

March 11, 2024 Meeting

Open Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting commenced with a roll call, where all Aldermen, including Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertz, Alderman Genita Hill, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, and Mayor Marla Thompson were confirmed present.

Invocation

An invocation was given by Alderman Allen Bumgarner.

Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the February 12th, 2024 Regular Meeting were reviewed. No questions or concerns were raised.

A motion to approve of the February 12th meeting minutes was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and Seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to approve the minutes as written was unanimous.

Items for Discussion

New Animal Services Coordinator Introduction

Mayor Thompson recognized Police Chief TJ Bates for the introduction of the new Animal Services Coordinator, Tim Lail. The role had switched from being a police officer position to a civilian position. Tim Lail, who comes with extensive employment history, will serve Long View community as a resident and as an Animal Services Coordinator working towards enhancing animal services.

Catawba Co. Tax Collection Agreement

Town Manager Cozart discussed to update the Catawba County tax collection agreement, which includes appointing the county tax collector as the official town tax collector and adjusting policies on overpayments and underpayments.

A motion to approve the Catawba County Tax Collection agreement was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Public Hearing Regarding Property at Catawba County

Town Planner Charles Mullis recommended that a public hearing was held for a proposed rezoning of property recognized by PIN# 2782-12-95-4237. The purpose of the rezoning from C5 mixed-use commercial zoning district to the R3 residential zoning district was outlined, along with its consistency with other similar nature rezonings. Town Planner Mullis advised the Board that the Planning Board's recommendation was to approve the rezoning as proposed.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion to open the public hearing was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson called for any comments from the public in attendance. There were none. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Tim Hertz and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to close the public hearing was unanimous.

Resolution for Amendment to Zoning Map Ordinance # 03-24

Town Planner Mullis presented the resolution for the amendment to the zoning map. A motion was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner to adopt the Zoning Map Ordinance # 03-24 and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to adopt was unanimous.

Call for Public Hearing (Property at 152 25th St. Pl. SW)

A call for a public hearing was proposed by Town Planner Charles Mullis to discuss the rezoning application for the property at 152 25th Street Place Southwest. The property, currently in an industrial zoning district, is requested to be rezoned to the R4 residential zoning district for the purpose of Habitat for Humanity Housing. The public hearing would take place at the April 8th meeting.

A motion to call for a public hearing at the April 8th meeting was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion was unanimous.

Manager's Report

Town Manager James Cozart provided updates on various topics including the ATM project with the State Employees Credit Union, potential changes and suggestions were discussed including positioning, potential cost implications, and alternative locations for placement to incur no investment from the town.

the upcoming budget retreat on March 20th, and the resumption of regular finance updates given the completion of the financial software conversion. The Board was informed about the progress on Sweet Bay Lane, specifically regarding the installation of PVC and ductile iron water lines, planned sanitation systems, and the overall timeline.

Public comment

The meeting opened the floor for public comment, but there was no participation from the attendees at that point.

At this time, Mayor Thompson dismissed all parties as the Board of Aldermen would be going into closed session.

At 5:55 p.m. a motion to go into closed session was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to go into closed session was unanimous.

At 6:18 p.m. a motion to re-enter open session was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to re-enter open session was unanimous.

Closing Remarks

There were none.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Phyllis Pennington and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting concluded at 6:20 p.m.

Staff in attendance:

Town Manager James Cozart, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Ryan Montgomery, Deputy Finance Director/HR Director Denise Collins, Animal Services Coordinator Tim Lail, Police Chief TJ Bates, Major Justin Reid, IT Alan Bumgarner, Captain Alex Smith, Deputy Fire Chief Keener, Police Captain Dennis Hardin, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Town Clerk Heather Minor.

Public in attendance:

R. Danny Dedrick, Terry Hall