

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

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

Others present:

Attorney: Jonathan Jones
Town Manager: Sherri Bradshaw
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula

Alderman Orders opened the meeting with prayer

Approval of Minutes – The Council approved the previous minutes for the month of April by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders and the vote was unanimous.

Petitions and Communications – Phyllis Garrison, a resident of Drexel was present to discuss an interest she has in potentially starting a community theater in Drexel. She says that it has been a dream of hers for many years to revive the production of Camelot that was performed so many years ago at the R.O. Huffman Center and the idea of getting the Drexel community involved in this kind of thing would be great for our Town. She has spoke with various residents of Drexel and has had positive feedback on this idea. She states that she is aware that this will involve a lot of work and many questions will have to be addressed but she suggests that a committee be put together to discuss what it would involve to start up a community theater. Some issues to discuss would be equipment, seating, lighting, sponsors, royalties, fundraising and cost estimates. The Board asked that she go forward in organizing a committee and discuss these issues and report back to the Town Board.

Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project Update - R J Mozeley, with McGill and Associates was present to update the Board on the status of the sewer pump station replacement project. He states we are about a month ahead of schedule in the process and an Agreement for Engineering Services was presented for the Board to approve at this time. Attorney Jones asked that some changes be made to the report in sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.3 before it is signed by Town. Mr. Mozeley agreed to make these changes and bring by the Town for signatures. He states that the next deadline is Decemeber 2nd of this year to submit the engineering report. The Council approved the Engineering Services Agreement with above mentioned changes by a motion from Alderman Ritchie, seconded by Alderman Orders and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the agreement is attached as part of the minutes.

Burke Cooperative Water Board Appointment – The Council voted unanimously to appoint Manager Sherri Bradshaw to the Burke Cooperative Water Board by a motion from Alderman Ritchie, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Resolution Regarding Team Participation in Burke County Recreation League From Drexel/Hallyburton Elementary School District - Attorney Jones presented the resolution to the Board for adoption. The resolution addresses the request from the County that the Town select one team to represent the Drexel district in the Burke County Recreation League. The resolution states that the Town recommends that both teams be allowed to play in the league because each team has been successful and have not had any problems with playing in the Burke County Recreation League. He states that the Town geographical area doesn't just include the town limits but outside the town also. The teams have more players than they ever have in the past. Attorney Jones says the two teams have the right to their own choices on which team they would like to play on. A motion was made by Alderman Ritchie, seconded by Alderman Franklin to adopt the Burke County resolution and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the resolution is attached as part of the minutes.

Annual Certification of Firemen – The Board approved the 2012 Annual Certification of Firemen by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Yount and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the certification is attached as part of the minutes.

Resolution Supporting the Preservation of Affordable Financing Through Tax-Exempt Financing - ElectriCities has asked that the municipalities support the resolution which states that we oppose any and all efforts to eliminate or limit the federal tax exemption on interest earned from municipal bonds. A motion was made by Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Ritchie to adopt the above mentioned resolution and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the resolution is attached as part of the minutes.

3826 Castle Drive Energy Audit - Wilt and Vivian Birchfield approached the Board earlier in the year and asked to be released from the Drexel Electric System and the Board refused this request but agreed to have an energy audit done on their home. Electricities did the energy audit and it was found to be in good shape considering the age of the home. Electricities gave them some suggestions on making their home more energy efficient. With the information gathered from the energy audit, the Council voted unanimously by a motion from Alderman Ritchie, seconded by Alderman Yount to deny the request for the Birchfield's to be released from Drexel Electric System.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Police, Tax and Financial reports for the month of April, 2013. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

Attorney Reports - Attorney Jones updated the Council on the status of the lawsuit between Drexel and Burke County. He stated the County has to file a response by next week. He says that if the County does not agree to a settlement in the case then the lawsuit will go to trial.

Board Meeting Changes – Manager Bradshaw requested that a special meeting be called on May 30, 2013 to present the proposed 2013-2014 Budget. She also requested the June 4th meeting be rescheduled until June 18th to adopt the 2013-2014 Budget. The Council voted to approve the special called meeting and the June rescheduled meeting by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin and the vote was unanimous.

Miscellaneous –

- Drexel Properties – Dick McCall was present and asked if the Council would look further into the clean up efforts on the Drexel Property. He says he thinks they are still filling in the hole with debris that contains paint materials. He would like for EPA to investigate this further. Manager Bradshaw said she would contact EPA.
- NCLM District Days – Manager Bradshaw suggested that we attend the District Days meeting in Raleigh and be represented on behalf of Drexel on June 4, 2013. The NCLM District Days is a coordinated effort to have regional groups of mayors, managers and municipal leadership in town visiting with legislators, attending committee meetings and the House and Senate sessions.

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

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