



**Town of Fairview
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2015**

The following Council members were present: Mayor Elizabeth Long, John Biggers, Jerry Clontz, Bradley Purser, and Phil Thomas.

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

Agenda Changes

Jerry Clontz requested adding possible council approval for spraying park area. This would be 4/G on the agenda.

Mayor Long moved Urban Forester/Arborist participation 4/E to 4/A.

Approval of minutes will be 4/H.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

Mary Lou Starnes addressed the council regarding the special called Council meeting of May 25, 2015 commenting on the following points:

- Tribute to our military to be able to attend meeting
- Social Media Committee was not forthcoming about website
- Council should have taken care of situation at the May meeting and not put it off till the next meeting
- Attorney Joe McCollum sat silent at meeting
- Sole purpose of called meeting is for town

Mary Ann Cuthbertson addressed the council regarding the special called Council meeting of May 25, 2015 commenting on the following points:

- Did not think the called meeting was necessary on the holiday.
- Felt that the Social Media Committee was unjustly attacked.

Reports

- a) Darrell Baucom gave the financial report.

John Biggers questioned if the fund balance appropriated was taken out would the town come in on budget this year. Mr. Baucom stated the town should come in approximately \$100,000 under budget.

- b) Ed Humphries gave the Land Use Report.

Ed Humphries stated that the new copier has been delivered and set up and is working out great.

- c) Jerry Clontz gave the Park and Recreation report.

Mr. Clontz updated the Council on the progress of the park construction.

Mayor Long questioned the bidding process as it appeared in the May Park & Rec minutes. Mr. Clontz explained that once the plans have been approved, Alfred Benesch & Co. will send out bid packages to contractors and also to the Council to send out to any interested parties in the community. The bids will be sent back to Benesch and they will review and select a few bids to submit to the Council.

John Biggers suggested that the Council receive a list of all bids that were received in addition to the bids that Benesch recommends.

Mayor Long asked if the contractors bidding would have to be bonded. Mr. Clontz said yes.

- d) John Biggers gave the CRTPO report.

Mr. Biggers stated that there was a packed meeting because of the toll road project, but the toll road project had been voted on and approved prior to this meeting.

Mr. Biggers stated that the new projects list will be rolled out at the next CRTPO meeting.

Mayor Long stated that construction has started on the Monroe Expressway (no longer called Bypass).

- e) Tony Helms Gave the Monroe/Union County Economic Development Committee report.

Mr. Helms stated that the City of Monroe has contacted a construction company in Greensboro as well as a real estate company regarding big box structures.

Mr. Helms said the committee was informed that a possible lead, Project Pipe, is in the works now.

Mr. Helms fielded questions from John Biggers and Phil Thomas regarding building location and spec buildings.

Items of Business

A. Presentation by Bill Smith, Union County Urban Forester/Arborist

Mr. Bill Smith spoke about his duties as Urban Forester/Arborist and outlined the cost for the Town of Fairview to contract with Union County for his services.

Phil Thomas asked Mr. Smith if he provided services outside of municipalities and subdivisions. Mr. Smith stated that yes he provides services to everyone in the county.

Jerry Clontz made a motion that the town not participate in the Urban Forestry program for the fiscal year 2015-16. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz and Thomas voted yes, Purser voted no. Motion passed 3-1.

B. Conduct Public Hearing for Proposed 2015-16 Budget

Mayor Long opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2015-16 Budget

Darrell Baucom presented the 2015-16 Budget.

John Biggers questioned how quickly the \$317,000 reimbursement from the state for the capital outlay for the park comes back to the town? Mr. Baucom stated that requests for funds can be submitted quarterly but there may be some lag time getting it.

Public Comments

Mary Lou Starnes spoke regarding:

- Ed Humphries' salary
- Need for a town hall

Mayor Long closed the Public Hearing

C. Adopt the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance

Darrell Baucom stated that the tax rate would stay at 2 cents.

Bradley Purser made a motion that the 2015-16 fiscal year budget ordinance be approved as presented. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0). (Exhibit A)

D. Adopt the Fairview Park Capital Project Ordinance

Darrell Baucom explained that anytime there is a capital project that goes across more than one year you are required to adopt a capital project ordinance which basically tracks the expenses related to the project which in this case is the park.

Jerry Clontz made a motion that the Fairview Park Capital Project Ordinance be approved. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0). (Exhibit B)

E. Approve Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Darrell Baucom presented the updated budget amendments for 2014-15.

Phil Thomas made a motion that the budget amendments for 2014-15 be approved. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0). (Exhibit C)

F. Policy on ALL Meetings

Bradley Purser stated that after speaking with town attorney, Joe McCollum, he was withdrawing the meetings policy request because it is inconsistent with the NC general statutes.

Mayor Long stated her reasoning for calling the special meeting on Memorial Day.

G. Spraying Park

Jerry Clontz stated that the park land needed to be sprayed again this year. There is still poison ivy as well as other types of weeds starting to grow back.

John Biggers made a motion to appoint Jerry Clontz to accept lowest bid for spraying the park not to exceed \$1,600.00. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

H. Minutes

Phil Thomas made a motion that the minutes of regular May 11, 2015 meeting be approved as submitted. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Jerry Clontz made a motion that the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Budget Workshop Meeting be approved as submitted. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

John Biggers made a motion that the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Special Called Meeting be approved as submitted. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Council Comments

Jerry Clontz addressed Mr. Humphries salary stating that when Teresa Gregorius is appointed town clerk upon completion of her probationary period in October Mr. Humphries salary will be adjusted accordingly. Mr. Clontz also stated that he thinks the town needs a town hall. Mr. Clontz also mentioned that the house bill that would change how sales tax would be distributed between counties and cities, giving a bigger share of the tax to rural committees has a chance of passing.

Phil Thomas reiterated Jerry Clontz's comment regarding Ed Humphries salary being reduced by \$350 once Teresa has been appointed town clerk and Mr. Humphries previously stating that is the way it should be. Mr. Thomas also commented that during his tenure as chairman of the planning board he had worked with Mr. Humphries over the past six years and he has always answered calls regardless of what day or time he is called. According to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Humphries' services are far superior and less expensive to those of the previous company that the town employed.

Phil Thomas informed the council that EZTask is currently testing uploading the audio files of the council meetings onto the website making it available to everyone and eliminating the need to make copies of the CDs. The council will be informed when the new feature is available.

Bradley Purser stated that Ed Humphries has been nothing but accessible since he has started the job. Mr. Humphries is competent and does a good job and has 100% of Mr. Purser's confidence and thinks he is paid appropriately.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to adjourn. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 13th day of July, 2015