



**Town of Fairview
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2015**

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

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

Agenda Changes

Mayor Long stated that the Council should take the Turning Point request off of the agenda and discuss at the budget workshop.

Phil Thomas requested that discussion of the website and emails be added. This would be 4/A on the agenda, replacing the Turning Point request.

Jerry Clontz requested that possible decision on restrooms for the park be added. This would be 4/D on the agenda.

Approval of minutes will be 4/E.

Approval of Agenda

Bradley Purser 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

None

Reports

- a) Darrell Baucom gave the financial report.
Mayor Long asked how sales tax revenue will affect us this coming year.
Phil Thomas asked about the profit and loss budget verses actual. Did we budget high?
Mr. Baucom said the town will be getting another payment in June from the utility franchise tax which should about even out the budget.

b) Ed Humphries gave the Land Use Report.

Mr. Humphries stated that the town has “new” used chairs for our meeting room. Edwin Shaver acquired them through a YMCA remodeling project for the Fairview Fire Department and said that the Town could use some for the meeting room. The Mayor stated that we should send Mr. Shaver a thank you letter.

Mr. Humphries stated that Teresa Gregorius was progressing with her training. By the end of April most of her training should be completed. Once her training is complete, the Council may want to discuss having Teresa come in on Wednesdays so that the office will be open three days a week. This can be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Humphries stated that the town needs to purchase or lease a copier. He is researching and obtaining bids at this time and will present to the Council next month.

John Biggers asked about not charging churches for permits and what, if anything, had been decided in the past regarding this. Ed Humphries stated that the town charges everyone the same and suggested that this would be best to keep everything fair for everyone.

c) Jerry Clontz gave the Park and Recreation report. Mr. Clontz stated that from this point on the Park & Rec. monthly meeting minutes will be included in the Council packets. There was not a quorum at the last Park & Rec. meeting to be able to conduct business. The Park & Rec. members present discussed the pond, playground equipment, and restrooms. Mr. Clontz called a special meeting this Thursday night, April 16th for the Park & Rec. committee.

Mr. Clontz questioned the attorney about having at least three bids for the pond and how long does he have to wait for the bids. He currently has two bids.

Mr. Clontz stated since the company that had drained the pond had taken their piping out we needed to purchase piping to set up to continue draining the pond until work on the pond starts. He has the resources to obtain pipe and fittings for \$150.00.

John Biggers made a motion to approve \$150.00 to get piping to drain the pond. Phil Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

d) John Biggers gave the CRTPO report. There was a discussion regarding the I-485 loop (southern) using a newly added lane as a toll lane. CRTPO is going forward with the proposal that as I-485 is expanded to have the lanes built for future toll lanes. Mint Hill and Matthews voted against it, wanting to open up the lane as a multi passenger lane until it was a toll lane. The majority of the committee voted to continue with the toll lane concept as is NCDOT policy.

Items of Business

A. Social Media Committee

Phil Thomas reported that the website is ready to go live as soon as the emails are set up. EZTASK, the website company, informed Ed Humphries that the company they are subcontracting the emails to, RackSpace, has gone up on their price to \$7.00 per email. Ed Humphries contacted CompunetWorld and negotiated their previously quoted \$7.00 price down to \$6.00 per email.

Phil Thomas made a motion to contract CompunetWorld at \$6.00 per account per month to provide the towns email and storage rather than the EZTASK/RackSpace contract. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

Mr. Thomas will notify the Town Clerk to send out a notice with the date that the website will go live when the social media committee receives that information.

B. Discuss proposed firearms ordinance for Town of Fairview

Mayor Long brought up for discussion with the council a possible firearms ordinance requested by resident Doug Buchanan. (See Exhibit A) Ed Humphries clarified that this would not be part of the zoning ordinance. Jerry Clontz stated he was against it. Bradley Purser and John Biggers stated they were not in favor of taking any action at this time. Joe McCollum commented about what several other towns have in place. No action was taken on the proposed ordinance at this time.

C. Discuss letter received from NC Dept. of State Treasurer regarding the Town Audit for year ended June 30, 2014

Darrell Baucom addressed the letter from Sara Shippee, NC Department of State Treasurer regarding an area of concern with the town's financial operations. The area of concern appeared to relate to the Capital Outlay for 2014/2015. Mr. Baucom discussed this with our auditors and will prepare a letter for the Mayor to respond to the State Treasurers office. (See original letter and reply)

D. Bathrooms – Park & Rec.

Jerry Clontz stated that the Park & Rec. committee has decided on the bathroom specifications for the park. Joe McCollum stated that the town had to advertise for bids on the bathrooms if it would not be included in the bidding process for the construction of the park, and the price for materials is over \$90,000.00. Mr. McCollum stated that Mr. Clontz can give the bathroom specifications decided on to Alfred Benesch & Co. and have them handle the bidding process.

E. Minutes

Bradley Purser made a motion that the minutes of March 9, 2015 be approved, as amended. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz, Purser and Thomas voted yes (4-0).

The February 26, 2015 minutes will be corrected and approved at the next council meeting.

Council Comments

Bradley Purser asked Tony Helms to speak about events of the Monroe/Union County Economic Development Committee. Mr. Purser also suggested that Mr. Helms be added to the agenda each month to keep the council updated.

Mayor Long mentioned the article in the Monroe Enquirer regarding Union County tax rate could increase to 82 cents per \$100 valuation.

Jerry Clontz mentioned House Bill 369. This bill would change how sales tax would be distributed between counties and cities. The bill would also give a bigger share of the tax to rural committees.

John Biggers reported that there has been vandalism (cutting of trees) in the area where he lives.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 11th day of May, 2015.