

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 21, 2008
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Members present were Mayor Gavin Brown, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, Elizabeth Feichter, Kenneth Moore and LeRoy Roberson. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure, Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin, Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova and Public Works Director Fred Baker. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of September 9 and 12, 2008

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the September 9 and 12, 2008 meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Amendment to Section 154.402 - Stormwater Management

Public Works Director Fred Baker attended the meeting to explain the amendment to Section 154.401 regarding stormwater management. Mr. Baker said the Town adopted stormwater management standards in the Land Development Standards in April 2003 prior to permanent rules being adopted by the State. When the Phase II Stormwater NPDES permit was issued in December 2005, it made these stormwater requirements mandatory within two (2) years. The illicit discharge requirements were carried forward essentially unchanged. However, the post-construction management program requirements are significantly expanded. The four page ordinance is now 24 pages. He said some of the additional components are boilerplate, some are required by the state for approval and some are based on recommendations from McGill Associates.

Last November, the Cleanwater Management Trust Fund provided a grant of \$50,000 for a \$60,000 effort for stormwater master planning. The first item of work was to review ordinances, regulations and policies of Waynesville and similar communities and the North Carolina model ordinance. This is the product of that work.

Key required additions:

- 1) Protect trout waters from temperature increases.
- 2) Require annual inspections so Best Management Practices (BMP) function as intended with a report to the Town.

Waynesville additions or innovations:

- 1) Add Low Impact Development (LID)
- 2) Change from 1” runoff to a 1-year 1-hour storm event (1.25”)
- 3) Areas designated as open space that are not or will not be disturbed, developed or

- redeveloped do not require stormwater runoff treatment.
- 4) 3 acre limit per BMP
 - 5) For redevelopment, provide water quality for 20% of impervious surface area.
 - 6) Uniform Watershed Analysis
 - 7) Operation & Maintenance Agreements

Mr. Baker said Haywood Waterways writes articles for the Town and distributes information to the public. Information regarding stormwater management is also placed in the Town's quarterly newsletter to help educate the public regarding stormwater.

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

Alderman Roberson moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter to approve the amendments to Section 154.402 Stormwater Management as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Ord. No. 25-08)

Dr. Peter Bates - Watershed Management Plan

For approximately three years, Dr. Peter Bates, Mr. Rob Lamb and their associates at Western Carolina University have been involved in the study of the watershed property and the preparation of a Forestry Management Plan for that watershed. As a part of this process, Dr. Bates has secured involvement of researchers at a number of other educational institutions to review and comment on the proposed plan. Throughout that time, Dr. Bates has worked with the Watershed Advisory Committee in the development of that plan.

Last spring, Dr. Bates appeared before the Town Board and presented the first draft of the Forestry Management Plan. The Plan was posted on the Town's web site for public review and scrutiny and copies have been available at the Town Hall for any citizen interested in reviewing the proposed plan. During the summer, two public forums were held at Town Hall in which citizens were invited to come and review the plan and ask questions about the findings and what is proposed. Dr. Bates said a survey was developed and posted on the Town's web site. Only thirteen responses were received. Three formal responses were received and two of those were solicited from Bruce Larson, Head of the Forest Resources Management Department in the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia and Dr. Jim Chamberlain with the U. S. Forest Service.

In September, the Town Board and the Watershed Advisory Board met in the Watershed with Dr. Bates and Rob Lamb to discuss the proposed plan and to see on the ground the problems that exist in the watershed. Dr. Bates pointed out the growth patterns of the white pines, the way those trees have crowded out each other leaving few limbs on the trunks and only plumes at the tops of the trees. In addition, those attending were able to observe the way the density of the trees is such that very little is growing on the forest floor.

Dr. Bates and Mr. Lamb attended the meeting to present the plan and answer questions. After the final draft is presented, it would be appropriate for the Board to review that document and then consider taking action on that plan at a later meeting.

Alderman Roberson asked about the Hemlocks in the watershed that have been damaged. Dr. Bates said at the present time there are no specific recommendations. His suggestion was to wait and see what ideas are out there, adding that many times Rhododendron will begin to grow in areas such as

this.

Manager Galloway said the Town recently entered into an agreement with Forest Stewards which is connected with Western Carolina University on an annual basis to monitor the watershed. Dr. Bates said Forest Stewards is a non profit affiliated with WCU and their board consists of WCU personnel.

Alderman Feichter said this has been a “quantum leap” when you look at how far we’ve come. The Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Bates, Rob Lamb and the staff of WCU for all the work they have done. Dr. Bates said this is a very “polarizing issue” and he commended the Board for going into this with open minds and being proactive in what they are doing.

Request of Hazelwood First Baptist Church to Close Virginia Avenue on October 31, 2008

A letter was received from Ms. Tasha Byrd, Children’s Minister at the Hazelwood Baptist Church, requesting that Virginia Avenue be closed between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2008. The purpose of this closure would be to provide a safe area and to eliminate through traffic on Virginia Avenue during the Church’s Fall Festival. The area on Virginia Avenue to be blocked would be between the intersection of Hazelwood Avenue and Virginia Avenue on the north and the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Virginia Avenue on the south.

The Hazelwood First Baptist Church has conducted their Fall Festival for several years and each year, they have requested that the Town Board approve closing the street during that Festival. We are not aware that there have been any problems due to the closing.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the request to close Virginia Avenue between the intersections of Kentucky Avenue and Virginia Avenue on Friday, October 31, 2008 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. as requested on Hazelwood First Baptist Church. The motion carried unanimously.

Request by Air Force Junior ROTC for Contribution

Tuscola’s Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) is hosting its Third Annual Veterans Day Fundraising Luncheon on November 8 from noon until 2:00 p.m. The purpose is to raise funds for Tuscola AFJROTC, and to provide a Veteran’s Day Tribute to the local veterans. AFJROTC representatives Jordan Brown, Cole Brown and Desiree Rachels attended the meeting to request that the Town of Waynesville sponsor a table. In their presentation they explained the program for that day as well as upcoming events including a Color Guard presentation on November 6, Flag Presentation on November 7, School Assembly on November 10 and Color Guard Presentation for Veterans Day on November 11. The cost for each table is eight hundred dollars and each table seats eight attendees.

Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to host one table (8 seats at \$100 each) totaling \$800 and that the seats at this table be made available to Town of Waynesville employees that are veterans to honor their service. The motion carried unanimously.

Attendance of 100 the Year Celebration of N. C. League of Municipalities

Manager Galloway said he, along with Mayor Brown, Alderman Feichter and Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova attended the 100th Anniversary conference of the North Carolina League

of Municipalities in Charlotte. The group attended several informative sessions at the conference, including a humorous economist speaker. Alderman Feichter said new officers were elected and the League appears to be in good hands. Manager Galloway said the League's 2009 calendar contains a photograph of Waynesville's new fire station for the month of February.

Certificate of Appreciation - Maple Street Group Home

Alderman Caldwell presented a certificate of appreciation presented by the ARC at a recent banquet to the Town of Waynesville for its contribution in the construction of the Maple Street Group Home.

Update on Frog Level Meetings

Alderman Caldwell reported that the meetings in Frog Level are going well. A cleanup day will be held on Saturday, November 1 beginning at 7:30 a.m. A request has been made to add gravel to the parking lot leased by the Town from Norfolk Southern Railway and a dead tree will be replaced by the Town's Horticulturist, Jonathan Yates. Two new businesses are moving to the area, a fitness center on Commerce Street and a pottery business on Depot Street. The Frog Level merchants and Longs Chapel Church, managing the Soup Kitchen are working well together.

Alderman Feichter said this is a good example of how people should be responsible for what they do and say.

Manager Galloway added that Police Chief Hollingsed is happy with how things are going. The Board expressed appreciation to Alderman Caldwell for his efforts in working the Frog Level merchants to help resolve some of the problems experienced in this area.

West Waynesville Area

Alderman Roberson said some of the residents in the West Waynesville area, especially at five points are beginning to experience traffic problems. Alderman Feichter said she was amazed at how efficient the traffic area is working at Hardees and the Hyatt Creek Road intersection. Manager Galloway said the Town will continue to look at this area.

Alderman Roberson said there is a lot of debris along the side of South Main Street, especially in the area of 1259 South Main Street. Manager Galloway said this is one of the areas that Waynesville got help from the inmates to pick up debris, but inmates are no longer allowed to pick up litter within five feet of the edge of pavement.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Gavin A. Brown
Mayor