

Fairview Town Council Meeting
April 11, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Joe McCollum, Attorney; Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator/Clerk and Darrell Baucom, Financial Officer

Bill Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Thomas, Clontz and Purser voted yes.

Public Comments: None

Presentations

Kelly Thomas, Fairview Elementary School Principal, explained a need for new computers in the computer lab at the school. This would be a joint effort (partnership) with the school PTO, some local school funds and the Town of Fairview. Since the old computers are in good shape, they would be moved to the classrooms; and a small computer lab would be set up.

Bill Thomas asked about funds the school received. Ms. Thomas explained the three funding sources of all schools: the Federal, State and County Governments. The school has 550 students.

Bradley Purser asked how much money was needed and how much the total project would cost. Ms. Thomas stated the total project would be approximately \$18,000 and would come from approximately \$5,000 from a school fundraiser, \$5,000 - \$6,000 from the PTO and hopefully, the balance from the Town of Fairview. Ms. Thomas stated she would like to see the project completed before school begins in September, 2011.

Milt Flow, head baseball coach at Piedmont High School, explained his need for irrigation for the outfield at the school. Newer schools already have irrigation systems installed when fields are built. Piedmont does not and the school system is not planning to irrigate the field due to budget cuts.

Mayor Long asked about monies from the school booster club. Mr. Flow stated that the project would cost around \$9,000, and he would like to see it completed this summer (2011).

Bradley Purser asked about other areas of funding.

B.B. Haigler stated that the need was there.

Bill Thomas asked if Piedmont baseball was connected with Piedmont Recreation Association. Mr. Flow stated no.

Ms. Angie Elwood, member of the Athletic Board for Piedmont, supports the project.

Brad Ray and Rob Price also support the project and feels the town should support it as well.

Bill Thomas asked who would maintain the irrigation system once installed. Mr. Flow stated the school would maintain the system.

Pattie Freeman, Treasurer for the Fairview board of Directors, presented a report on the Fire Department activities.

- The Fire Department was in good shape.
- The budget was prepared for next year, 2011-2012, and given to the county.
- The Fire Department had 225 calls last year (up five calls from previous year). 103 were first responder calls and the remainder were fire calls.
- The Fire Department paid off the loan on truck #32 and restructured the loan on truck #31 (saving money over the term of the loan).
- Applied for grants
- Upgraded their accidental insurance policy

- Held the 2011 bar-b-que and raised \$6,500 (down from last year due to supply costs)
- Purchased a new tracking software and started a capital fund to build a new fire station

Ms. Freeman also stated concerns of the Fire Department Board of Directors:

- New building (indicated by fire study)
- Replacing trucks as they age
- Rising fuel costs
- County not raising money given to department
- Budget still tight

Mayor Long asked about the past legal problem. Ms. Freeman indicated the department did not expect to receive anything from a settlement.

Chief Wyatte McBryde stated that a grant to replace 32 sets of gear was applied for along with a State grant for pagers.

Reports

Darrell Baucom presented a financial and tax collection report.

Bill Thomas made a motion to move the date of the Budget Workshop to May 10, 2011 (cancelling the one scheduled on April 25). Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Thomas, Clontz, Haigler and Purser voted yes.

Ed Humphries gave the zoning and permit report, explaining permit activity. Mr. Humphries also explained that the State (NC) had purchased some floodplain along Crooked Creek, south of 218 East.

Council Comments

Bill Thomas has received information from Jonathan Thomas, RPO Representative, that states the RPO "has been working on the Fairview bridge from our last meeting and there is a plan in place to replace that structure soon".

Bill Thomas stated that the WTT Technical Team (Stormwater Committee) indicated that Fairview has established a water supply watershed overlay district to govern the location, type and size of new developments along its water supply watersheds. Ed Humphries stated he thought that our Floodplain Ordinance was what they were referring to.

Bill Thomas handed out a copy of one of the surveys that was sent to the Town address (was also included in survey).

Approval of Minutes

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the March 14, 2011 Minutes as corrected. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Purser, Thomas and Clontz voted yes.

Bill Thomas made a motion to go into Closed Session in order to discuss Real Estate. Others present in the Closed Session would be the Town Attorney, Finance Officer and Clerk. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Clontz, Thomas, Haigler and Purser voted yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Long reopened the regular meeting.

Bradley Purser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Purser, Clontz, Haigler and Thomas voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries
Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 13 day of June, 2011.