

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
AUGUST 23, 2005
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2005. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gavin Brown, Gary Caldwell, Kenneth Moore and Libba Feichter. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Acting Town Attorney Steve Ellis. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2005

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Member

The three year term of ABC Board Chairman Wilson C. Medford expired on August 15, 2005. Mr. Medford has served on this board for several years and has agreed to serve another three year term.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to reappoint Wilson C. Medford to serve another three year term, to expire August 15, 2008, on the ABC Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Amended Request to Close Wall Street for Haywood Animal Welfare Association Car Show

At the meeting of August 9, the Board approved the request of the Haywood Animal Welfare Association (HAWA) to close the lower parking lot on Wall Street for a car show. The hours of that event were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

The response to the car show has been overwhelming and HAWA has already run out of space on the lower parking lot. In addition, there is a need to run electricity from Talman's Building to the lower parking lot to provide services for the car show. HAWA has now requested that the Town Board approve a request to close a portion of Wall Street as well as the lower parking lot. The time is now expanded to a period of 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the same date of September 10, 2005.

DWA Executive Director Ron Huelster endorses the request from HAWA and notes that this period of the year has lighter traffic on Wall Street than does the summer and October.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the request by HAWA to amend the hours and close a portion of Wall Street as well as the lower parking lot as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding for Monitoring of the Conservation Easement on the Allens Creek Watershed

In October 2004, the Board approved two conservation easements on the Allens Creek Watershed supplying water to the Town of Waynesville water treatment plant. One of these conservation easements was for a 690.7 acre tract in a "forever wild" easement, and the other conservation easement was for a 7,339.8 acre tract in a working forest easement.

In approving these easements, the Board agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding which would allow the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) and the Conservation Trust of North Carolina (CTNC) to monitor the area to assure that the Town is not in violation of either of the two conservation easements.

Originally there were plans for the Town to provide the funds for the cost of monitoring the conservation easements, and this would require either a one time cost of \$52,000 or an annual cost of approximately \$2,200. The Clean Water Management Trust Fund had agreed to pay one half the \$50,000 cost of the survey on the Allens Creek Watershed. During the month of July, an agreement was struck that if the Town would forego the \$25,000 grant from CWMTF, the Clean Water Management Trust Fund would fund the permanent cost of monitoring these conservation easements. At their meeting in August, the Board of Directors of the CWMTF approved the agreement and will fund the permanent cost of monitoring.

Manager Galloway said a third party may be necessary in overseeing the agreement. However, the Town would have the right to approve this third party. On Page 3, the acreage of 7,339.8 acres was added for clarification. Also it was pointed out that the Water Plant was not located within the easement area.

Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conservation Trust of North Carolina, the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy and the Town of Waynesville for the monitoring of the two conservation easements on the Allens Creek Watershed. The motion carried with four in favor (Brown, Caldwell, Feichter and Foy) and one opposed (Moore). (Cont. No. 19-05)

Roscoe Wells - 85 E. Marshall Street - Speed Limit Violations

Roscoe Wells said there is a traffic problem in Waynesville which is getting out of control. Twenty mile per hour speed limits are not being enforced. Mr. Wells said in July his family's pet was killed by a brown truck going about 40 - 50 miles per hour in a 20 mph speed zone. The truck did not stop. During that same week three other animals were killed on the same street by excessive speeders. Mr. Wells said construction trucks were recently parked on the street which slowed traffic down. There are no sidewalks on East Marshall Street and a lot of people walk on

this street. Mr. Wells asked if the Town had a hand held radar device. If not, he asked if a price could be provided and indicated that he may be willing to purchase one. Mr. Wells said the Waynesville Police Department put a speed board on the street, however, it was located at the stop sign and the batteries went down while it was there.

There was discussion regarding speed limit violations. Alderman Feichter said this is a frustrating problem. Alderman Brown pointed out that there is a cost associated with enforcement. Mr. Wells said if ordinances can't be enforced they should be removed from the books. He asked what recourse citizens have and if information was available regarding how many speeding tickets have been issued during the past two years. Manager Galloway said this information is available.

Manager Galloway said at one time, the State of North Carolina funded the Click It Or Ticket program and another year the State funded the Booze It Or Lose It program. These funds are no longer provided for the Town. Currently there are four officers on any shift patrolling over 80 miles of streets in Waynesville.

Mr. Wells said it would also be good to ask that Town employees obey traffic regulations. He said the price for anyone who violates the speed limit should be high enough to get their attention. Alderman Brown said points on driver's license is pretty costly. Mr. Wells suggested that inverted speed bumps be installed, which would not interfere with the snow plow like other speed bumps.

Manager Galloway will speak with Police Chief Hollingsed regarding speed limit violations.

Alderman Moore - Water Pressure on Tarheel Drive

Alderman Moore said James Beck and Donnie Bryson on Tarheel Drive do not have any water pressure. They spoke with Assistant Public Works Director Robert Hyatt and were told that they may need to install a new water line. Mayor Foy said he had spoken with Donnie Bryson's wife and he indicated that their water pressure was better when they were connected to a water tank which was maintained by the Town of Hazelwood. Alderman Moore said the problem seems to be getting worse. Town Manager Galloway said he would talk with Robert Hyatt, but the problem could be deteriorating water lines.

Alderman Feichter - Report on Council of Government Highway Task Force

Alderman Feichter said she serves on the Council of Government Highway Task Force, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve. Alderman Feichter reported that they have completed their initial work and compiled a list of recommendations for the Transportation Improvement Program, which includes a continuation of what they had with some additional items. Letters of support have been requested for the items on the list. Additions include Chestnut Mountain Loop from 110 (some preliminary work has been done) and the Soco Gap Connector. One of the top priorities is South Main Street. One of the things Paul Benson spoke about at the last meeting was the drop offs on Walnut Street and how narrow this street is.

Alderman Feichter said this group has worked really hard. Rosemary Green with the Town of Canton has been wonderful to work with. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Recreation Memberships for Town of Waynesville Retirees

Alderman Caldwell asked if Retirees were entitled to free memberships to Waynesville's Recreation Center. Manager Galloway said letters will be sent to employees who have retired since the new Recreation Center was built. The free memberships are limited to retirees only.

Town Manager - Press Conference Regarding Conservation Easement

Manager Galloway said a press conference is planned for Monday, October 3 when the conservation easement will be celebrated. Plans are to use the Recreation Center van for transportation to the dam at the Watershed for this event.

Upcoming Events - NCLM Conference and Dinner With Progress Energy

Manager Galloway said the N. C. League of Municipalities Conference will be held on October 16 - 18 in Hickory.

Progress Energy invites the Board to dinner each year. This year's planned date is October 24.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Brown moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure, Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy, Mayor