

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
MAY 25, 2004  
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2004. 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 Officer Eddie Caldwell and Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2004

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Continuation of Public Hearing - Amendments to Driveway Access Standards/Design

A public hearing was held at the meeting of May 11 regarding proposed amendments to driveway access standards and design. There was some clarification needed on the wording and the public hearing was continued until May 25.

Attorney Griffin opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

Roscoe Wells, 85 E. Marshall Street said he would like some clarification about building an additional driveway. His has a driveway on one side of his house, but it requires several steps to get in. Several years ago his wife had a serious accident and it may become more difficult for her to get around. He asked if it would be possible to construct another driveway on the other side of the house. Mr. Wells asked if the driveway is based on center line. Alderman Brown said the proposed amendment reads "inside edge to inside edge". Alderman Brown asked if there was any way to make the driveway circular. Mr. Wells said this would not be possible. Alderman Brown suggested that Town Staff review the measurement of center line to center line.

No one else spoke; Attorney Griffin closed the public hearing.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the amendments regarding driveway access standards and design as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 17-04)

Continued Public Comments on Conservation Easement for Allens Creek Watershed

Mib Medford, 99 Pisgah Drive, said she grows trees and when she wants something special to grow in her yard she goes up to higher elevations to get dirt which is 100 years old and undisturbed. Last year she got 15 native trees which were seedlings and planted them in native soil. She brought one to the meeting which was a Red Oak tree in a container of the dirt she used to show how much it had grown in one year without fertilizer. Ms. Medford said this is why the Board should protect the dirt at the watershed, to ensure that trees will always grow there.

Charles Miller, 727 Allens Creek Road, said he does not agree with Professor Peter Bates with Western Carolina University on a lot of issues, but he does agree with his suggestions to have a detailed Forest Management Plan done on the watershed with complete mapping, etc. Mr. Miller said if the Board plans to continue forward with the conservation easement it should allow a thorough public study and evaluation of the significant environmental impacts the proposal will have on the watershed in the twenty-first century. Currently there is not a list of endangered plants and animals and where they are in the watershed. Mr. Miller said the best way to accomplish this objective is through a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) following the guidelines of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) or the State of N. C. Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) or a combination of the guidelines of both acts.

No one else spoke; this item will be placed on the agenda of the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

#### Appointments/Reappointments on Boards and Commissions

There are several vacancies existing on various Boards and the terms of members of some Boards and Commissions are expiring. The Town recently advertised for citizens to submit their applications expressing their interest in serving.

#### Planning Board

The terms of Rex Feichter and Marty Prevost as members within the town limits will be expiring on May 31, 2004. Both have been very dedicated and conscientious members of the Planning Board and each has indicated their willingness to continue.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to reappoint Rex Feichter and Marty Prevost to serve three year terms on the Planning Board. These terms expire May 31, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

The term of Merel Painter as a member outside of the town will also expire on May 31, 2004, but Ms. Painter has expressed a desire to come off of the Board.

Jim Freeman, long time member of the Planning Board residing inside the town has submitted his resignation from the Board.

Alderman Brown said he had spoken with Don Stephenson who indicated that he was willing to

serve on the Board of Adjustment, and Mr. Stephenson said he would prefer to serve on the Planning Board. Alderman Brown nominated Don Stephenson, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to fill the unexpired term of Jim Freeman. This term expires May 31, 2005. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Henry Foy said the Haywood County Commissioners appointed Brooks Hale to fill the position of Merel Painter. This term expires May 31, 2007. No action was necessary.

Alderman Brown asked that thank you notes be sent to all those individuals who expressed interest in serving on the various Boards and Commissions. All applications will be kept on file for consideration of filling any open positions in the future.

### Board of Adjustment

At the present time, there exists a vacancy for a regular, in-town member. Gail Cross, one of the alternate members who lives inside Town, has indicated an interest in being appointed to a full member status should one occur.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to appoint Gail Cross as a regular inside member. This three year term expires May 31, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

The term of Jack Suddath as an alternate member inside the town will expire May 31, 2004. He has indicated a desire to be reappointed.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to reappoint Jack Suddath to serve a three year term to expire May 31, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

The term of John Richardson as a member outside the town will expire on May 31, 2004. Mr. Richardson has been a good and faithful member of this Board and it is recommended that his name be submitted to the Haywood County Commissioners with the request that he be reappointed to serve a three year term to expire May 31, 2007.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to recommend to the Haywood County Commissioners that John Richardson be reappointed to serve a three year term to expire May 31, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

With the appointment of Gail Cross as a regular inside member, a vacancy was created for an alternate member inside the Town.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Brown, to appoint Stephanie Welch Strickland as an alternate member inside Town to replace the vacancy left by Gail Cross. This unexpired term will expire on May 31, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

### Historic Preservation Commission

There has been a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission for some time. Another vacancy

was created with the resignation of Ron Fleenor who will be moving from the area.

Mayor Foy nominated Malinda Messer and Earl Lanning to fill the two vacancies. These unexpired three year terms will expire on January 31, 2006.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Brown, to appoint Malinda Messer and Earl Lanning as nominated. They will fill the remainder of the unexpired three year terms which will expire on January 31, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Philan Medford - Development in Communities

Philan Medford, 99 Pisgah Drive, Waynesville, said at the last meeting she addressed retail businesses. Next she would like to tackle images for other communities that have developed "Dayco type sites". Ms. Medford said there are many examples across the Country and over the years she has been tracking Winston-Salem where she went to school and worked.

Ms. Medford said in 1998 the Town brought Dan Burden in to look at the Waynesville area and speak about walkable communities. She thinks it is again time to bring in a speaker with images. Ms. Medford said Bob Brannon is working with her to help collaborate with the Downtown Waynesville Association. She asked for the Town's help in taking the Land Use Plan and Transportation Planning to the next level. She added that she is watching the Haywood Advancement Foundation and Economic Development Commission and she is looking at long term rather than short term. She said people should be pushed and exposed to collaborative ideas.

#### Helen Faulkner - "Beating a Dead Horse"

Helen Faulkner, Cypress Villa Lane, Waynesville attended the meeting and said she may be "beating a dead horse" but was told to come to the meeting to talk to the Board about the horse on top of the building which has been ordered to be taken down. She said Waynesville is a great place to live but she has seen disparity in the Town. She presented photographs of some areas on South Main Street which are eyesores with weeds, trash and junked motor vehicles. She said there was a hydraulic lift with a car on it that has been there for one and one-half years. She asked that some businesses be made to clean up rather than asking someone to take the beautiful horse statue down from the roof. Mayor Foy said the Town Board has been concerned about these issues for quite some time and has been working on many of these issues. Mayor Foy added that the situation of the horse statue to be removed from the roof of a business is because it is in violation of the Town's ordinances. He thanked Ms. Faulkner for coming to the meeting and voicing her concerns.

#### Roscoe Wells - Compliment to Town Manager Galloway

Roscoe Wells thanked and complimented Town Manager Galloway who Mr. Wells referred to as "First Responder". Mr. Wells said recently Manager Galloway and his wife found one of his neighbors lying in the street; she was suffering from a heart condition. Mr. Wells said that Manager Galloway and his wife managed to help his neighbor to safety, contact emergency help for her and take care of her dog. Mr. Wells added that he has been worried about his neighbor since her husband

was put in a nursing home and she has health problems. Manager Galloway said this is not a street they usually travel, but they just happened to be riding through this area of Town at the right time. Mr. Wells thanked Manager Galloway for his actions.

Continued Discussion on Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget

Manager Galloway said the Towns of Waynesville, Maggie Valley and Clyde are the only Towns in the MIT health insurance program in North Carolina which provide family coverage at no cost to the employee. Dental insurance is provided to employees at no cost to the employee. Family coverage is available at the employee's expense. Since the Board opted to have a \$500 deductible, the pay study will remain in the budget. The facilities study is currently underway and will be paid for partially out of the current year's budget and the remainder will be paid out of next year's budget. Manager Galloway said at some point the Town will probably need to have some cost sharing by employees on the insurance premiums.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Town has some of the best employees and the proposals for employee benefits reflect how much the Board appreciates its employees. Mayor Foy pointed out that by increasing the deductible for medical insurance from \$400 to \$500 the other proposed increases remain in the budget. These include a \$100 increase in the Christmas bonus, from \$300 to \$400 and a 3% cost of living adjustment.

Manager Galloway said the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 budget will be held on Monday, June 7.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Phyllis R. McClure  
Town Clerk

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Henry B. Foy  
Mayor