

**Town of Fairview
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

The following Council members were present: Mayor Elizabeth Long, Bradley Purser, Arnold Price, Jerry Clontz and B.B. Haigler.

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

Agenda Changes and Approval

Mayor Long stated she would like a discussion regarding Site Solutions under Old Business.

Arnold Price made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Price, Clontz, Haigler and Purser voted yes (4-0).

Public Comment

Beth Rabb stated she had some questions regarding Site Solutions. She also stated that the Town (Council) cannot talk about the Mayor or her Facebook account in Closed Session and that she had sent this information to the Clerk.

Reports

Darrell Baucom presented the Monthly Finance reports.

Ed Humphries gave the Tax and Land Use report.

Jerry Clontz, for Brian Nance, gave the Fire Department Project report, stating that the agreement between the Fire Department and the Town was being reviewed by both attorneys. Joe McCullom stated that he had talked with Starnes (Fire Department attorney) and they would ask for more information before the finalized agreement was complete.

Tony Helms gave the Economic Development report, stating that there was nothing new. The next scheduled meeting is on July 19, 2013.

Jerry Clontz gave the Park and Recreation report, saying Garcia would begin sometime in the next couple of weeks and had provided the information the Town requested.

B.B. Haigler asked about the permit from the Corp of Engineers for cleaning the pond, and was in the process of making a motion when Mayor Long suggested it should do when and after we discussed Site Solutions.

New Business

Mayor Long opened the Public Hearing regarding Text Change #TC-13-024.

Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator, explained the ordinance had been revised, adding the approved amendments since 2009 and making minor “typo corrections”. Humphries thanked the Planning Board for their work on the project. Mayor Long closed the Public Hearing. Jerry Clontz made a motion to approve Text Change #TC-13-024, the revisions of the Fairview Land Use Ordinance adopted on April 18, 2005 and effective on July 1, 2005. By adding amendments from 11-2005 to 12-2012 to the document and making changes where needed and including the following statement:

The proposed zoning amendment under consideration **is** found to be reasonable and consistent with the recommendations of the Town’s adopted comprehensive plan, the Town of Fairview Land Use Plan(Revised September 13, 2010), and the Town of Fairview Land Use Ordinance (effective July 1, 2005)

Arnold Price seconded the motion. Councilmen Purser, Haigler, Clontz and Price voted yes (4-0)

Budget Amendments for \$640.00 Bradley Purser made a motion to amend the budget and approve the amount of \$640.00 to print copies the newly revised ordinance. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Clontz, Purser and Price voted yes (4-0).

Jerry Clontz made a motion to set a price of \$35.00 for anyone who wanted a copy of the Land Use Ordinance. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Price, Clontz and Purser voted yes (4-0).

Budget Amendment for \$1,800

Ed Humphries explained the bid he received on scanning and retrieval software and the different options the Town had for storing data. Humphries recommended signing a contract with Compunetworld to lease and maintain a new server for Fairview. This server would provide for the Laserfishe software and storage for all data. The cost would be \$200 per month. Since the new budget has \$600 for a computer, all that would be needed for this fiscal year would be \$1800. Jerry Clontz made a motion to enter into a contract with Compunetworld for the purpose of leasing a server to accommodate Laserfishe and data storage. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Price Clontz and Purser voted yes (4-0).

Old Business

Mayor Long stated she had many concerns about Site Solutions. One major question: “What have we received for our money?” In her opinion, the contract has not been handled correctly. Jerry Clontz added that he went back to the CD from last December’s (2012) meeting; and he is sure everyone understood the changes that were made in the agreement.

B.B. Haigler made a motion to have Jerry Clontz sign the contract with CWS to begin the pond permit application. Jerry will speak with Site Solutions and with any new information he would call a special meeting and update the Council. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Price and Purser voted yes; Clontz abstained. The motion passed with four yes votes (4-0).

Council Comments

Arnold Price made the following statement:

I have been living in Fairview since 1960. I married a girl from Fairview and she went to this school. I owned a business in Fairview for 20 years. I love this community and the people of this community. Some of the people I see in this room were born and raised in Fairview. There are some on this Council, maybe all on this Council.

If for one minute you think the Council is going to do anything to hurt this community or it’s people, you’re dead wrong. But, you are made to believe so by comments from our Mayor on Facebook. There are comments posted in reference to the comments from folks who don’t even live in the Fairview community. I’ve already got my headstone put up in Fairview. Whether I’m on this Council or not I’m in Fairview for the long haul.

By the comments posted on this website for personal reasons the Mayor wants to discuss personnel problems in the public, which by law is supposed to be brought up in closed session to discuss. This is unethical and maybe against the law. Do you, as citizens of Fairview, want to spend your tax dollars in a possible law suit against the town? If so, please continue to believe everything you read and patronize these comments made by our Mayor.

She claims that the website is for the people of Fairview to keep up with current issues, sick, deaths, and events. I haven’t seen not one of the events posted other than one notation mentioned about a soccer game at Hopewell Baptist Church that the Mayor went to. Has there been any mention of the fine young men in the area winning the state playoffs in high school baseball for Piedmont? Yet, one of our own Council members presented each player on the team with a plaque from the town of Fairview. He paid for these plaques out of his own pocket. And, not one word of thanks yet has to be received from the Mayor. I for one would like to commend Mr. Haigler for this kind deed from the town.

The Mayor is right on one thing – this is your town and your tax dollars. If you think for one minute that you need to replace this Council or the Mayor, please do so. It is your right, but I’m going to say one thing.

Make up your own mind when you vote and don't let one or two families sway you in voting for who they want in office just to satisfy their own agendas.

I'd like to say one more thing, I've been on this council for almost two years and I haven't had one call or email from any citizen of the town with concerns or issues of the town. Everything that we do is public record and all you have to do is request a copy of the minutes of our meetings and pick them up at the office. There is no cost to you as they are free.

- Facebook account was started in Fairview's name January, 2013 without the discussion or approval of the Council.
- Beginning in June, all posts have been in reference to the Council & employee of the town. The posts and responses have even gone so far as the Mayor asking her relatives when our Secretary arrives for work at the Fire Department (office.)
- The Facebook account is listed as Fairview, Union County, NC and is a page used as the Mayor's personal comments in regards to the Council, employee & etc. With this being said, I would like to ask the Mayor a question, "Do you have your new Council picked out yet?"
- The Mayor has a personal Facebook page that she could post her downgrading comments to if she chose to do so. But, she chooses to use Fairview, Union County, page to air her comments by posting slanderous comments about the Town Council and Secretary.
- This page is not of benefit to Fairview as it only hurts the town.
- The Mayor is using this page to try to further her agenda by allowing her vendetta to surface and become public knowledge.
- This page is a total conflict of interest by political issues and views as the Mayor is posting personal remarks on a Government page which could come with disciplinary action.
- Any social networking page incorporated in Fairview's name should be approved by the Council before being printed.

This page is a prime example of slander, discrimination, and harassment towards the Council and employee of Fairview. Discrimination is defined as unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice. This can be between peers, or in this case, between our Mayor and the Council and the Secretary. I would like to make you aware that harassment is a form of discrimination and violates the law. Our town does not need to be projected as a town of this matter as it is being shown on Face book.

In the middle of Arnold Price's comments, Mayor Long asked Pattie Freeman to give a report of the progress of Kilah's Law.

Bradley Purser made the following statement with a motion:

Statement concerning the use of Social Media in the name of the Town of Fairview

The Council of Fairview has never approved any form of social media to inform its citizens except the town's website.

Any other form of social media in the Town of Fairview's name does not have the approval (in the past or currently) of the Council of the Town of Fairview to express opinions or to make statements on its behalf.

Motion

The Town of Fairview's website (www.fairviewnc.gov) is the official (approved) social media outlet used by the town and shall remain the primary and predominant source for internet information. If the Town of Fairview adds additional social media in the future, the majority of Council shall approve.

B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Clontz, Purser and Price voted yes (4-0).

Joe McCollum stated that he would like to draw up a one page statement with the Town contract requirements, i.e., insurance, Workers Comp, etc.. Jerry Clontz made a motion instructing the Town attorney to prepare a "contract requirements" page to attach to contracts. Arnold Price seconded the motion. Councilmen Price, Haigler, Purser and Clontz voted yes (4-0).

Arnold Price made a motion that Council put everything in writing when asking the Town Clerk to do anything for them. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Clontz, Price and Purser voted yes (4-0).

Minutes

Arnold Price made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Price, Purser and Clontz voted yes.

Arnold Price made a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel. Arnold requested that the Clerk, Finance Officer and Town Attorney be present in the meeting. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Price, Purser and Clontz voted yes (4-0).

Closed Session

Mayor Pro tem Clontz reopened the Regular Meeting.

The Public was asked to return. Bradley Purser stated that he thought it was time to create a policy that the Clerk works for the Council, not the Mayor. Joe McCollum stated that the Clerk, Finance Officer and Town Attorney work for the Council.

Jerry Clontz stated that he had tried very hard to work with the Mayor. Clontz stated the Council needed to work together and try to get along.

Arnold Price made a motion to adjourn. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Clontz, Price, Purser and Haigler voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries
Town Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 12th day of Aug. 2013.