

**TOWN OF WOODFIN
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MAY 20, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Jerry VeHaun called the Meeting to order.

Invocation: Mayor Pro-Tem Maney led the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda: Alderman Angel made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented, Alderman Honeycutt seconded that motion. All voted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Pro-Tem Maney made a motion to accept the minutes, Alderman Angel seconded that motion. All voted unanimously.

Executive Session-The Board of Alderman will adjourn to the Conference Room for discussion of legal matters and personnel issues with the Town Attorney. Personnel and legal issues were discussed and no action was taken.

Alderman Angel made a motion to accept to adjourn to executive session, Alderman Giezentanner seconded that motion, all voted unanimously.

Public Forum-Mayor Vehaun asked if anyone had anything to present to the Board. Walt Brewer addressed some of his concerns with the proposed lighting ordinance. Catherine Bailey addressed the board over her property at 111 Farm Road. A date of August 19 was set for compliance on the property. Norman Ducker asked for an extension of time for a junked motor vehicle. Mr. Ducker was given until June 18 to comply.

New Business

- 1. Consideration of a proposed dark sky ordinance to limit light pollution and preserve quality of life.** Town Administrator, Jason Young addressed the board over a few minor changes to the proposed dark sky ordinance. Walt Brewer addressed the Board again over the dark sky ordinance. Bernie Arguiere spoke about shielded lighting and his previous experiences with other lighting ordinances in other municipalities. Russ Lindstrum also spoke about the lighting ordinance. Alderman Giezentanner voted in favor, and Alderman Angel seconded. All voted unanimously.
- 2. Resolution setting a date for a public hearing on the acceptance of certain roads into the municipal street system of the Town of Woodfin.** Alderman Angel voted to postpone the decision until June, Mayor Pro-Tem Maney seconded and all voted unanimously.
- 3. Consideration of a request for funds from the Rotary Club of Asheville.** Mayor Pro-Tem Maney motioned to approve, Alderman Giezentanner seconded and all voted unanimously.
- 4. Jason Young asked the Board to disperse some of the illegal money (\$17,000) that the police department has seized to equipment to be used by the department.** Mayor Pro-Tem Maney made a motion to accept, Alderman Angel seconded and all voted unanimously.

5. **General discussion on the upcoming 2008-09 fiscal year budget. Jason Young informed the Board that no changes in the tax rate would be necessary. Jason Young and Police Chief, Brett Holloman addressed the Board over an improvement to the Police Departments communication system through Buncombe County. The total cost of the system would be approximately \$43,000. Figures for the skate park were estimated at 36 to 38 thousand dollars for developing a new site with that figure falling to 15 thousand dollars for using the existing paved lot at South Woodfin Park. Moving the recycling pick up to a weekly schedule was discussed. The issue regarding a municipal wi-fi mesh system will not be ready prior to the passing of the budget. 523 million dollars of personal property is approximate to the Town's tax base. Woodfin's real estate value has more than doubled over the previous five years and surpassed Weaverville.**
6. **Resolution establishing a date for a budget meeting on June 3rd. Alderman Angel made a motion to accept, Alderman Honeycutt seconded and all voted unanimously.**
7. **Jason Young announced to the Board the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board by the departure of Lia Maltry. The Mayor proposed the addition of Kenneth Razza to fill that vacancy. Alderman Jim Angel motioned to accept, Alderman Giezentanner seconded and all voted unanimously.**

Reports

1. **Police: Police Chief, Brett Holloman gave the Board the numbers from the police department for the month of April and spoke of some voluntary fuel reservations.**
2. **Parks & Recreation: Mayor Pro-Tem Maney spoke about the Town's summer program and new plantings at the River Park and South Woodfin Park.**
3. **Public Works: Jason Young presented to the Board the numbers from the public works department for the month of April.**
4. **ABC: Jason Young presented to the Board the numbers from the ABC Store for the month of April and announced that the store has surpassed two million dollars in sells in ten months of operation.**
5. **Administration: Jason Young spoke to the Board over various activities of the Town.**

Adjournment

Alderman Angel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Giezentanner seconded that motion, all voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

