

Fairview Town Council Meeting
May 9, 2011
7:00 p.m.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Elizabeth Long, Bradley Purser, Bill Thomas, B.B. Haigler and Jerry Clontz.

Other present: Joe McCollum, Attorney; Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator/Clerk and Darrell Baucom, Financial Officer

Mayor Long requested that we add a "Closed Session" Purpose– Real Estate – to the meeting.

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the agenda. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Purser, Haigler, Thomas and Clontz voted yes.

Reports:

Darrell Baucom presented a financial and tax report.

Ed Humphries gave the zoning and permit report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Mayor Long stated that she had addressed the Union County Board of Commissioners on April 18, 2011, indicating the need for additional water and sewer for Fairview. Mayor Long also addressed needs for the schools in Fairview. Todd Johnson, Vice Chairman of the Board, stated that he would like to talk to Mayor Long regarding Fairview and he would contact her.

Bill Thomas stated that he attended the County Transportation Advisory Board meeting. The bridge on Highway 218 was discussed again. John Barker, also a RPO member, stated that the bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2014. There has also been discussion regarding improvements to be made in the short term.

Mayor Long will write a letter to our State Representatives, County Commissioners and Barry Moose (NCDOT) to inform everyone that the Highway 218 Bridge is in need of replacement.

B.B. Haigler asked Ed Humphries if the town had received completed "grant applications" from Fairview and Piedmont schools. Humphries stated no.

B.B. Haigler made a motion to give \$4500 to Fairview School for their computer lab and \$4500 to Piedmont High School for the baseball field after receiving the town 'request for funds application' from the schools. Bradley Purser seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Bill Thomas stated he **was not** in favor of giving the money just because it was in the budget. Thomas stated that the citizens wanted us to maintain our tax rate and he feels this is a School Board responsibility.

Mayor Long stated that 60% of our county tax goes to the schools.

B.B. Haigler stated he thought that giving this grant was a good investment in our community.

Bill Thomas stated he thought we should concentrate on the Fire Department.

B.B. Haigler called for the vote.

Councilmen Haigler, Clontz and Purser voted yes. Councilman Bill Thomas voted no. The motion passed.

Bill Thomas made a motion to donate \$9000 to the schools (mentioned above) and use the Mayor and Council's May and June salary to fund it. The motion did not receive a second.

After discussion the Council agreed to hold the Budget Workshop on May 30th @ 7:00 o'clock At the Fairview School

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the April 14th meeting Minutes at the June 13th meeting due to receiving late. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Thomas, Haigler, Purser and Clontz voted yes.

Mayor Long said that the Closed Minutes for Sept 21, 2009 and Aug 24 2009 were Not be opened to the public at this time. Mayor Long also said that the minutes for November 23, 2009; June 15, 2009; October 25, 2004; November 15, 2004 , June 24, 2009 and Sept21,2009 (Session II) be opened to the public upon a request.

Jerry Clontz made a motion **keep the minutes closed** for Sept 21, 2009 and Aug 24, 2009 and **open to the public** the following minutes: November 23. 2009; June 15, 2009; October 25, 2004; November 15, 2004 and June 24, 2009. Bill Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmen Thomas, Purser, Haigler, and Clontz voted yes.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to go into Closed Session for Real Estate purposes. Bradley Purser seconded. Councilmen Haigler, Thomas, Purser and Clontz voted yes.

Closed Session

Mayor Long reopened the meeting.

The **budget workshop** is scheduled for **May 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** The mayor and Council will meet with Finance Director, Darrell Baucom.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to recess the meeting to May 17, 2011 at the Town Hall (Old Fairview School) at 6:30 p.m. to review the Citizen Survey with the Fairview Planning Board and Dr. Paul Friday of RTS Specialists. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Thomas, Clontz and Purser voted yes.

Mayor Long stated that the meeting was recessed until May 17, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries
Clerk

Elizabeth Long

Approved this 13 day of June, 2011