

August 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Mayor Marla Thompson conducted the roll call. All board members were present: Alderman Genita Hill, Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertz, and Alderman Phyllis Pennington.

Invocation

Alderman Tim Hertz delivered the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Marla Thompson requested approval of the minutes from the July 8th regular meeting.

"Motion to approve the minutes. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz.

Recognition of Sgt. Eddie Marlowe

Surplus of Duty Pistol and Badge

Police Chief TJ Bates requested the board to surplus Sgt. Eddie Marlowe's duty pistol and badge due to his retirement.

"Motion to approve the surplus of the handgun and badge. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington.

Resolution

Police Chief TJ Bates requested adoption of a resolution to honor Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, which will be formally presented during his retirement ceremony.

"Motion to approve the resolution for Sgt. Eddie Marlowe. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt and seconded by Alderman Genita Hill.

Recognition of Officer May Xiong

Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate

Police Chief TJ Bates highlighted Officer May Xiong's achievement for receiving her intermediate law enforcement certificate.

Public Hearing

Unlawful Deposit of Human Waste Ordinance

Police Chief TJ Bates presented the ordinance to address the unlawful deposit of human waste in public areas and Animal Services Ordinance.

Police Chief TJ Bates presented an ordinance to transition animal services to a civilian position and laid out detailed responsibilities and processes.

"Motion to open the public hearing. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz.

Mayor Marla Thompson invited public comments and questions. There were none.

"Motion to close the public hearing. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Tim Hertzel and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner.

Adoption of Ordinances

Unlawful Deposit of Human Waste Ordinance

"Motion to adopt the Unlawful Deposit of Human Waste Ordinance. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Tim Hertzel.

Animal Services Ordinance

"Motion to adopt the Animal Services Ordinance. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington.

Amendment of Ordinance

Verbiage Correction to Section Title in Ordinance 98-Nuisance

Town Clerk proposed an amendment to correct the verbiage in the section title of Ordinance 98-Nuisance.

"Motion to amend the verbiage in Section 98 of the Ordinance. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

Public Hearing

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Town Planner Charles Mullis requested adoption of a revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to stay in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

"Motion to open the public hearing. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertzel.

Mayor Marla Thompson invited public comments and questions.

"Motion to close the public hearing. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Tim Hertzel and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

Adoption of Ordinance

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

"Motion to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Genita Hill and seconded by Alderman Allen Bumgarner

Economic Development Update

Town Planner Charles Mullis provided an update on economic development, including a potential contract with the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to boost economic development who will present benefits of the EDC partnership with the Board at the September meeting, updating the zoning ordinances according NC GS 160D, and a Main Street grant program.

Code Enforcement Update

Chad Powell with Western Piedmont Council of Government (WPCOG) provided a summary of code enforcement activities, including a number of cases handled and several properties resolved.

Finance Report

Finance Director Melissa Lalonde delivered the finance report, providing spending, revenue numbers, utility account activities, and several completed projects funded by grants.

Manager Report

Citizen Thank You Notes

Town Manager James Cozart reported receiving positive feedback and thank-you notes from residents regarding the fire department's effective service and code enforcement efforts that are visibly noticeable.

Town Updates

Town Manager Cozart provided updates on several town projects including medical center updates, landscaping at the recreation center, and new Long View welcome banners along First Avenue.

Public Comment

Charley Perry - OneH2

Charley Perry expressed concerns about the OneH2 facility, particularly mentioning the accumulation of equipment and materials.

Closing Remarks

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt congratulated Sgt. Eddie Marlowe on his well-deserved retirement

Adjournment

"Motion to adjourn the meeting. "Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington.

Staff in attendance:

Town Manager James Cozart, Town Attorney Jimmy Summerlin, Police Chief TJ Bates, Finance Director Melissa Lalonde, Deputy Finance Director Tyler Keener, Police Major Justin Reid, Police Captain Dennis Hardin, Fire Fighter Grant Newton, Sgt. Eddie Marlowe, Town Planner Charles Mullis, Town Clerk Heather Minor, WPCOG Code Enforcement Chad Powell and Kevin Wyatt.

Public in attendance:

Charley Perry, Margaret McAlister, Walter Thornburg, Carolyn Thornburg, Kimberly Cozart, Michelle Bumgarner