

FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING MAY 19, 2008
TOWN HALL 7:00 PM

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

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

OPENING AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The meeting was opened by the Mayor Williams and he opened the floor for public comments.

GUEST: HOSPICE, COUNCIL ON AGING AND TURNING POINT:

Harry Sherwood with Hospice talked to the Council. A third Hospice house is in the process of being built for Hospice and he requested a donation of \$5,000.00 to help with this construction. The house that Hospice had rented in Fairview on Hwy 218 as an office has changed.

Telma Munguia with Turning Point spoke to the Council and she requested a donation for children and women that they help.

Linda Costa with Council On Aging talked to the Council. Council On Aging is a non profit organization, and she requested \$500.00. They need funds to help older people.

Mayor Williams opened the PUBLIC HEARING MEETING.

TC-08-002- FLOOD LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT CHANGE to Article XVI. Land Use Administrator Jason Wager explained that this will update current Town Regulations to reflect the NC Model Flood Ordinance language that allows the Town to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Staff Report and the Ordinance Package was discussed by Jason Wager Administrator. He discussed that this would replace Part 1 from Article XVI, in Flood Damage Prevention, and edits that are needed. He wanted to take out Section D. Freeboard on page 5 was discussed to be taken off. Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation on page 7 and Special Flood Hazard Area on Page 8 were discussed. Page 19 Section 255 was discussed and these are allowed.

On page 20, C & D and E, and the changes of Section 256 .257 and 258 was explained by Land Use Administrator Jason Wager. Member Bill Thomas asked about the maps and the X and A on the maps. Administrator Jason explained this and he also explained how they could get on the internet and see how this is. The Council discussed these issues.

Jason will keep the reports and would give them to the Town Clerk. If the Council passes this ordinance, then Fairview will be eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Floor was opened for comments from others.

Member Bill Thomas made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Member Elizabeth Long seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular Town Council meeting was re-convened.

Member Bill Thomas made a motion to accept the Part 1 Floodways and Floodplains Ordinance with the minor corrections that the Land Use Administrator made. Member Elizabeth Long seconded it. It passed unanimously.

The minutes were discussed. After some changes, Member Bill Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Financial Reports for April 2008 were presented to Council and reviewed by Finance Officer Christine Surratt. She reminded Council of a Capital Reserve Fund they established that states that the Board will appropriate or transfer an amount of no less than \$50,000 each year from the general fund to this fund. She discussed another account that could be opened to help distribute funds to prevent any disclosure issues. It is with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. Council authorized her to pursue that option. She will bring back to Council in June any applications or resolutions that need to be approved. Council member Long made a motion to move \$200,000.00 out of the checking account into Finistar, with the other designated funds. A motion was seconded by Member Thomas and the motion passed unanimously. Council also directed Mrs. Surratt to look into the possibility of changing banks for the checking account due to American Community Bank not being recognized as a financial institution using the Pooling Method of collateralizing public funds by the NC Department of State Treasure.

Mrs. Surratt reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2008-2009 budget and discussed changes were made based on the budget workshop. She asked Council to call for a public hearing to be held on Monday June 16, 2008. Member Thomas made a motion to call for the budget public hearing. The motion was seconded by Member Long and it passed unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the request for grant funds. Mrs. Surratt made a recommendation to pay them out of the fiscal year 2007-2008. A budget amendment would need to be made in the amount of \$1,000. to accommodate this. The funds could come from contingency. A motion was made by Member Bill Thomas to amend the budget by reducing contingency \$1,000. and transferring to Cultural Arts / Grants. Member Bradley Purser seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Bill Thomas made a motion to approve payment to the following organizations out of the fiscal year 07-08 funds: 1) Hospice of Union county in the amount of \$5,000, 2) Turning Point in the amount of \$500. And 3) Council On Aging in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded by Member Purser. The motion passed unanimously.

General Planning Updates- Resolution of Intent .Member Thomas made a motion to pass this resolution. Member Long seconded it. It passed unanimously

Land Use Administrator Jason Wager talked about a business that will move out by October. A complaint was given to Jason. This is the Ferguson Property. He next discussed Rocky River Farms. Attorney Joe McCollum and Member Purser talked about having an invocation put on the agenda. Attorney Joe McCollum discussed religions and public meetings. Attorney McCollum also said the Public Hearing needs to be done first. He next talked about Mint Hill and their annexations.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Richard Williams

Town Clerk, Jan Carter

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