

Minutes of Town of Woodfin Board of Alderman

Regular Meeting of October 18, 2016

Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

Be it remembered: That the Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Woodfin Town Hall Boardroom, Woodfin, North Carolina at 6:30 pm. The following town business was conducted:

Mayor Pro-Tem, Debbie Giezentanner , called the pre-meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. with the following board members present:

Jackie Bryson

Don Hensley

Donald Honeycutt

Ronnie Lunsford

Jim Angel

The agenda was read by Mayor Pro-Tem Giezentanner and approved with two new items added.

Mayor Pro-Tem Giezentanner called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

The Invocation was led by Alderman Jackie Bryson.

Approval of the agenda - Motion was made by Alderman Jim Angel and seconded by Alderman Ronnie Lunsford. All votes affirmative.

Approval of the minutes – Motion was made by Alderman Ronnie Lunsford and seconded by Alderman Jim Angel. All votes affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of a Resolution Empowering the Mayor Pro-Tem to exercise the duties of the Mayor in his absence. Passed
2. Consideration of a Resolution declaring December 1, 2016 as Civil Air Patrol Day in the Town of Woodfin. Passed. Clint Parker stood and gave appreciation to the board for passing the resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pro-Tem Giezentanner opened the floor for discussion on matters of concern to the public.

John Maltry spoke reference to small businesses. He believes that Woodfin is losing small business which is having an effect on Woodfin. He mentioned how Campfire Lodging is doing well and that he himself has 2 vacation rentals that do well in the area and would like to see other small business stay in the area and also prosper.

Mrs. Parker of Parker's Karat Patch had questions concerning the Bond Referendum. Why do we need a tax increase and a bond issued? Town Administrator, Jason Young, answered Mrs. Parker's questions.

Walt Brewer had concerns about the bond. Where did the cost estimates come from? Will the money be spent per the general wishes of the public? Do we have an update on the engine breaking signs? When will those go up? Town Administrator, Jason Young, addressed Mr. Brewer's concerns. DOT has a map that is believed to be correct now to put up the signs. Jason Young also addressed the Bond Referendum questions.

Bill Nearemer of 56 Audubon thanked the board for their work on the Air BnB issue. He believes that the board is being very supportive and appreciates that.

Public Forum closed at 7:20pm

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation from Mark Hunt regarding the proposed Woodfin White Water Wave.

Mark Hunt shared a power point presentation giving information on the White Water Wave. Walt Brewer questioned the town's liability of the wave. Mr. Hunt stated that there will be signs at the wave and along the water's edge before getting to the wave that will warn people of increase in rapid.

A break was held at 8:27pm and the meeting resumed at 8:36pm

2. Presentation from Bryan Messing with the YMCA to discuss a proposal regarding use to the Woodfin Community Center.

Bryan Messing gave a presentation and spoke regarding use of the community center's kitchen and ceramics studio for their food pantry, cooking demos and distribution of food for families requiring these services in WNC. The YMCA has received funding from a Biltmore grant for \$70,000 to renovate a space as needed and to pay rent. The YMCA will on a continual basis need to use the space 2 days per month for distribution. Bryan will be contacting an electrician to evaluate the space to see if it is wired properly for new refrigeration etc. If it is not he will obtain an estimate on the costs. He will also look into other matters such as what it will take for the kitchen to pass inspection.

3. Presentation from staff on the proposed Greenway and Bond Referenda.

Presentation was given by Town Administrator, Jason Young. He did a power point of the positive aspects of the greenway and answered the board's questions

Reports

Police: Chief Brett Holloman gave report. Review of updated totals. 3 new Police cars have come in and are being prepared for use. 3 conditional employment offers have been made to potential officers. They have to go through state requirements for hiring. There will be a 5K this Saturday that the officers will be working.

Storm Water: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. We have not had any significant rain. Jonestown and Mills Place had their ditches cleaned and they look good.

ABC: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. \$219,107.22 on hand. The outside painting of the building has been completed.

Public Works: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. Public works has been working on replacing street signs and as noted above in the storm report, they have been cleaning out ditches and mowing.

Administration: Town Administrator, Jason Young, gave report. Will be meeting with a development company for possible residential town homes and commercial space in the Reynold's Mountain area. The movie theater company has been back in touch. The town has hired a new accountant, Janice Henson, that will be at the next meeting to meet the board of Alderman. There have been preliminary discussions with 245 Weaverville Hwy about possible modifications to that site.

Adjournment of regular session: 9:52pm. Motion made by Alderman Jackie Bryson and seconded by Alderman Ronnie Lunsford. Motion carried.