

Fairview Town Council Meeting
October 10, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

Other present: Joe McCollum, Attorney; Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator/Town Clerk; Darrell Baucom, Finance Officer and Tana McConnaughey, Tax Collector

Agenda / Approval

B.B. Haigler made a motion to approve the agenda. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Thomas, Purser, Clontz and Haigler voted yes. (4-0)

Presentations

Neal Speer, the Union County Fire Marshall and Interim Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke to the Council explaining what would happen in the County if there were a declared state of emergency either County or Statewide. Mr. Speer gave the Town a disk with information regarding the Union County Emergency Management Ordinance. The information explains what happens when the State declares an emergency, sample ordinance (to declare or rescind emergency), 166A the NC Emergency Management Act and information as to how the Federal, State and local authorities work together in a state of emergency.

Mr. Speer suggested that Fairview adopt a resolution to be included in any declaration of a state of emergency by Union County. Several important facts Mr. Speer explained were: If damage occurred in the county, if the assessment (uninsured) of damage was not greater than 10% of the Operating Budget of Union County, the Federal and State government would not reimburse the value of the cleanup; so far NC has paid the 25% match of the 75% paid by the Federal government for damage cleanup.

Reports

Darrell Baucom presented the Financial Report.

B.B. Haigler made a motion to move money from the NC Trust Account to the checking account in order to receive more interest. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Thomas, Haigler, Clontz and Purser voted yes (4-0).

Tana McConnaughey gave the Tax Report. She indicated she had not heard back from the County regarding notating on the current tax information at the County about any past due tax.

Ed Humphries presented the Zoning Report.

Planning Board Appointments

Ed Humphries explained that there were three slots on the Planning Board that needed to be filled:

1. The three year seat held now by John Crowell
2. The one year seat vacated by Eddie Hudson
3. An alternate seat if an alternate member serving now was appointed to a regular seat

Bradley Purser made a motion to reappoint John Crowell for another three year term. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Purser, Clontz, Haigler and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Bradley Purser made a motion to appoint Patti Freeman to fill the seat vacated by Eddie Hudson. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Purser, Thomas and Clontz voted yes (4-0).

Bradley Purser made a motion to appoint Jon Williams as the alternate member to replace Patti Freeman. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Clontz, Purser, Thomas and Haigler voted yes (4-0).

Meeting Room

Mayor Long stated that some time ago the Council decided to move the meeting room to the front of the building. The school system will install two air/heat units in that room so the town can control the temperature.

Mayor Long will call Don Hughes with UCPS to let him know. Ed Humphries will call sound equipment people about moving the sound system to the new room.

Services

Mayor Long would like to continue to discuss services that Fairview could offer.

Mayor Long asked Mr. Purser to have someone from the Sheriff's Department speak to the Council at our November meeting about providing additional law enforcement presence in Fairview.

Mayor Long asked Jerry Clontz to be prepared to speak regarding playground equipment during the December meeting.

Council Comments

Bill Thomas stated why he was not running again for the Council seat he now holds. Thomas explained how he was disappointed about how the Town handled the Carolina Thread Trail. He indicated he did not feel supporting the Carolina Thread Trail was good for the community. Then, Mr. Thomas explained that he did not support giving tax money to the school system.

B.B. Haigler explained his request to set up a \$1000 scholarship/grant for a Fairview Volunteer Junior Firefighter.

B.B. Haigler made a motion to give a grant of \$1000 to the Fire Department and suggested that a program be set up to award money to a Junior Firefighter (or any Firefighter) who wanted to use the money to further his/her education. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Purser, Haigler, Thomas and Clontz voted yes (4-0).

Bradley Purser expressed to Bill Thomas his appreciation for the work he had done on the Board.

Mayor Long stated that whoever was appointed to the Mayor Pro-tem position would need to continue on the committees that Bill had served.

Minutes

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2011 as amended. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Purser, Thomas and Clontz voted yes (4-0).

Closed Session

Mayor Long reopened the Regular Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries, Town Clerk

Elizabeth Long, Mayor

(Seal)

Approved this 14 day of November, 2011