

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
MARCH 13, 2007
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Members present were Mayor Henry Foy, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, Libba Feichter and Kenneth Moore. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure, Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin and Assistant to the Town Manager Alison Melnikova. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2007

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - Extension of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction - Addition of Plott Creek Neighborhood District

For many years, there has been an area known as Lloyd's Mountain that was a "no man's land". It was surrounded by the Town of Hazelwood for the most part, but that town chose not to annex the area into the corporate limits. After the merger of Hazelwood and Waynesville in July 1995, the Town of Waynesville did not annex the area either, and has made no effort to bring it within the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Recently, the owner of one lot on Lloyd's Mountain petitioned for annexation into the Town of Waynesville in order to connect the property to the Town's sewer system. While the annexation of that lot has been recommended by the Planning Department, that move would require that the single lot be placed into one of the Town's zoning districts. It appeared that it would be an appropriate time to bring the entire area of Lloyd's Mountain under the Town's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

This matter was advertised for public hearing as required by State Statutes and each of the property owners on Lloyd's Mountain received notice of the intent to place the lots into the Plott Creek Neighborhood District of the Town of Waynesville Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. The Lloyd's Mountain area abuts both the Plott Creek Neighborhood District and the Hyatt Creek Area Center. The Hyatt Creek Area Center is more commercial in nature than the Plott Creek Neighborhood District, and it was the feeling that the Lloyd Mountain area was more similar in character to the Plott Creek Neighborhood District. The Planning Board recommended that the Lloyd Mountain area be added to the Town's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and that the area be placed into the Plott Creek Neighborhood District.

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

Alderman Feichter said this would be a logical addition to the Plott Creek Neighborhood District. Alderman Moore said when he served as the Police Chief of Hazelwood the owner of this property approached the Town of Hazelwood to be annexed. At that time Hazelwood chose not to annex the area because it would be difficult to provide services due to steepness of the streets.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to amend Ordinance No. 1-93 extending the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction to include this area known as "Lloyd's Mountain" and to add the area to the Plott Creek Neighborhood District. (Ord. No. 7-07 & 8-07)

Consideration of Appointment to the Public Art Commission

There presently exists a vacancy on the Public Art Commission for a seat formerly held by Mr. George Escaravage. The term expires on May 31, 2008. During recent months, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure advertised for applicants interested in serving on any of the various Town Boards and Commissions.

There have been two applicants for the Public Art Commission. Ms. Chris Sylvester has been active in a number of projects which the Downtown Waynesville Association has coordinated or implemented. At the present time, Ms. Sylvester does not serve on any Town Board. Ms. Joanna Swanson is a current member of the Waynesville Community Appearance Commission and has been involved in other community projects.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to appoint Ms. Chris Sylvester to the Public Art Commission to fill the unexpired term of George Escaravage. This term expires on May 31, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments by Alderman Moore - Code Enforcement

Alderman Moore said the Town's inspectors are number one and he has received many favorable comments. Newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer Warren Putnam is doing a good job, and is straightforward in his dealings with the public.

Manager Galloway said Mr. Putnam has received good response from the people he has dealt with regarding code enforcement issues. He has worked in several areas in Waynesville regarding code enforcement including Frazier Street, Ray Street, Kerley Street and McElroy Street.

Alderman Feichter added that there is no substitute to "face to face" conferences with the public. No action was necessary.

Comments by Alderman Feichter - Parks and Recreation

Alderman Feichter said she recently had a conversation with a citizen about the changes being made in Parks and Recreation and the citizen was complimentary about how things were being handled. A recreation insert was published recently in The Mountaineer and the Board agreed that it was very nicely done. Manager Galloway said Parks and Recreation Director Rhett Langston calculated the amount of money currently being spent on occasional advertising and determined that this insert could be done for about the same cost.

Discussion Regarding Streets and Sanitation Services

Mayor Foy said he was contacted recently by a citizen requesting brush pickup for property located inside the corporate limits on a private road rather than a town maintained street. Manager Galloway said there could be issues with private roads since they may not be wide enough to accommodate Town vehicles. Alderman Moore asked if it would be possible to add a truck to pick up wood material and carpet and apply a separate charge for this pickup. Manager Galloway said these items would need to be hauled to White Oak and this would require a two hour drive. The Town currently does not offer pickup of wood and carpet. No action was taken.

Watershed Appreciation Month

Manager Galloway advised the Board that information will soon be available regarding Watershed Appreciation Month. Assistant to the Town Manager Alison Melnikova said during three weekends in April there will be presentations by Dr. Peter Bates and Dr. Jerry Miller with Western Carolina University and naturalist Don Hendershot. A presentation on the history of Quinlinton will be made by Christie Fulcher. Hikes in the watershed will also be available, providing a good opportunity for the public to visit and learn more about the watershed.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor