

FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING-MARCH 16, 2009
FAIRVIEW TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

The following members were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor ProTem Elizabeth Long, Bradley Purser, Bill Thomas and Jerry Clontz

Personnel: Attorney Joe McCollum, Finance Officer Christine Surratt, Tax Collector Tana McConnaughey, Town Clerk Jan Carter

The meeting was opened by the Mayor ProTem Elizabeth Long.

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Long to discuss C-08-002-Conditional Use Permit for Proposed Ridge Point Subdivision. Jana Finn, Land Use Administrator and four people was sworn in. Attorney Joe McCollum explained the findings that the Council had to make to grant a conditional use. Jana Finn discussed the 16 acres for a 12 lot subdivision. She noted that the Planning Board has approved it with conditions. There are maps with the application and the site plan. Then the Council heard from Carrol Rushing. He did the survey work on this land. Bill Thomas discussed the Finding of Facts. The drain field would be near Lawyers road. They discussed the size of the lots and the locations of the garages. Attorney McCollum suggested that they could recess this to the next meeting because Steve Helms was not here tonight. Mayor ProTem Long asked if any other people who were sworn in would want to speak now. Bob Sturge, Pastor of Union Grove Church questioned the water problems. He was concerned about the creek and sewage issues. Mr. Carrol Rushing explained the sewage lines. Next Bradley Purser made a motion to recess this meeting until next month. Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed unanimously.

The regular Town Council meeting was opened again by the Mayor ProTem Elizabeth Long

Public Comments:

Donna Weill spoke about FEMA saying they are in a flood plain and they will need insurance before they can refinance their home. She lives on Hwy. 601. Her insurance would be \$6,000.00 per year. She wants the Town to fix this problem. Administrator Jana Finn told her that Fairview as well as Marshville and Unionville do not have Flood Insurance and that she has talked to Milton Carpenter the Program Planner in Raleigh. She wants to get the Town set up for this insurance program. FEMA will give the final okay.

Curtis Meggs wants the deer hunting recommendation time extended for bow hunting. He needs a recommendation from the Town Council. Pastor Bob Sturge next talked about a farmers market that the Church wanted to have on Thursday afternoons.

Adjustment of Agenda:

Bradley Purser wanted to add Permanent Agenda Standards for number 6. Bill Thomas made a motion to adjust the agenda. Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously. Bradley Purser wants the Financial Officer and Tax Collector to be # 2 so they could leave early. Attorney Joe McCollum said that the Council can change it like they want it, or they can make it so that they don't have to be at the meetings. The Budget meeting will be next week.

The minutes were discussed. Bill Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes after some changes. Jerry Clontz seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Report from Financial Officer and Tax Collector: Christine Surratt and Tana McConnahey. Tana McConnaughey stated that final notices for the 2008 taxes will be mailed in April.

Christine Surratt talked about the Planning Board report and the Budget.

New Business:

Literacy Council of Union County- Shelley Fearn

She showed some information on the Literacy Council of Union County. She asked for volunteers, and she passed out envelopes to send a donation with. They are low on money. At the next budget meeting the Council will discuss a donation.

COG-The Connect Program

Martha Lide from Centralina showed a movie about COG. She discussed their budget and the Connect Program. She explained the regional plan and that this project has been working for 3 years. She explained that they want to have high quality educational opportunities. A resolution was suggested by Martha Lide. The Council will put it on the next meeting's agenda. Union County has not signed the resolution at this time.

Other business:

Jana Finn asked if the Town Council wanted to sign a Service Agreement for the Board of Adjustment. The training class is next week. A public hearing will need to be in the May meeting for TC-09-001. The recessed Public Hearing meeting for Steve Helms's subdivision will be in the April meeting.

The Fire Department donation was discussed by Jerry Clontz. Wyatt McBride and Eric Freeman passed out the Fire Department budget worksheet FY09/10. Wyatt McBride told them about some truck damage that the Fire Department had. The Town Council has approved a \$10,000.00 donation to Fairview Voluntary Fire Dept.

Comments of the Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Long noted that she was contacted by Amy Helms about Traves Morehead who wants to come to the next Council meeting to discuss the Carolina Thread Trail.

Union County Commissioners want to meet with the Council to discuss municipal goals and economic development. Bradley Purser wants it on our next meeting. Elizabeth Long wants to schedule it soon. The County Commissioners have sent a proposal for a Government Advisory Committee and has requested a representative from Fairview. The Union County Transportation Advisory Board was discussed. Bradley Purser made a motion for Bill Thomas to be on the Transportation Board. Jerry Clontz seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Bradley Purser made a motion for a recommendation for Fairview to participate in the Urban Archery Deer Hunting. Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Bill Thomas talked about septic systems. He talked about our agreement with Centralina. Jana Finn says Jason Wager helps her on days that she is not at Centralina. The Council discussed postponing the hiring of someone for the Town Hall office.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to close the meeting. Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously and the meeting closed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

JAN CARTER-TOWN CLERK

ELIZABETH LONG-MAYOR PT