

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

Mayor: Danny Ritchie
Alderman: Carroll Franklin
Alderman: Benny Orders
Alderman: Terry Yount

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:

Alderman: Richard Propst

Others present:

Town Manager: Sherri Bradshaw
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula
Attorney: Rod Willcox

Mayor Ritchie opened the meeting with Alderman Orders leading in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: The Council voted unanimously to approve the July minutes by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Pinewood Drive – Street Name Change – The residents of Pinewood Drive met on July 25, 2016 to discuss the name change of their street because of the conflict of having a street by the same name in Morganton. The residents that were present agreed to change the name to Pinewood Avenue. Alderman Yount shared his concern of using Avenue. He stated that Avenue was usually tied to longer streets and Pinewood is a very short street so he suggested the name change be Pinewood Court. The Council voted unanimously to change the name from Pinewood Drive to Pinewood Court by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders. A resolution is attached as part of minutes.

Drexel Fair Proclamation – Mayor Ritchie requested a proclamation supporting the Drexel Community Fair. He stated the Fair Board and other volunteers spends countless hours of personal time throughout the year in preparation of the annual fair. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Orders to adopt the proclamation of support for the Drexel Fair Board and all involved during the 67th annual Drexel Community Fair and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Ritchie will read the proclamation during the opening ceremonies on the first night of the fair. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of the minutes.

Tax Collector Charge – The Council voted unanimously to charge Chelsea Carswell with collecting taxes for the 2016-2017 Tax Year by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Yount. A copy of the charge is attached as part of the minutes.

Zoning Text Amendment – The Planning & Zoning Board met on July 26th to discuss the request to allow home daycares in the B-2 General business zoning at 3199 US 70 East. The Planning & Zoning Board recommends the Zoning Ordinance text be revised to allow home occupations in the B-2 General zoning district. The board's recommendation also includes allowing daycares in this district. The Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board to revise the zoning ordinance to allow home occupations and daycares

within the B-2 General Business district by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Franklin. The Council unanimously voted to call a public hearing for the September 6th meeting by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Yount to allow citizens to attend and voice any concerns to this zoning ordinance change.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Financial and Tax reports for the month of July, 2016. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

Tax Releases – A motion was made by Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Orders to release 2014, 2015 and 2016 personal property taxes for Bobby Helms and the vote was unanimous. This was an error on the County's part because he has not lived in Drexel for the above-mentioned years.

Chargers Update – Lowell Summey updated the Council on the Chargers. Football signups are still active.

Recreation Department – Lisa Butler was present to update Council on ROH Center activities. Recreation revenues for the month were \$791.00. Volleyball signups are slow but have picked up some. The gym floor will be redone the week of the fair.

Police Report – Chief Treadway reviewed the report for the month. No issues to report at this time. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

Attorney Report – No issues to report at this time.

Miscellaneous

- Drexel Fair is August 8-13, 2016.
- Alderman Franklin would like for the Town to consider contributing to the VEDIC, a loan program for new businesses.

Closed Session – The Council entered into closed session at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters per G.S.143-318.11(a)(1) by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Orders. The Council returned to regular meeting at 7:29 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Recreation Department – A motion was made by Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Yount to hire Tim Rhoney for a one year term as a part-time recreation director and the vote was unanimous.

Some discussion was made on the disposition of the R.O. Huffman Center. Alderman Yount is concerned about the future finances of the center once the funds due from the County have expired. Alderman Yount stated he is in favor of renovating the field house. The Council is in agreement that a Master Plan will be needed to lay out the future plans for the center.

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

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