

FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2008
FAIRVIEW TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

Personnel: Administrator Jason Wager, Town Clerk Jan Carter, Tax Collector Tana McConnaughey, Finance Officer Christine Surratt and Attorney Joe McCollum.

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

The Public Hearing Meeting was opened by the Mayor Williams. The Proposed Budget is to be discussed, and Financial Reports were handed out by Christine Surratt, Finance Officer. The Public Comments on the budget was opened. The Mayor Williams asked a question about if the tax increase was included in the budget. Finance Officer Christine Surratt assured him that it was.

Public Hearing Meeting was closed by the Mayor Williams and he opened the regular Monthly Meeting. The floor was opened for other public comments. The budget was discussed. Council discussed a Resolution that Member Elizabeth Long wanted added to the agenda. She made a motion to add this item to the agenda, and Member Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Member Elizabeth Long made a motion to postpone the approval of the May 18, 2008 minutes until next meeting so changes could be made that Christine Surratt suggested. Mayor Williams also made a correction. Member Bill Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Tax Collector Tana McConnaughey discussed some of the 3% delinquent taxes.

GENERAL PLANNING UPDATES:

Land Use Administrator Jason Wager wants the Council to call a Public Hearing for C-08-001-Conditional Use Permit Application for proposed 911 Emergency Radio Tower on Tesh Road. This is recommendation by the Planning Board.

Administrator Jason Wager wants the council to call a Public hearing for TC-08-003-consideration of Revision to Land Use Ordinance Text, Section 220-Private roads in Subdivisions. Member Bill Thomas made a motion to have a public hearing for both C-08-001 and TC-08-003. Member Elizabeth Long seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Land Use Administration Services for 2008 and 2009

Administrator Jason Wager discussed the contract and the hours it involves. He also discussed the N.C. Ecosystem Enhancement Program which is the WaterShed program.

Member Long asked a question about Crooked Creek. Administrator Wager also mentioned the heelsplitter. They discussed Administrator Wager's responsibilities to Fairview and Bill Thomas's and Elizabeth Long's concerns about a conflict with the Work Program Summary. Jason Wager will take their questions back to Bill Dustin. Administrator Wager also noted that some money would be available for the WaterShed program.

They then discussed Hwy. 218 and the money needed for the repaving. MUMPO was discussed by Administrator Wager. Union County is the 7th largest growing county in the state. Member Long made a motion to approve the contract with Centralina for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Member Purser seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Budget was discussed again. Member Bill Thomas commented about the Fire Department and insurance fees. The Council is required to have 2 services for the town. He discussed what the Town can afford to give the Fire Department. He is not in a hurry to get a town Hall. Member Thomas stated that he wants to do the funding to the Fire Dept. but with contingency. He wants the Council to be able to see more financial reports from Fairview Volunteer Fire Department. He passed out financial reports from the Fire Department that he had received from Hilton and Helms Accountants. Member Purser says that they are working on staffing someone at the Fire Department. They discussed the financial reports. He wants this changed on the budget for now. Finance Officer Christine Surratt discussed some changes. \$59,316.00 will be General government (71,000.00) page 4 will change to \$42,000.00 per Christine Surratt. \$200,000.00 is reserved for a Town Hall.

The Budget Proposal was discussed by Christine Surratt. She had made adjustments so there would be no violations. Member Bradley Purser made a motion to increase the salary to \$75.00 to whoever chairs the Zoning meetings. Member Long seconded it. The motion passed. Member Bill Thomas made a motion to not vote on this. Member Long seconded Bill's request to not vote on this. It passed unanimously.

Member Bill Thomas made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for 2008 & 2009. Member Long seconded it. They approved the budget by voting and it was unanimously.

Next the Council voted to approve the amendment for 2007 and 2008, Budget Ordinance. Member Long made the motion. Member Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed.

Christine Surratt noted that \$120,000.00 was to be moved to the N.C. Capital Management Trust, and the Town Clerk will sign the form for N.C. Capital Management Trust. She wants to move all but \$75,000.00 from the bank account. Member Long made a motion to allow the Finance Officer move \$120,000.00 to the NC Capital Management Trust and to keep \$75,000.00 for the available bank account. Member Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed.

Next the Resolution protesting the process by which the proposed changes in the number of County Commissioners is being conducted was discussed. Member Elizabeth Long made a motion to approve the Resolution to oppose this Resolution. Mayor Williams says we need to tell them who needs to be on the seats. They need to help out each area of Union County. Member Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Attorney Joe McCollum made some suggestions about the agenda wording. All Public Hearing should be set out separate from the Regular Meetings. Public hearing and Public comments need to be reviewed, and we should use the term "Proposed Agenda" on the website. Member Bill Thomas suggested using "Public comments" and "Adjustment of Agenda." We should also have 2 sign up pages, one for the Public Hearing and one for the Regular Meeting.

Member Bill Thomas made a motion to approve the procedures that Mr. McCollum suggested. Member Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Next, Elizabeth Long talked about the proposed natural gas line on Hwy. 601 and also the leasing of this building from Union County Public Schools.

Member Elizabeth Long made a motion to close the meeting. Member Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed unanimously and the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Richard Williams

Town Clerk Jan Carter

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