

April 8, 2024

Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marla Thompson at 5:30pm

Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Alderman Time Hertzell.

Roll Call

Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertzell, Alderman Genita Hill, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, and Mayor Marla Thompson were all present.

Approval of Minutes

March 11, 2024 Regular Open Session Minutes

A motion to approve the March 11, 2024 Regular Open Session Minutes was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzell. The motion to approve was unanimous.

March 11, 2024 Regular Closed Session Minutes

A motion to approve the March 11, 2024 Regular Closed Session Minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to approve was unanimous.

March 20, 2024 Budget Retreat Special Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the March 20, 2024 Budget Retreat Minutes was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Items for Discussion: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month was read by Mayor Marla Thompson.

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

Pinwheels for prevention, donated by the Town of Long View Lions Club, were discussed and will be displayed at the Long View Rec Center starting April 14th.

Erin McCall from the Children's Advocacy Protection Center was present to accept the proclamation, and a photograph was taken to commemorate the occasion.

Resolution for NC-ABC Commission

A resolution was presented to reinstate Chief Bates as the official signer for beer and wine permits for the Town of Long View.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Tim Hertzell and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Public Hearing for Rezoning

An application for rezoning from Habitat for Humanity of Catawba County was presented to rezone property from industrial to R-4 zoning district. The planning board recommended approval. A public hearing was opened and will remain open until a special meeting.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Alderman Tim Hertzell and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to open the public hearing was unanimous.

Resident Samuel Triplett addressed the board during the public hearing inquiring about the property use after the rezoning was approved. Town Planner Charles Mullis advised that Habitat for Humanity of Catawba has plans to develop homes on that land. Mr. Triplett was encouraged to attend the special meeting where the continued public hearing would be held and closed, as well as a presentation would be held by Habitat for Humanity. The public hearing remained open.

Call for Special Meeting

A special meeting was called to continue the public hearing for rezoning for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 5:15pm.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzell. The motion to hold the special meeting was unanimous.

Call for Public Hearing

The board called for a public hearing concerning the rezoning of property identified by PIN number 2792-06-47-6699 to shift from ED to R-4 zoning district, scheduled for May 13, 2024 at the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting.

A motion to call for a public hearing at the May 13th, 2024 regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to call for the public hearing was unanimous.

Budget Amendment #6, #7, #8, & #9

Radio Grant (Amendment #6)

A motion to approve Budget Amendment #6 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Vehicle Repairs to 2019 Dodge Charger and 2021 Chevy Silverado (Amendment #7)

A motion to approve Budget Amendment #7 was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Burke County Radio Equipment Grant (Amendment #8)

A motion to approve Budget Amendment #8 was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzell. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Clear Electric Motors Pass Through Funds (Amendment #9)

A motion to approve Budget Amendment #9 was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Finance Report

The Finance Report was delivered Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, highlighting revenue collection, investment earnings, and utility bills. Expenditures were noted to be below expected percentages for the fiscal year. Utility bills mailed, late fees, new applications, and terminations were also mentioned.

Manager's Report

The Manager's Report was delivered by Town Manager James Cozart. He mentioned upcoming budget work session scheduled for May 1st, the National Night Out event on May 7th, and the completed installation of new playground equipment funded by a grant. A public dedication service was scheduled to dedicate the playground to the late Alderman David Elder to be held Saturday, April 27th.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Closing Remarks

No Closing remarks were made.

Adjournment

The meeting was called to be adjourned at 6:05pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner.

Staff in Attendance:

Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Town Manager James Cozart, Town Clerk Heather Minor, Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, Deputy Finance Director/Human Resources Director Denise Collins, Police Major Justin Reid, Fire Chief James Brinkley, Deputy Fire Chief Tyler Keener, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director Chris Eckard.

Public in Attendance:

Erin McCall, Children's Advocacy Protection Center, Samuel Triplett