

## Town of Fairview Regular Town Council Meeting March 9, 2021

The following Council members were present: Mayor Phil Thomas, John Biggers, Jerry Clontz, Patricia Kindley, and Gary Wilfong.

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

### **Agenda Changes**

None

## **Approval of Agenda**

John Biggers made a motion to approve the agenda. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

### **Public Comments**

Fred Rogers spoke regarding property re-evalution.

## **Consent Agenda**

- a) Accept Financial and Tax Reports as Information
- b) Accept Land Use Report as Information
- c) Accept Fund Balance Worksheet 2020-2021 report as Information
- d) Fairview Park Event February Draft Minutes --- Minutes Accepted as Information
- e) Fairview Park Facility Draft Minutes --- No February Minutes
- f) Planning Board February Draft Minutes --- Minutes Accepted as Information
- g) Approve Council Regular Minutes for February 9, 2021

Patricia Kindley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

#### **Items of Business**

# **Item 1: Discuss/Approve Updated Land Use Ordinance**

Ed Humphries presented the updated Land Use Ordinance which included the requirement by the new statute created by the State 160D; incorporating all amendments made 2013 through 2020; updated Table of Uses; removal of all sections referring to High Density; and any other minor changes related to the language and removed uses that may have been missed. He noted that the Planning Board approved and recommended the update unanimously.

Mayor Thomas to open Public Hearing

No Public Comments

Mayor Thomas to Close Public Hearing

The Council discussed. John Biggers made a motion to approve the updated Land Use Ordinance required by the new statute created by the State 160D including: Incorporating all amendments made 2013 through 2020; Table of Uses; Removal of all sections referring to High Density; and any other minor changes related to language and typographical errors and removed uses that may have been missed. 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 November 11, 2018), and the Town of Fairview Land Use Ordinance (effective July 1, 2005). Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

### **Item 2: Set Date for Budget Workshop**

Mayor Thomas set Tuesday, April 27th for the special budget workshop.

## **Item 3: Approve Budget Amendment 2**

Mayor Thomas reported on the research completed to live stream the town meetings on YouTube. Response to inquiries for assistance from various companies did not produce any help, thus, we will work internally to purchase and set up equipment with the anticipation of starting live streaming for the April meeting. Cost will not exceed \$1,500. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to purchase and set up equipment to live stream town meeting for a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

#### **Council Comments**

Gary Wilfong reported that he was researching broadband communication possibilities in town. He has spoken with Senator Paul Newton and has a meeting set up with House Representative Dean Arp. He will update the Council at the next meeting.

Jerry Clontz reported that park usage was up since the weather was getting better. The Park Facility Committee will be scheduling a cleanup date shortly.

John Biggers reported that Union County will have a virtual meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the Critical Intersection Program. One intersection in Fairview, Brief Road and Hwy. 601, will be discussed. Preliminary plans call for additional turning lanes or a roundabout. Visit <a href="https://www.unioncountync.gov">www.unioncountync.gov</a> for more information. Mr. Biggers and his wife have also started construction on a new park bulletin board which will be larger and more weather resistant than the current one.

Patricia Kindley noted the increased park usage.

Mayor Thomas corrected some misinformation recently seen on social media regarding Councilman Jerry Clontz and trash collection.

Mayor Thomas reported that the Insurance Services Office performed an inspection on December 15, 2020 of the Fairview Fire Department and the town grade went from 5.9 to 4.9 which will enable residents' insurance rates to be lower. He asked everyone to thank Fire Chief Andy Williams and the volunteer firefighters when you see them for all of the hard work that went into obtaining this new grade.

Mayor Thomas reported that the Union County Sheriff's office did another targeted enforcement recently and it was very successful (information available on town's website). Information is also available on the website regarding NCDOT's scheduled resurfacing plans for the upcoming year. Two roads in Fairview (Brief Road and Old Dutch Road) are on the list.

Mayor Thomas noted that he had been researching purchasing an AED Defibrillator for town hall. The Fairview Fire Department has donated one to the town.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,		
Teresa Gregorius	Phil Thomas	
Town Clerk	Mayor	

Approved this 13th day of April 2021