

FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2007
BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7:00 PM

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

Personnel: Town Clerk Jan Carter, Financial Officer Christine Surratt, Tax Collector Tana McConnaughey, Land Use Administrator Jason Wager, Attorney Joe McCollum.

Others present: BB Haigler, Judy & Bobby Thomas, Alan Thomas, Louise Black and Mike Black., Sid and Susie Lampley, Tilden and Vivian Belk, Phillip Thomas, Dale and Mary Lou Starnes, Tommy Aldridge, Dee B and Jo Martin, Joe and Ann Cuthbertson, Doug McCoy, Johnny and Carol Gorden and Paul Scoggins.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor Williams. He called on Mr Barry Moose. Barry Moose with the NCDOT discussed Hwy 218 and the Monroe Bypass. He noted that 20 million would be needed to rebuild Hwy. 218. Funds are a problem. They have 180 million for the Monroe Bypass. This could take 2 or 3 more years. He liked the idea of posting the road to limit the weights of trucks. Questions were asked by Council members and Visitors, concerning patching the roadway, the cost, turn lane construction, and a long term repairing for 8 to 9 years and the curves in Hwy 218. The likelihood of making Hwy 218 a four lane probably will be hard to do and he discussed the Heelsplitter Mussell. The Monroe bypass and connector will probably happen. Other issues were about a letter that was sent to landowners on Hwy 218 some years earlier, the expenses and cost that have increased over the years, the Goose Creek Bridge that was patched and needs more repair, the turn lane construction at Hwy 601 and at Fairview School and the speeding of trucks. 2010 may be the year that the Bypass will began to be constructed. Mr. Moose says it is always hard to have the money for all road work. He noted that some parts of the road should have a speed limit of 45 miles per hour. Money for the road work was discussed. MUMPO will discuss the eastern section of the Monroe Bypass in the next few month. The Bypass toll price could be \$2.00. The money and cost were discussed. Hwy 601 will be repaired within 25 years. He next discussed the status of design build. Mayor Williams stated that he appreciated his coming to the meeting and sharing all this information.

The minutes were discussed. Elizabeth Long made a motion to approve the minutes. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Financial Reports were handed out. Finance Officer Christine Surratt noted that the revenue was slim. She asked about our email bill on a monthly basis and could this be changed to quarterly or yearly. The bill is 19.95 monthly. Bill Thomas made a motion to make it quarterly beginning September. Elizabeth Long seconded it and the motion

passed unanimously. She next discussed that the Zoning Board members are not on payroll. Attorney McCollum discussed this and contracts, and he passed out his contract. Christine Surratt wants to put these employees into payroll instead of the 1099 issue. The difference is the Independent Contractor. Bradley Purser made a motion to accept Mr. McCollum's contract. Jerry Clontz seconded. It passed unanimously.

Financial Software is needed. Christine Surratt wants to buy some better financial software. She wants to buy from Edmons & Associates. She & Tana McConnaughey have looked on this software. The cost would be \$10,000.00. She asked the Council if they wanted her to buy this. She also talked about a server from Dell. Elizabeth Long made a motion to accept this proposal of purchasing this new software. Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed unanimously.

New Business:

Eric Stein next talked to the Council about noise. Guns were discussed. He requested that the Town needs a nuisance ordinance. He passed out an ordinance to the Council. He wants to stop gun shots at night and dogs barking. This would not band hunting clubs. The Council wanted to talk a little more about this before they adopt the ordinance.

Richard Weiner with the School Board next talked to the Council. He gave out information to the Council. Schools are growing in this area. He passed out a Memorandum of Understanding that he wants the Council to agree to.

Old Business:

Elizabeth Long next discussed the pipe line that is going through Fairview. She has talked to the attorney about these easements. She will attend a meeting of the City Council tomorrow night and tell them that the people do not want this. This would hurt the Heelsplitter Mussel. The landowners would have to agree to the price. Several people showed that they are not in favor of the gas lines. Attorney McCollum says they should talk to the City Council at 6:30pm tomorrow night.

Jason Wager, Land Use Administrator next discussed the following: A Public Hearing for Biggers Farm was discussed to be added to September agenda. Elizabeth Long made a motion to have a Public Hearing. Bradley Purser seconded it and the motion passed. Next he discussed the revised fees for the Town. He had sent out information having to do with no charges for exempt divisions. Bill Thomas made a motion to adopt the revised fees. Elizabeth Long seconded it and the motion passed.

Next he discussed the proposal to update the Land Use Ordinance to be with the National Flood Insurance. These would go through the planning Board. There would be several steps and the cost is \$2,400.00. He said that they can approve it next month. Elizabeth Long stated that she wants to wait till next month. Jason next gave some Arsenic information. Senator Sue Myric was informed about this problem in Fairview. Bill Thomas talked about the cost of getting water for Fairview. He is going to a workshop

soon and an engineering study would cost \$20,000.00. They talked about how much money it would cost, even if we get a grant. Bill Thomas wants to learn more about this.

Leasing the Fairview School Building for the Town Hall.

Attorney McCollum handed out the agreement. Next month will be held at the meeting place. Bradley Purser made a motion to have a work session this Thursday night, August 23rd At 7:00 pm at the leased building. Jerry Clontz seconded it. It passed unanimously. Bradley Purser wants to send a letter to thank Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Mayor Williams next asked for public comments. A Petition could be done this week for the DOT. Bill Thomas made a motion to send a letter to DOT. Bradley Purser seconded it and the motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Richard Williams

Town Clerk Jan Carter