

Minutes of Town of Woodfin Board of Alderman

Regular Meeting of April 18, 2017

Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

Be it remembered: That the Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Woodfin Town Hall Boardroom, Woodfin, North Carolina at 6:30 pm. The following town business was conducted:

Mayor Jerry Vehaun , called the pre-meeting to order at 6:38p.m. with the following board members present:

Jackie Bryson

Donald Honeycutt

Donald Hensley

Ronnie Lunsford

Jim Angel

Debbie Giezentanner

The agenda was read by Mayor Jerry Vehaun and approved with one recommended change. Alderman Hensley suggested postponing the reappointment of the ABC Board Members. This suggestion was noted and addressed in the meeting. Pre-meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Mayor Jerry Vehaun called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

The Invocation was led by Alderman Bryson.

Approval of the agenda - Motion was made by Alderman Jim Angel and seconded by Alderman Debbie Giezentanner. All votes affirmative.

Approval of the minutes – Motion was made by Alderman Don Hensley and seconded by Alderman Ronnie Lunsford. All votes affirmative.

PUBLIC HEARING

Elenor Floyd spoke about an update on the status of the short term rental operation located on Audubon Drive.

Sarah Queen (305 Weaverville Road) stated that there had been 5 accidents in from of her property and she is concerned with speed and safety.

Mayor Vehaun and Town Administrator, Jason Young responded that they have reached out DOT in regards to her concerns.

Mark Gulliver expressed his deep disappointment with the Planning and Zoning Board over their recent Conditional Use approval. States that notices were not made. Jason Young corrects this statement and explains exactly how notices were made.

Jackie Wellons stated that the Planning and Zoning Board identified themselves reluctantly at last night's meeting.

Sue Gulliver expressed concerns over traffic on Baird Cove Road.

Cynthia Perkins (Sunny Ridge) asks the Board to consider how the character of the neighborhood will be impacted by the recently approved project. She wants to know how to fight back against the developer.

Author Lewis (26 Finch Drive) – states a lack of transparency in the zoning changes.

Steve Worthing (34 Finch Drive) – states that he is against the Baird Cove Project.

Oliver Blakinship- suggest not using facebook as a primary advertising means. Also asked about utility confirmations.

Alderman Hensley explains that this board is not responsible for fire or water control and decision making. Additionally, Baird Cove is a state road and hence subject to NCDOT review and decision making.

Public Hearing Closed 8:22

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution Appointing a Town Clerk (Ben Dannemiller).

A motion was made by Alderman Giezentanner and seconded by Jackie Bryson. All Votes affirmative.

2. Discussion of a Contract for the Purchase of Real Estate Located along Riverside Drive.

3. Consideration of a Motion on the Proposed Purchase of real estate located along Riverside Drive.

A motion to approve the purchase was made by Alderman Ronnie Lunsford and Seconded by Alderman Giezentanner. All votes affirmative .

4. Consideration of a Motion to Re-appoint the Members of the Woodfin ABC Commission to their respective Positions.

****Alderman Hensly suggest we postpone the Re-appointment to allow time to review other potential candidates. A motion was made to extend the current members terms for 90 days to allow for additional review of applications.**

A motion was made by Alderman Hensley and Seconded by Alderman Lunsford. All votes affirmative.

5. Discussion of a Proposed Site Plan for Silver-Line Park.

6. Consideration of a Motion to Accept the Proposed Site Plan for Silver-Line Park.

A Motion to approve the Silver-Line Park Site Plan as presented was made by Alderman Giezentanner and Seconded by Alderman Angel. All votes affirmative.

7. Discussion of a Proposal to Submit a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant to the State of North Carolina to Assist in the Construction of Silver-Line Park. (Grant was presented by Jason Young).

8. Consideration of a Motion to Submit a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant to the State of North Carolina to Assist in the Construction of Silver-Line Park.

A Motion to submit a Grant Request to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund was made by Alderman Giezentanner and Seconded by Alderman Bryson. All Votes affirmative.

9. Consideration of a Motion to Establish a Date for a Budget Retreat.

A motion was made by Alderman Giezentanner to set the Budget Retreat for Tuesday, May 9th. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Bryson.

Reports

Police: Lt. Mike Dykes gave report.

Storm Water: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. There has been very little rain. Public Works have been working to mitigate issues on Sunny Ridge Drive.

ABC: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. Cash on hand amounts will be emailed to the Board.

Public Works: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. Review of totals for March. Mentions that the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program is back up and running.

Administration: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. He attended a meeting today with Buncombe County to attain additional funds for the Greenway project. There are also a number of residential and commercial projects in progress.

Adjournment of regular session: 9:08pm. Motion made by Alderman Jim Angel and seconded by Alderman Donald Honeycutt. Motion carried.

Executive Session – The Board of Alderman will adjourn to private chambers to discuss legal, personnel, contractual or similar matters protected by the state statute.

Executive Session opened at 9:10 pm

Barry Lawson of Curbside Management presented his proposal for bringing his property up to code compliance. The proposal addressed a number of the Board's concerns (appearance, interior containment, noise pollution, and eliminating the drop-off station). Mr. Lawson stated a projected November 2017 completion date for all renovations. The plan also calls for additional equipment that would allow Curbside to increase its capacity by nearly 50%.

Town Administrator, Jason Young suggests writing an ordinance that requires all new apartment complex developments to provide recycling means for their tenants.

Alderman Lunsford – will he have to re-visit his Conditional Use Permit? Have you (Barry Lawson) been to Buncombe County Plan Review Yet?

Town Administrator, Jason Young – suggests a vote on allowing Mr. Lawson to move forward with his plans for Curbside Management.

All Board Members voted in favor.

Town Administrator, Jason Young brought to the attention of the Board the fact that The French Broad River Academy is looking to relocate their girls school to the riverside corridor of Woodfin. He brought up their inquiry to locate in the newly acquired doggie daycare building and suggested that this is likely a bad idea.

Executive Session closed at 9:50 PM with a Motion made by Alderman Jim Angel and seconded by Alderman Jackie Bryson. Motion carried