitted when requesting a connection to the Town's wastewater collection system.

Mr. Wade Francis contacted the Town as a representative of the Farm Bureau. He submitted the required petition but did so while emphasizing that the organization does not wish to be annexed. Manager Galloway explained to Mr. Francis that the Town Board had already authorized an annexation study of the area between the existing corporate limits and Ratcliff Cove Road and would eventually be annexed.

Late Friday afternoon another representative of Haywood County Farm Bureau, Mr. Kevin Cusack, asked that their petition for annexation be withdrawn. Originally they thought they had been connected to the Town's wastewater collection system. However, Haywood County Farm Bureau discovered that their septic system, which is now located underneath the pavement on the Asheville Highway, was still in use. No action was necessary. The annexation petition was withdrawn.

Francis Cove United Methodist Church - U.S. 276 and Crymes Cove Road

The Francis Cove United Methodist Church has experienced septic tank failure and applied for connection to the Town's wastewater collection system. Along with the application the Town's ordinance requires a petition for annexation. The Church has also indicated that they do not wish to be annexed.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to allow the Francis Cove United Methodist Church to connect to the Town's wastewater collection system and delay further action on the annexation petition. However, the Board would like to retain the right to annex the property at a later time. The motion carried unanimously.

Request of American Legion Parade on September 11

The American Legion Post will be holding a parade and ceremony to commemorate the sacrifices made during the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. Their request includes the closing of Main Street for the 11:00 a.m. parade from the area around Duvall's restaurant and the American Legion grounds on Legion Drive. There is to be a ceremony at the American Legion at noon that day.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the request by the American Legion for the parade and ceremony on September 11. The motion carried unanimously.

Draft Memorandum of Understanding - Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Metropolitan Planning Organization was created to deal with all transportation issues in the Asheville Metropolitan Area. Prior to this, Waynesville and Haywood County were not included in this Area; however, as a result of the 2000 census, the "urbanized" portions of Henderson and Haywood Counties and all the municipalities in those two counties were added to the Metropolitan Planning Organization that previously served only Buncombe County.

Former Planner Andrew Powell had been representing the Town at the meetings of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). One of the first steps has been the development of an operating agreement for all the different governments within the area to approve. This agreement has been hashed out in recent months, and we have now received the final draft of the document. Manager Galloway said that Andrew Powell and he discussed this agreement and Mr. Powell was satisfied with the document. It was suggested that the Board accept the agreement now or delay action until the meeting of September 16. The MPO hopes to have the document approved by all local governments and to present the final agreement to the Department of Transportation in October.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the draft memorandum of understanding for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Inadequate Space at Various Town Facilities

Alderman Kenneth Moore mentioned to Manager Galloway the need for more space at some of the Town's facilities, particularly in the Police Department. Alderman Moore said at that time, Manager Galloway pointed out to him several other departments in need of additional space. There was also discussion regarding where money would come from for this purpose. Alderman Brown asked if a facility study could be conducted to determine what the Town's needs are, including not only today's needs but those twenty years from now. Manager Galloway said several years ago, then Alderman Earl Clark pointed out that one of the best things Waynesville ever did was to purchase the Anderson Chevrolet building on Legion Drive for the Public Works Departments. At that time the Town had about one-half the number of vehicles that they have today and now there is equipment being stored outside the building because of the lack of space. Waynesville is growing and has grown over the past several years, in population and with the merger of Hazelwood with Waynesville in 1995.

The Board also discussed the difficulty experienced by the Fire Department when responding to fire calls from their present location on Main Street. Manager Galloway pointed out that Town Hall has a problem with storage and parking space. Parks and Recreation seem to be adequate since their new facility was completed.

It was the consensus of the Board that Town Manager Galloway be authorized to have a study of the Town's facilities conducted to present to the Board for their review at a later date. Manager Galloway said he would speak with Gene Dillman with the N. C. League of Municipalities to see if the League can recommend someone who does this type work.

Report Regarding Opening and Closing of Gravesites at Greenhill Cemetery

Manager Galloway said he has received information from the Manager List Serve regarding how other municipalities handle the opening and closing of gravesites for their cemeteries. Manager Galloway has also asked Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to gather additional information. This will be presented to the Board for their review at a later time. At the present time, the funeral homes handle opening and closing of the gravesites. However, the Town is considering the possibility of taking over this function. Mayor Foy felt that this would be a good way to add to the cemetery trust fund to ensure future maintenance of the cemetery, including the rock walls within the cemetery.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor