

May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Roll Call

The following Board of Aldermen members were in attendance: Alderman Allen Baumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertz, Alderman Genita Hill, and Mayor Marla Thompson were present.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and Alderman Phyllis Pennington were absent.

Invocation

The Invocation was led by Mayor Marla Thompson

Approval of Minutes

April 8, 2024 Regular Open Session Minutes

Alderman Allen Bumgarner made a motion to approve the April 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to approve was unanimous.

April 16, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Tim Hertz made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to approve was unanimous.

May 1, 2024 Budget Work Session Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Genita Hill made a motion to approve the May 1, 2024 Budget Work Session Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Sweet Bay Lane Update

Public Works Director Chris Eckard advised the Board that a final walk-through of the Sweet Bay Lane project was completed. The project completed before schedule and is fully functioning with regards to water and sewer taps for residential houses.

No action was taken.

Adoption of Ordinance CO-05-23-24

Public Works Director Chris Eckard proposed the ordinance amending chapter 72 traffic schedules, highlighting the inclusion of truck routes provisions. The ordinance would make 30th St SW from 2nd Ave SW to 1st Ave SW a No Thru Trucks area effective immediately.

A motion to adopt Ordinance CO-05-23-24 amending Chapter 72 traffic schedules was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Hartzel. The motion to adopt was unanimous.

Long View Lion's Club Bench Dedication

Long View Lion's Club Secretary/Chairman of Recycling Project, Elizabeth (Liz) Hart presented the two benches that were dedicated and provided to the Town of Long View as a result of a recycling project completed by the Long View Lion's Club. In addition to Ms. Hart was Long View Lion's Club President Alice Faue Peugh.

Resolution Recognizing Sherry Long (Griffin) with WPCOG

A resolution honoring Sherry Long Griffin for her 38-year service with the Western Piedmont Council of Government was read and adopted, acknowledging her retirement and significant impact on the community.

A motion to adopt the resolution honoring Sherry Long Griffin was made by Alderman Tim Hartzel. The motion was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to adopt the resolution was unanimous.

Public Hearing for Rezoning

A motion was made by Alderman Tim Hartzel to open the Public Hearing to discuss rezoning petition RZ-04-24. The motion to open the Public Hearing was seconded by Alderman Genita Hill. The motion to open the Public Hearing was unanimous.

Town Planner Charles Mullis addressed that the rezoning from ED Development Zoning District to R4 Residential Zoning District aligns with the town's land use plan.

Representatives from Legacy Home Builders provided details on the duplex project for the rezoned property, the public hearing was closed. A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Hartzel. The motion to close the Public Hearing was unanimous.

Adoption of Rezoning Resolution #05-24

A motion to adopt the Rezoning Resolution #05-24 was made by Alderman Genita Hill. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Hartzel. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of Services with Western Piedmont Council of Government

A contract with Western Piedmont Council of Governments was discussed to provide code enforcement services which is a 2-year contract beginning July 1, 2024.

A motion to adopt the Contracted Services for Code Enforcement through Western Piedmont Council of Government was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Hartzel. The motion to adopt the contract was unanimous.

Call for Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendments

The following amendments were suggested by the WPCOG Code Enforcement Manager, Curt Willis, for the Town to repeal and replace in our existing Code of Ordinances: Minimum Standard for Non-Residential Buildings, Residential Minimum Housing, Nuisances, and Abandoned, Nuisance, and Junk Motor Vehicles. A Public Hearing was called to be held on June 10, 2024 at the next Board of Aldermen Meeting. A motion was made by Alderman

Genita Hill to call for the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and passed unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution 2024-05-13

The resolution opposing the Water Transfer Request from the Catawba River Basin by the City of Charlotte was put forward and adopted. The request would be to take 63 million gallons of water, per day, from the Catawba to Rocky River Basin.

A motion to adopt the Resolution opposing the Water Transfer Request was made by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion was seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner. The motion to adopt was unanimous.

Circus Hall of Cream Proclamation

Mayor Marla Thompson recognized Circus Hall of Cream celebrating their 50th anniversary with the issuance of a corresponding proclamation recognizing Saturday, May 18, 2024 as Circus Hall of Cream Day in the Town of Long View.

A motion to adopt the Circus Hall of Cream Proclamation was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Genita Hill. The Proclamation was adopted by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing for Proposed Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025

Town Manager James Cozart presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Message and operating with its notable highlights including cost of living adjustments, water sewer increases and the tax rate remaining at 49¢.

Alderman Tim Hertz made a motion to open the Public Hearing, with Alderman Allen Bumgarner seconding the motion. The Public Hearing was opened by unanimous vote.

Following no objections or questions, the public hearing was closed.

Alderman Allen Bumgarner made a motion to close the Public Hearing, with Alderman Tim Hertz seconding the motion. The Public Hearing was closed by unanimous vote.

The adoption of the budget will occur the next scheduled Board of Alderman Meeting to be held on June 10, 2024.

Finance Report

Finance Director Melissa Lalonde presented two Resolutions to approve finance terms for both a Vac Truck and a Leaf Truck, with details on the respective costs and payment schedules noted.

A motion was made by Alderman Tim Hertz and seconded by Alderman Genita Hill to approve the resolution for finance terms for the Vac Truck. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Tim Hertz to approve the resolution for finance terms for the Leaf Truck. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Manager's Report

Town Manager James Cozart informed the Board on the installation of an ATM machine, upcoming personnel policy update, and expanding parking area for the doctor's office next door. The Board of Aldermen agreed to the expansion of the Catawba Valley Family Medicine- Long View office parking lot to allow for staff parking. The expense of expanding would be paid by Catawba Valley Medical Center.

Public Comment

Mr. Thomas Grant of 86 30th St NW addressed the Board of Aldermen regarding his concerns of transfer trucks driving down No Thru Truck streets near his house, which is across from Carolina Container. Mr. Grant expressed his frustration with the continuous disregard for the signage by transfer truck drivers going in and out of Carolina Container, along with loud noises that come out of that area at all hours of the night. Mr. Grant voiced his displeasure with the construction taking place across from his home, as it is not pleasing to the eye. Following Mr. Grant's public comment time limit expiring, Mr. Grant left the meeting. Police Chief Bates addressed the Board regarding Mr. Grant's comments. Chief Bates stated that the Transfer Trucks have and continue to be an issue in that area. He advised that the police department uphold a No Tolerance approach when they're able to make contact with the drivers. Chief Bates stated that damage has been done, numerous times, to the Town maintained Fire Hydrant, as well as, the communication line pole, on top of the damage to the neighboring homes yards. Chief Bates advised that it may be adventitious, for the Town, Mr. Grant, and Carolina Container, to meet with Carolina Container to ensure they and we are exhausting all of our efforts to rectify this issue. The Board was in agreement.

Mrs. Cindy Elder, wife to the late Alderman David Elder was called up by Mayor Marla Thompson and presented with a book of photos that were gathered from the Playground dedication ceremony in honor of Mr. Elder. Mrs. Elder expressed her deep gratitude for the Town and for thinking of her family.

Closing Remarks

No Additional Closing remarks were made.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzell. The motion to Adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Attendance

Staff in Attendance: Town Manager James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Town Clerk Heather Minor, Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, Deputy Finance Director/Human Resources Director Denise Collins, Police Chief TJ Bates, Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, Captain Alex Smith, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Public Works Director Chris Eckard.

Public in Attendance: Cindy Elder, Sherry Long Griffin, Liz Hart, AliceFaye Peugh, Jim Peugh, Crystal Carlton, Mandy Shepherd, Thomas Grant, Mekenzie Stephens, Vitaliy Gaelysh, Viktoriya Gaelysh