



**Town of Fairview
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2015**

The following Council members were present: Mayor Elizabeth Long, John Biggers, Jerry Clontz, Bradley Purser, and Phil Thomas.

Others present: Joe McCollum, Town Attorney; Darrell Baucom, Financial Officer, Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator / Town Clerk and Teresa Gregorius, Deputy Clerk

Agenda Changes

Mayor Long requested adding a Turning Point Proclamation regarding domestic violence month. This would be 4/D on the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

Jerry Clontz made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Public Comments

None

Reports

- a) Darrell Baucom gave the financial report.

John Biggers suggested that an additional line item be added to the budget as a way to track park non-reimbursable costs.

Mayor Long questioned how many payments are left for the new fire truck? Mr. Baucom said there will one more payment. Bradley Purser stated that the final payment would include costs of several extra costs for items that the fire department added to the truck and stated the fire department will be absorbing those extra costs. Mayor Long asked if there was a photo of the fire truck. Mr. Purser said he would forward photos to Mr. Humphries for distribution to Council.

- b) Ed Humphries gave the Land Use Report.

John Biggers questioned what the Fairview School permit was for? Mr. Humphries stated that they were building a playground shade shelter. A construction company is building one at most of the schools in Union County.

Mayor Long questioned the reason for delaying the text amendment at last month's meeting. Mr. Humphries stated that Phil Thomas had questioned the clarity of the verbiage matching in selected sections of the amendment. The amendment was postponed so that Attorney Joe McCollum could review the verbiage. The changes will be presented to the Planning Board at their October meeting and will then be re-advertised for the November Council agenda.

- c) Jerry Clontz gave the Park and Recreation report.

Mr. Clontz stated that in the near future he will be providing the Council with the park rules that the committee has composed for review.

- d) John Biggers gave the CRTPO report.

Mr. Biggers stated that he did not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment but caught up with what was discussed at the meeting. The committee is starting the process for the TIP amendments for projects for 2018 to 2027. The committee has established a sub-committee to select where the bonus allocation funds from the I-77 hot lanes will go.

Mayor Long asked if any mention of House Bill 927 – Reestablishing NC as a “Good Road State” was made at the CRTPO meeting. Mr. Biggers said he would check into it.

Mayor Long stated that another lawsuit had been filed regarding the Monroe Bypass.

- e) Tony Helms gave the Monroe/Union County Economic Development Committee report.

Mr. Helms stated that the state approved some business tax incentives in the budget but it has not been determined exactly what they are at this time. There was a discussion regarding helping to attract small businesses to Union County. Chris Platte and the committee concentrate on big businesses but the Chamber of Commerce and the community college has programs to help small businesses.

Items of Business

- A. Approve Park Groundbreaking Ceremony Expense

Jerry Clontz presented the expenses needed for the groundbreaking ceremony in the amount of \$1,715.00. (See Exhibit A)

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve \$1,715.00 in expenses for the park groundbreaking ceremony. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Mayor Long questioned Mr. Clontz regarding the status of the park driveway entrance. As of the time of the meeting, Mr. Clontz had not had an opportunity to contact Jeff Ashbaugh/Alfred Benesch to get an update.

B. Approve Contract from N-Focus for Planning & Zoning Training in the amount of \$825.00

Ed Humphries stated that Councilman Phil Thomas requested at the September meeting that he check into securing someone to conduct a training session for the Planning Board members. The contract from N-Focus for the training session is \$825.00 and plans are for the session to be during the November Planning Board meeting time. The session will be approximately 2-2 ½ hours with a dinner break.

Questions were raised regarding getting quotes if over \$500.00 for services and Attorney Joe McCollum stated that quotes are not required if you know the person or have used them previously. After further discussion it was decided to delay approving the contract until the November meeting.

C. Approve Deleting Minimal Taxes Charged on Tax Records and Receipts (under \$5.00) Under NC Statute 105-321 (f)

Ed Humphries stated that after working to collect monies from the delinquent tax list for the past few months there are several accounts that can be deleted under NC Statute 105-321(f).

Phil Thomas made a motion to approve deleting principal and penalty taxes charged that are \$5.00 or less according to NC Statute 105-321(f). Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

D. Turning Point Proclamation

Mayor Long read a Turning Point Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2015. (See Exhibit B)

Bradley Purser made a motion that the Turning Point Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month be accepted and signed as read. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

E. Minutes

Jerry Clontz made a motion that the minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting be approved as further explained. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

John Biggers made a motion that the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting be approved as amended. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Council Comments

Mayor Long stated she had reviewed the arsenic study by Duke student, Brittany Merola and also with Ken Rudo, Division of Public Health in the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Mayor Long stated that “Brittany's paper dealt more with the concentration of arsenic in the human body. Her study from the samples of nail clippings sent to her, which included those from Fairview, showed greater concentrations in men than in women. I was referred to Dr. Rudo who stated that current science stopped just short of the link of arsenic to Alzheimer’s, but he stated that arsenic is very potent and does cause neurological problems. He also stated that there is organic and inorganic arsenic in the groundwater in Union County. For years arsenic was used as a pesticide on cotton in Union County and also, was used in the feed for poultry. Arsenic does not degrade so it is still present in the soil and, thus, in the groundwater. I am following up with Union County Health Department.” Mayor Long stated that she was told if it became a public health issue then they will allow water connections or expansion of water lines based on need rather than geography.

Bradley Purser stated that he regretted he would not be able to attend the park groundbreaking.

Phil Thomas stated that he spoke with Representative Mark Brody at a function early this month and Mr. Brody was excited about attending the Park groundbreaking ceremony.

Phil Thomas made a motion to break for Council Closed Session. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

CLOSED SESSION

Jerry Clontz opened the Council meeting after closed session and asked if anyone had any comments.

John Biggers and Phil Thomas commented on Teresa Gregorius’ positive performance as deputy clerk.

Jerry Clontz made a motion that Teresa Gregorius be appointed Town Clerk and Ed Humphries be appointed as Deputy Clerk beginning December 14, 2015. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Phil Thomas questioned Teresa’s salary and members decided to review this at the next meeting.

Phil Thomas made a motion to adjourn. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 9th day of November, 2015