

Minutes of Town of Woodfin Board of Alderman

Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019

Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Be it remembered: That the Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 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 6:32 p.m. with the following board members present:

Jackie Bryson

Jim Angel

Donald Hensley

Ronnie Lunsford

Debbie Giezentanner

Donald Honeycutt

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerry VeHaun at 6:42 p.m.

The Invocation was led by Alderman Honeycutt.

Approval of the Agenda –A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Vice Mayor Giezentanner and seconded by Alderman Lunsford. All in favor.

Approval of the Minutes –A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Alderman Hensley and seconded by Alderman Bryson. All in favor.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open/ 6:42pm Close/ 6:57pm

Mayor Jerry Vahaun- Opened the floor for discussion of matters of concern to the public.

Danny Wright-(Ingle Road) – Discussed with Board ongoing problems with water on Ingle Road. Cost of installation of new water line is estimated at \$275,000. Asking Board for assistance in funding project.

Alderman Hensley- How many houses on this water line?

Danny Wright- Approximately 50 to 75 houses, and the new line would run 8/10 of a mile.

Hensley- Requesting more accurate count of houses affected.

Mayor Jerry Vehaun- Suggested funding may be available from Buncombe County.

Walt Brewer-(Sunny Ridge)- Discussed with board problems occurring with Bears in his Community. Most recently Bears have broken into cars, and homes. Mr. Brewer requested use of Boardroom to have a Biologist come and talk to the residents of Woodfin on how to live peacefully with these bears.

Alderman Hensley- Although bear proof trash cans are costly, government sourced programs might be able to help provide trash cans.

Jason Young-(Administrator)- There is a local ordinance prohibiting items such as bird feeders, that tend to attract bears.

Michelle Soleol-(North Point Commons Apts.)-Inquired on what is being constructed below her apartment complex. No signage visible.

Jason Young- Suggested a meeting with Town Planner, Michael Saunders, to discuss project.

Michael Saunders- (Planner)- Will check into what is being constructed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Striking and Replacing the Town of Woodfin Code of Ordinance with an Updated and Recodified Version.

Jason Young explained to Board plans to replace old Ordinance code with simplified version, and to make available on Town website. Motion 1 was made Vice Mayor Giezentanner to replace code. Motion 2 was made by Alderman Hensley. All in favor.

2. Consideration of a Resolution Declaring Certain Equipment to be Surplus and Allowing Staff to to Dispose of Said Equipment in a Manner Consistent with State Law.

Jason Young requests Board allow Town to sell a 2009 Dodge Charger, and 2011 Jeep Patriot on Gov. Deals website. Alderman Hensley questioned percentage of money Gov. Deals retains from sale of equipment. Jason explained Gov. Deals keeps 3% of money from sale, and town typically receives a good return on sale of equipment. Motion1 was made by Alderman Angel to sale vehicles on Gov Deals. Motion 2 was made by Alderman Hensley. All in favor.

3. Consideration of a Motion Appointing a Member or Members to the Town Of Woodfin Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

There are four applicants are being considered by the Board for the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Alderman Hensley made a motion to table nomination till next month. Motion 2 was Made by Vice Mayor Giezentanner. All in favor.

4. Consideration of a Resolution Changing the Office Hours at Woodfin Town Hall.

Mayor Jerry Vehaun and Board are requesting change to administrative staff hours to a five day work week. Motion1 was made by Vice Mayor Giezentanner. Motion 2 was made by Alderman Lunsford. All in favor.

Reports:

Police- Lt. Chris Ammons presented monthly totals. The Town has added New K-9 unit and evidence custodian to the Police dept.. Lt. Ammons also reported a slight increase in car break- ins, and construction site robberies.

Public Works- Jason Young reviewed totals sent electronically. Land fill has been cleaned. Verde Drive to be paved Sept. 23rd. Reported progress of 80 Weaverville Hwy.

Storm Water Report- Jason Young discussed overflow prevention at Silverline Park. Buncombe County plans inspection of Beaverdam Creek.

ABC- Jason Young Reported totals sent electronically. Reported that sales are up for month.

Administration- Jason Young reported. 18% of budget has been used for the year. Of these funds a majority was allocated to Police Department. Mayor Jerry Vehaun expressed concern that Police Dept. will exceed their budget for the year, There has also been more interest in Community Center rentals for the month. Jason Young also discussed upcoming events happening in the Town. **Community Night- October 5, 2019 2pm, Catch The Wave- October 2, 2019 5:30pm, Presentation by Equinox, and Discussion of Silverline Park Design Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:30pm-8:30pm.** In addition there has been interest In Chris Petersons property which consists of 89.7acres of land.

A motion was made to go to closed session by Alderman Hensley and seconded by Alderman Lunsford at 7:27pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: open 7:39pm/close 8:16pm

- The Board had further discussion of Gillian Humphries farm located at 91 Wolf Park Circle. Town Attorney, Joe Ferikes visited property and found no issues with farm, and suggested that Town have no further involvement with issue. Property owners will need to seek personal council to continue with Civil Suit.
- Mr. Ferikes stated verbage will be changed on contract with waste-pro site and gave the go ahead to proceed with Phase 2.
- Alderman Hensley and Alderman Lunsford visited area considered wet-land .Discussed condition of property and suggested water might be coming from Spring or creek run-off. They also suggested that a track hoe might be able to clear out clogged pipe. Jason Young to meet with contractor.

A motion was made to go back into open session by Alderman Angel and seconded by Alderman Hensley at 8:16pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17pm