

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
JULY 24, 2007
TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. 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, Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin and Assistant to the Town Manager Alison Melnikova. Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Award Bid for Portion of Phase I Greenway Construction

The Town received a grant in 2000 from the Department of Transportation for the construction of a greenway. For a vast variety of reasons, this project has been delayed a number of times over the years. There were problems with the first engineering firm on the project, there were issues with crossings of streams between Lake Junaluska and Howell Mill Road, there were problems with the railroad as they refused access under their bridges, there were property owners unwilling to grant easements for the greenway, there were challenges with the reconstruction of the bridge and road on Route 19 near where the trail connects to Lake Junaluska.

When the hurdles were crossed or bypassed, the project went to bid, and the funds were short of the expected costs of the work. Mayor Foy and Tim Plowman of the Recreation Department went to work on finding additional funds for the work. With the help of Transportation Board Member Conrad Burrell, they were able to gain approval for \$82,500 from DOT Commissioner Lyndo Tippet. Then, working with Representative Ray Rapp and Senator Joe Sam Queen, they were able to secure an appropriation of \$41,250 from the State House of Representatives and \$41,250 from the State Senate toward the project. Now it is believed there are adequate funds from the earlier grant and these recent appropriations to see the project completed.

On Thursday, July 19, bids were opened in the Town Hall for the extension of the greenway from Highway 19 to Howell Mill Road. There were four bidders submitting proposals, and these bids ranged from a low of \$248,000 by B. Allen Construction of Candler to a high of \$321,500 by Wolfpen Associates of Waynesville. Engineers on the project are now evaluating those bids and tabulating the results, and they expect to have a written report and recommendation in advance of the Board meeting on Tuesday.

When the work is developed for the Howell Mill Road widening, a sidewalk should be included between the Asheville Road and the Town Park. This will tie the greenway into the existing greenway near the Recreation Center, creating a lengthy loop for which planning began a decade ago. The loop would extend from the Town Park, to North Main Street, along the Asheville

Road, to where it intersects with Howell Mill Road and then following Howell Mill Road back to the Town Park. The greenway plan actually extended the path from the Lake Junaluska Trail to Howell Mill Road, to the Town Park and then to Downtown Waynesville. That was later expanded to connect a trail to the High Tech Center and the Industrial Park. Long term, there is a plan to construct a greenway from the Blue Ridge Parkway to Lake Junaluska, but that will take years in the future to accomplish.

Tim Plowman, Program/Fitness Manager with Parks and Recreation, attended the meeting. Mr. Plowman said good references were received on the low bidder, B. Allen Construction, Inc., and this company has done work locally and in the Asheville area. Once approval has been received from Raleigh, work should begin in about two to three weeks and could be completed by as early as December 2007.

Mr. Plowman said although the task of completing the Town of Waynesville Greenway Trail System has been frustrating, Manager Galloway and Mayor Foy have made telephone calls, attended meetings, written letters and given support to ensure that this opportunity to add to the quality of life for the citizens of Waynesville was met. Mr. Plowman thanked Mayor Foy, the Board of Aldermen and Town Manager Galloway for all that they have done, adding that he did not know of any municipality that has a better team of leaders than the Town of Waynesville.

Mayor Foy said the Board also owes a big thanks to Conrad Burrell, NC Department of Transportation Board Member and to Tim Plowman for all their work on this project.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to award the bid to the low bidder, B. Allen Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$248,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Plowman introduced Michael Huffsteler, new employee with Parks and Recreation working at the Old Armory. Mr. Plowman said that Rebecca Boswell is another addition to Parks and Recreation.

Consideration of Reappointment Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

The three year term of Earl Clark on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will expire on August 15, 2007. Mr. Clark has been a good and faithful member of this Board and has indicated that he would be interested in reappointment to that body. Mayor Foy said Earl Clark is experienced in handling the firemen's funds and the Board stressed the value that Mr. Clark brings to this Board.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to reappoint Earl Clark to serve another three (3) year term on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This term will expire August 15, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report Regarding Annexation Set Public Hearing Date

At the Town Board meeting of June 12, 2007, the Town Board received petitions for annexation for two pieces of property north of Waynesville. One piece is owned by Darrell E. Schmidt and

is located at 2344 Russ Avenue. The second piece is owned by James and Sharon Miller and is located on what was once the site of the Junaluska School near U. S. Route 19. The property owned by Mr. Schmidt now houses a construction company, and the property owned by Mr. and Ms. Miller will be the site of Bojangles Restaurant, currently under construction.

At the meeting of June 12, 2007, the Town Board passed a resolution directing Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to investigate the sufficiency of the petitions for annexation. Ms. McClure has completed her investigation and found that the petitions met the requirements of state statutes.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to set the date of the public hearing regarding annexation for Tuesday, August 14, 2007. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 18-07)

Declare Surplus Property

Purchasing Supervisor Julie Grasty requested that a 1992 GMC Garbage Truck with 78,301 miles and a metal lathe be declared as surplus property and disposed of in the most financially beneficial manner for the Town. The metal lathe comes from the waste treatment plant.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Brown, to declare the 1992 GMC Garbage Truck and the metal lathe surplus property and authorize Purchasing Supervisor Julie Grasty to dispose of the property. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Closing of Waynesville License Plate Agency

Town Manager Galloway said the Waynesville License Plate Agency will be closing on July 26, 2007. Ms. Linda Cathey currently operates the Canton License Plate Agency and has expressed interest in closing that office and combining the Canton and Waynesville offices in a location close to Wal Mart in Clyde. Manager Galloway said he was contacted by the Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner's Office asking if the Town of Waynesville had interest in operating the office. The State likes to see these offices go to County or Municipal Government and would look favorably upon such an application. There is a possibility that the license plate agency could be housed at the Hazelwood Office and it was felt that the issue needed some investigation. Manager Galloway said he understood that payment is received from the State based on the number of transactions. Alderman Brown said some issues to be considered include capital expenses, setting up computers and training personnel. Board Members did not want to endorse an individual's application without knowing which other individuals might apply. Alderman Moore felt that it might be worth investigating. Manager Galloway said in the next few years, property taxes on motor vehicles will be paid when a license plate is purchased.

Manager Galloway said he asked Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Assistant to the Town Manager Alison Melnikova to place a question on the clerk and manager list serves to see if other towns operate license plate agencies, and if so to gather more information about this service. Canton Town Manager Bill Stamey will discuss this issue with his Board at their meeting tonight. A decision would need to be made soon so that Ms. Cathey can continue with her process of application to the State. No action was taken.

Town Manager's Report Regarding Garbage Trucks

Manager Galloway said the Town is considering changing from a side loading garbage truck to a front loading truck. Several members of Town Staff visited Pigeon Forge to look at their garbage trucks and learn more about the process. He said the visit was educational and informative and they got some ideas about prices. Pigeon Forge has not set a deadline for changing to the front loading trucks and it may be five to six years before their switch is complete. The Cities of Asheville, NC and Sevierville, Tennessee have garbage trucks that are referred to as "one-armed bandits" because it only takes one employee to drive the truck and pick up the garbage, however these are large trucks which would be difficult to use on narrow streets. Streets and Sanitation Superintendent Daryl Hannah is out of the office for a couple of weeks on a mission trip to Indonesia. Town staff will try to present a recommendation to the Board in a couple of months.

Pancake House Property

Town Clerk Phyllis McClure reported that another upset bid, in the amount of \$355,500.00 has been received on the sale of the Pancake House Property. This will be advertised and another ten (10) day period will begin in which others may upset this bid.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Henry B. Foy
Mayor