

FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
FAIRVIEW TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

Personnel: Town Clerk Jan Carter, Attorney Joe McCollum, Financial Officer Christine Surratt and Land Use Administrator, Ed Humphries.

The meeting was opened by Mayor Williams.

Bradley Purser made a motion to change the agenda and move the Fairview Fire Department #6 to #3A. Bill Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Governance Advisory Committee Report:

Dee Lamb discussed the agenda for Wednesday night when this Committee meets. She discussed the purpose of this committee and relationship with the County Commissioners. Ms. Lamb stated that the committee would vote between two scenarios: to recommend to the County Commissioners either to support district representation or increase the number of Commissioners. Ms. Lamb told the Council that she would not support districts.

The Mayor asked if there were any public comments; there were none.

Christine Surratt, Finance Officer passed out the monthly financial reports. Tana McConnaughey's Tax Collector letter was passed out to the Council.

Fairview Fire Department

Eric Freeman, Patti Freeman and others(John Gordon, Mr. Teague and Hal Wild) presented an update on the fire department. Mr. Freeman introduced the Fire Department Board members: Johnny Gordon and David Teague. Patti Freeman has been appointed the Treasurer of the department and gave a financial report to the Council.

The Fire Department is requesting a monthly payment from the town of \$6075.00 for their monthly expenses. The Council asked a few questions. Hal Weill (member of the Fire Department Board) addressed to the Council regarding the accounting issues and the fixed expenses the Fire Department now has.

Councilperson Long made a motion to give the fire department a payment of \$6075.00 for the months of September, October, November and December (2009) to cover monthly

expenses. The Council will revisit the financial condition again in January, 2010. Johnny Gordon talked to the Council about the needs of the Fire Department. The Land Use Administrator and staff will be able to move in the Fire Dept. soon.

Councilman Purser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Thomas asked if the Department was acting on the fraud report they received. The answer was “no- not yet – more information was needed”.

Mayor Williams asked at this time to make it clear if the town is to have an office at the Fire Department. Councilman Purser made a motion to continue our plans of having an office at the department. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Long and passed three to one with Councilman Clontz voting no.

Planning and Zoning Report:

Land Use Administrator Humphries updated the Council on his office hours and improvements to the web site with the updated LUO and permit forms.

Humphries explained that four of the PB member’s terms will expire in September (Thomas, Huntley, Randall, and Hudson). These members have asked that they be considered for reappointment.

Humphries will put ‘reappointment of PB members’ on the October agenda. A statement and application will be placed on the web site asking if anyone would like to be considered for the Board.

Crowell Dairy road was discussed by Administrator Humphries. The owner has torn down some accessory buildings and will need a permit to build a home to keep **any** accessory buildings on the property. The land owner is waiting for the state to issue a septic permit in order for a home to be built.

The Greenhouse on Hwy 601 will also be applying for a CUP and will be heard by the planning board in October.

Humphries is also talking to a non-conforming land and business owner that will be applying for a rezoning and CUP.

Council comments:

Councilman Purser discussed a mailing to the residents in Fairview explaining how their tax money is spent. Councilperson Long said that information is on the web site.

Councilperson Long made a motion to go into Closed Session for legal and personnel discussions. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams reopened the regular meeting.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to have Councilperson Long contact Milton Carpenter at NC Emergency Management to find out who would be the contact in the Attorney General's office that could provide a ruling or information on Federal and State Statutes on Local governments requiring permits in Flood Plains.

Councilperson Long seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to have Long contact Attorney McCollum and Administrator Humphries with the name of the Assistant Attorney General who is handling the legal question. Councilperson Long seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council went again into Closed Session to discuss personnel. The staff that was present was excused.

After the Closed Session the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk Jan Carter

Mayor Richard Williams

Minutes revised on 9/22/09 and approved as corrected by Council on Oct 19,2009.

Minutes approved the 19th of Oct. 2009

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