

**Town of Fairview
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015**

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

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

Mayor Long asked for a motion from the Council to accept Arnold Price's resignation.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to accept the resignation of Arnold Price. John Biggers seconded the motion.

Councilmen Purser, Clontz and Biggers voted yes (3-0).

Agenda Changes

Bradley Purser stated he would like to add:

- Appoint replacement for Councilman's Price's seat between B and C.

Jerry Clontz stated he would like to add:

- Discussion of drawing down the pond at the park between E and F.

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Clontz, Biggers and Purser voted yes (3-0).

Reports

Darrell Baucom gave the monthly Financial Report.

John Biggers asked about putting additional funds in the Town Money Market Account from the checking account. Discussion followed.

John Biggers made the motion to transfer \$200,000 from the town checking account to the town's Money market account at Bank of NC. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Purser and Clontz voted yes (3-0).

Ed Humphries gave the Zoning Permit Report and the Town asset report. Assets we no longer owned to be removed. Revised report attached.

The Economic Development Report was given by Tony Helms who explained the four active projects the Commission is working on. The Commission hopes to create \$120 million in development within the year. The unemployment rate for Union County is 4.49%. Mr. Helms' last meeting was in December, 2014. Fairview has elected not to pay for a voting membership on the Commission. Helms feels like the County will appoint someone from this area of the County to serve on the commission and Helms has told the Commission that he would continue to serve on the Commission if appointed.

Jerry Clontz also gave the Park and Recreation Report, explaining that the Town has applied for the Perk test on the park property. Clontz is also working on bids to maintain the grounds of the park when it is built.

CRTPO Report – there was no meeting in December, 2014.

Fire Department

Brian Austin, President of the Board of Directors, Fairview Fire and Rescue, addressed the Council and stated that the Board of Directors was going to take some time and look at all their options concerning their request for the Town to help the department with the purchase of a new truck.

Council Seat

Bradley Purser stated that there were good candidates in Fairview who could fill Arnold Price's position and he would like to make a motion to fill the seat vacated by Arnold Price with Phil Thomas. Mr. Thomas has expressed interest in serving.

Discussion followed with Jerry Clontz stating that it would look bad if we didn't consider all candidates who want the job of Council person.

Mayor Long stated that she wants the Public to be aware of the board vacancy.

The motion that Bradley Purser made died due to a lack of a second.

After further discussion, John Biggers made a motion to advertise the seat on the Website for one week so that the Public could indicate to the Council their interest. After that time, they will not be considered for candidacy. The notice will run on the Website for a week, ending on January 20, 2015 at midnight.

The motion was seconded by Bradley Purser. Councilmen Clontz, Biggers and Purser voted yes (3-0)

The notice to the Council can be an email or letter sent to the Town Clerk, stating why they feel qualified to be on the Council. The Council has already received an email from Phil Thomas and Jesse Hargett. Hargett was in attendance and asked that his name be removed in support of Phil Thomas.

Jerry Clontz stated that Council could use a ballot to select the person, depending on how many showed interest.

Park and Recreation Committee

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the “Rules of Procedure” for the Park and Recreation Committee, as amended. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz and Purser voted yes (3-0). A copy of these rules will be in the Clerk’s office.

Part Time Employee

A part time administrative assistant was discussed. It was decided by consensus that an ad be placed in the paper and on the Website stating that the Council would like to hire an assistant. A job description will be sent to Council.

Meeting Dates for 2015

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2015 (see below)

❖ Meeting Dates for the Town Of Fairview --- 2015

The second Monday night of each month

All meetings start at 7pm

January 12th 2015----Monday
February 9th 2015----Monday
March 9th 2015 ----Monday
April 13th 2015----Monday
June 8th 2015----Monday
July 13th 2015 ----Monday
August 10th 2015----Monday
September 14th 15--Monday
October 15th 2015----Monday
November 9th 2015----Monday
December 14th 2015----Monday

John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz and Purser voted yes (3-0).

John Biggers stated he would like the Clerk to make a list of the days and dates that he office would be closed in 2015 and put it on next month’s agenda.

Park Pond

Jerry Clontz stated he had a couple of bids to “take down” the pond and put a spillway on it to stay at one level. The pond must be lowered by four or five feet to define a stable size in order to put the trail around it. Doing this is not a part of the PARTF Grant.

Jerry Clontz stated that after talking with Foster Lake and Pond Management, he would suggest using them for a bid price of \$2,450. There was discussion regarding the bid process.

Jerry Clontz made a motion that after receiving three bids on the work at the pond, Foster Lake and Pond could be hired with the cost not to exceed \$2,450 provided that Foster Lake and Pond was the low bid. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz and Purser voted yes (3-0).

Minutes

Jerry Clontz made a motion to approve the December 8, 2014 regular Meeting minutes as written. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Clontz, Biggers and Purser voted yes (3-0).

Council Comments

Jerry Clontz explained the rest room options the Town had for the park. The Council needs to make a decision on building a “stick” built or “prefab” restroom building. Costs are: \$109,000 for “prefab” and \$145,000 for “stick built”.

The Town would save about \$26,000 by using the “prefab” model.

Jerry Clontz made a motion that the Town use the “prefab” restrooms for the park. John Biggers seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Clontz and Purser voted yes (3-0).

Bradley Purser stated he had seen the park in Marvin and it looked good.

Jerry Clontz stated he had been to Oakboro to see the one they built.

Bradley Purser wanted to make three points:

1. He supported (100%) the Monroe Bypass, but did not like it being a toll road.
2. Ed Humphries was out of the office to attend a funeral.
3. If the Fire Department needed support for a building and equipment, it was his opinion that the Town should help with the equipment.

Mayor Long stated she had heard that the Fire Department members filled out Town surveys for support of the fire Department.

Bradley Purser stated he had not heard that but would check with the fire department.

Mayor Long stated the closed minutes of October, 2014 did not state the action taken to open the closed minutes to the public and needed to be corrected.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to adjourn. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Biggers, Purser and Clontz voted yes (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries
Town Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 9th day of February 2015.