

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 25, 2008
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Members present were Mayor Pro Tempore Gary Caldwell, Aldermen Elizabeth Feichter, Kenneth Moore and LeRoy Roberson. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure, Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin and Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova. Mayor Pro Tempore Gary Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of November 11, 2008

Alderman Roberson moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Appointments Public Art Commission

The Public Art Commission recently received the resignation of two of its members, Norretta Taylor and Sarah Kucharski. These two members have both been active participants in the work of the Commission, and the group is in high gear working on the location of two additional works of art. At present, the Commission is involved in the selection of works of art to be located at the new Town facility being constructed for the Police and Development Operations at the corner of South Main and East Streets.

There have been two applications received for the spots available on the Public Art Commission, one from Starr Hogan and one from Mieko Thomson. Starr Hogan's application revealed that she was raised in Boone, NC, traveling to other areas with experience in various art related projects. Ms. Hogan recently moved to Waynesville. Mieko Thomson has lived in the Waynesville area for several years, serving on various boards, including the Haywood County Arts Council and HART and participating in fund raising events.

Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Roberson to appoint Starr Hogan and Meiko Thomson to serve on the Public Art Commission. Their terms will expire May 31, 2010; at that time they will be eligible for reappointment to a full four year term. The motion carried unanimously.

Annexation Petition - .249 Acres at 2018 Dellwood Road Kevin and Melanie Sandefur

The Town received a petition from Kevin and Melanie Sandefur for the annexation of a .249 acre parcel of land at 2018 Dellwood Road which they own, just west and next to the Sunoco Oil gas station.

Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to adopt a resolution requesting that the town clerk investigate the sufficiency of the petition. The motion carried unanimously. (Res. No. 27-08)

Report by Town Manager Galloway Regarding Budget

Manager Galloway distributed copies of the audit report for the Board Members to review. The auditors will attend the next meeting on December 9.

Manager Galloway reported to Board Members that with the recent economic situation, all department heads have been asked to place 3% of their budget in reserve. The State of North Carolina was projecting a \$230,000,000 deficit for the current fiscal year. Since that time, the country's financial situation has worsened, and the State is now projecting a deficit estimated to be \$320,000,000. The State will probably see a decline in income taxes. Waynesville has seen a decline in Powell Bill Funds. Eight years ago Waynesville received \$400,000 in Powell Bill Funds and now only \$361,000 is received. At the same time the cost of concrete and paving has increased. Department heads are being asked to reserve 3% of their budget to make sure that Waynesville will be prepared if the economic situation does not improve. By March or April 2009 if the economy has improved, it may be possible for this money to be released. If the economy worsens, it may be necessary to go back to the department heads and request that they place another 2% or even 5% of their budgets in reserve. There was some concern that the level of services could be affected. Manager Galloway said at the present time services are not affected. Waynesville has made one change, picking up limbs and appliances on an alternating basis, with pickup every two weeks on these items rather than every week.

Manager Galloway said Waynesville is looking at a GPS system and may travel to Clemson to look at their system which is currently in place. He said with this system, when a driver travels on a road and sees an item to be picked up, he simply pushes a button on the system indicating what type item is to be picked up and the system prints a collection route for the next day. This system would save the Town money and be much more efficient. Manager Galloway said the price of fuel has come down and if it remains lower, the Town will save some money.

The new, larger front loading dumpsters are being put in place. Alderman Caldwell said the new larger dumpster at Cornerstone Printing has reduced the pickup from three times per week to only once per week. Manager Galloway said the goal is to have all dumpsters in place by July 1. The 180 larger dumpsters will replace the 240 smaller dumpsters. The front loading dumpsters only require one employee and the older side loading dumpsters required two employees.

No action was necessary.

Cancellation of December 23 Meeting

Traditionally the last meeting in December is cancelled. Alderman Moore moved, seconded by Alderman Feichter, to cancel the December 23 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ron Reid - Tourism Development Authority

Ron Reid, one of the Tourism Development Authority Board Members, reported that 150 applications have been received for the Executive Director position. The applications have been narrowed to 15, with interviews scheduled this week and next week to narrow the number further down to five. The five finalists will be asked to join the Tourism Development Authority at a meeting on December 17.

Mr. Reid added that there will be four board members to be appointed for the TDA. The Haywood County Commissioners will advertise for these positions. The one year term will expire at the end of 2008 for one of Waynesville's recommended appointments, Phyllis Prevost. Ms. Prevost has indicated that she would not be interested in reappointment. Mr. Reid said it is the recommendation of the TDA that current board member Ken Stahl, serving as a lodging owner of more than 20 units recently sold his motel, but lives inside the corporate limits of Waynesville and would qualify as Waynesville's representative on this board.

Alderman Feichter said it is important during times of transition to have stable people on a board and she felt that Ken Stahl serves well in that position and would be a good representative for Waynesville.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Feichter moved, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Gary Caldwell
Mayor Pro Tempore