

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN HALL – 9 SOUTH MAIN STREET
JULY 12, 2011
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Waynesville held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2011. Members present were Mayor Gavin Brown, Aldermen Gary Caldwell, J. Wells Greeley and LeRoy Roberson. Absent was Alderman Libba Feichter. Also present were Town Manager A. Lee Galloway, Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova, Town Clerk Phyllis McClure and Town Attorney Woodrow Griffin. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2011

Alderman Greeley moved, seconded by Alderman Caldwell, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mutual Assistance Agreement Towns of Canton and Waynesville

The building inspector for the Town of Canton retired and a new employee was appointed to that post. The new employee lacked some of the required certifications, so an agreement was worked out with the retired employee to oversee the new employee. That agreement came to an end and was not renewed.

The Town of Canton has requested that the Town of Waynesville enter a Mutual Assistance Agreement so that Waynesville's building inspector may assist the Canton inspector while he is working toward his certifications. This would mean assistance on an as needed basis when the Canton inspector has questions or feels there might be a need for a review of a project by someone with more experience. Manager Galloway said the Canton inspector is close to having the required certifications in some areas but there may be others where he needs more time. When he has his certifications, it is quite possible that Waynesville may find a need to call on him when one or both of Waynesville's inspectors are not available due to vacation or illness or other reason.

Building construction is slow at present and Waynesville's two inspectors have the extra time to assist the Canton inspector. Chief Codes Administrator Jason Rogers is in favor of providing the assistance Canton has requested. Manager Galloway said the Town of Waynesville has had a very cooperative relationship with the other municipalities in the county and it is felt this is just an expansion of that good relationship. It is not anticipated that this will be time consuming work and this agreement could be reassessed by the Board at a later time to consider continuation.

Alderman Roberson moved, seconded by Alderman Greeley, to authorize Mayor Brown to enter into the Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Town of Canton as proposed. The motion carried unanimously. (Cont. No. 10-11)

Livable Communities Initiative

Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova recently attended a meeting hosted by the Land of Sky Regional Council of Governments on the Livable Communities Initiative. Information was distributed to the Board, including an explanation of what it is and why the initiative is being pursued. This is an effort of cooperation and communications within the region and an effort to assess what is already in place and how to coordinate rather than duplicate. The project is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The work will go beyond local governments, with the effort to include businesses, non-profits and the general citizenry to be involved in this regional coordination on jobs, energy, housing, transportation, resources and other issues in which they are all connected.

A "Consortium Agreement" was also distributed to the Board that has been presented to each local government for consideration. The Agreement cites the goals of this effort which is projected to continue over a three year time frame. Those joining the Consortium now will be a part of recommending names for a 13 member steering committee which will oversee the effort as it proceeds over the three years. Assistant Town Manager Melnikova said a staff representative and someone from the community, possibly a business can be appointed by the board to serve. She added that a web site is available for the Livable Communities Initiative if board members wished to review it. It was noted that Waynesville is now part of the MSA, which is linked with Buncombe County.

Alderman Greeley moved, seconded by Alderman Roberson, to authorize Mayor Brown to enter into an agreement to join the Western North Carolina Livable Communities Consortium as proposed. The motion carried unanimously. (Cont. No. 11-11)

Update Regarding Municipal Building Renovations

Manager Galloway said renovations continue on the Municipal Building and progress is being made. The drive-thru window has been removed and brick will be salvaged from the back portion of the building to install in its place to match the existing brick. Before the brick can be removed, a large piece of metal will need to be replaced. A window will then be constructed to match the original window. The old paint is being removed from the windows and some painting has begun. No action was necessary.

Sales Tax Update

Manager Galloway said Finance Director Eddie Caldwell received the sales tax figures for April and reported an increase over last year. He added that the increase is not large, but seems to be headed in the right direction.

Cost of Living Increase

Manager Galloway said comments have been received from several employees and they are very grateful that the Board was able to include a cost of living increase in this fiscal year's budget.

Adjournment

With no further business, Alderman Caldwell moved, seconded by Alderman Greeley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis R. McClure
Town Clerk

Gavin A. Brown
Mayor