

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
JANUARY 13, 2009
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

ITEM 2. ROTC

Representatives of the ROTC from Tuscola High School have requested a brief time on the agenda Tuesday evening to present a certificate thanking the Town for the partial sponsorship of a dinner saluting military veterans.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION OF .249 ACRES LOCATED AT 2018 DELLWOOD ROAD - KEVIN AND MELANIE SANDEFUR

In recent months, the Board has received an annexation petition for a .249 acre tract of land located at 2018 Dellwood Road and owned by Kevin and Melanie Sandefur. When the petition was initially presented, the Board adopted a resolution directing Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to investigate the sufficiency of the petition. She found that the petition was sufficient in that it met all the requirements of state law pertaining to a satellite annexation. The Board then approved a resolution setting a public hearing date on the annexation petition, setting the date of the hearing for January 13, 2009.

This small parcel of land is located immediately west of the Sunoco Convenience Store and gas station on Dellwood Road and is shaded in red and marked "82" on the attached plat of the property in that area.

ITEM 4. RHETT LANGSTON, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION STATUS REPORT

Rhett Langston, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, has requested time on the agenda for several topics. He would like to give a report on the status of the skateboard park project, bringing the board up to date on fundraising activities. He also wants to advise the Board of a Part F Grant which might be a potential funding source for a portion of the costs of the skateboard park. He would need the Board's approval in order to submit the application for this grant.

Another issue Mr. Langston will undoubtedly discuss is the attendance figures for the 2008 calendar year. I am sure that he will also be discussing the revenues which the recreation program has produced thus far in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. I will not attempt to steal Rhett's thunder on these matters, but I believe the Town Board will be very pleased with the report.

ITEM 5. PAUL BENSON
 LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

During the summer of 2008, the Board received a report from Planning Director Paul Benson on his funding request in the 2008-2009 budget to hire a consultant to conduct a review and make revisions to the Town's Land Development Standards. At that time, Mr. Benson presented what was probably an overly optimistic schedule for the process. The request for proposals was prepared and distributed to a number of potential consultants in the region and during the early fall, a number of firms submitted proposals to conduct the work.

Five firms submitted proposals, and the Planning Staff along with others in administration reviewed the submittals. There was general agreement as to which firm had the most attractive proposal, but the cost quoted was well in excess of the funds which were budgeted for the work. In retrospect, the amount budgeted was a wild guess and as it turned out, well under the amounts proposed.

During the past month, Mr. Benson has been in negotiations with one of the firms, and Town Staff is scheduled to meet with a representative of that firm on the morning of Monday, January 12. It is hoped that as a result of that interview, Mr. Benson and Town Staff will feel comfortable in making a recommendation to the town Board at your meeting Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday, in addition to the recommendation, Mr. Benson will be on hand to discuss the process which should soon move forward for the review and revisions to the Land Development Standards.

ITEM 6. FRED BAKER
 EASEMENT FOR NEW ELECTRIC SUBSTATION CONNECTING LINES

For the past year, we have had much discussion about the new electrical substation currently under construction off Howell Mill Road, just north of the Ingles. Parts were ordered, piece by piece, it seemed, trying to have delivery of the new transformer, the steel, the electrical switches, and other apparatus in a timed manner.

As noted in the most recent status report, the substation is nearing completion, and the underground duct bank with the power lines has been installed between the substation and the Waynesville Plaza Shopping Center. At that point, the lines come out of the ground and go airborne, with some extending to the intersection of Walnut Street and Vance Street where the contractor will tie the new feeder lines into the existing system. The majority of this work has been bid and is nearly completed. There does remain a short span on the Able property just east of the Go Grocery where the lines must go to connect to the feeder at Walnut and Vance Street. In order to make this connection, the Town will need an easement across the Able property.

Public Works Director Fred Baker will be on hand Tuesday evening to explain the work done to date and the work which remains. He will explain the need for this easement on the Able property for which an appraisal has been performed.

ITEM 7. ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN

Each year, the Town of Waynesville must certify a roster of the firemen to the North Carolina State Fireman's Association. In order to be eligible for inclusion on this list, a firefighter must complete a certain number of hours in training and participate on a regular basis in activities of the department. A firefighter that maintains certification is eligible for the \$50,000 line-of-duty death benefit as well as credit in the Pension Fund which entitles the individual to a monthly benefit upon completion of 20 years service.

Each year, the Fire Chief must complete this report and it is presented to the town's governing body for their certification to the State. It is recommended that the Town Board certify this list of eligible firefighters to the State Fireman's Association.

This year, I would note that a number of new firefighters have been added to the department. Our department has lost several volunteers in the past year, and Chief Joey Webb and his department are working to add new volunteers so that the ranks are full. The Town has ten full time or paid fire fighter positions and allows 30 volunteer positions.