

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

May 03, 2021

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Connelly Springs met at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Board Room in Connelly Springs, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Mayor Johnny E. Berry, Alderman Terry Childers, Alderman Josh Phillips, Alderman Steve Smart, Alderman Ramona Duncan, Alderman Carroll Turner and Alderman Kimberly Sigmon. Also, in attendance were: Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Administrator Tamara Brooks, Deputy Brian Sigmon and Planning Board members Debbie Pelick and Bobby Tomlinson. The Board meeting was recorded in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-72, 171.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

INVOCATION: Alderman Turner offered an invocation and Mayor Berry asked those in attendance to rise and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alderman Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Sigmon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Smart noted a correction to his last name in the opening paragraph. Alderman Childers made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen's regular meeting on April 05 01, 2021 with the correction as noted. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAPTER 160D REVISIONS: Administrator Brooks said Johnny Wear, Planner with WPCOG, presented the required zoning ordinance modifications for Chapter 160D to the Planning Board. The plan is to make a formal recommendation for approval at the next meeting on June 7th.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The first concert for the Summer Concert Series is scheduled for May 8th. Alderman Duncan will provide more information in her Parks and Recreation report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Attorney Dill said formal guidance has not been given as to how municipalities may spend the monies allotted in the American Rescue Plan. Mayor Berry reported that he and Administrator Brooks had participated in zoom meetings for more information but so far no more information has been provided.

SENATE BILL 288: Attorney Dill said the Senate Bill proposed by Senator Warren Daniels which would move elections to even years, had been revised to remove all municipalities. The bill now only impact school board elections.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Berry reported that he and Administrator Brooks attended the ribbon cutting for the grand re-opening of Tex's Fish Camp on April 6th. He participated in the virtual WPCOG Annual Meeting which included "13 Ways to Kill Your Community," by guest speaker, Doug Griffiths. He also attended a VEDIC Meeting on April 22nd, where the made plans for their next meeting to be held at our new pavilion on May 27th.

FINANCE: Alderman Smart presented the financial reports and said they are available for review. The town continues to stay on track for the fiscal year. He asked Attorney Dill to submit a bill for services for payment prior to fiscal year end.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

POLICE: Alderman Childers asked Deputy Sigmon to give his report for March 2021.

Larceny – 2

Domestic Disturbance -- 1

Warrant for Arrest -- 2

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 104

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Sigmon stated a code enforcement issue at 6802 Berea Avenue where numerous vehicles are parked on a residential lot. Administrator Brooks said Code Enforcement had been notified but she had not received any response from their office. She will follow up.

WATER/SEWER: Alderman Turner reported that the recent repairs made to the water tank road did not resolve the water runoff issues. A culvert is needed to divert water flow. Evans Construction has given an estimate of ten thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$10,350.00) for the additional repairs. Alderman Smart made a motion to approve the repairs by Evans Construction as quoted. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Alderman Duncan reported that the first concert of the Summer Concert Series is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th at 5 pm, featuring The Extraordinaires. The food trucks for the evening are The Cranky Crab, Paradise Subs and Blue Moose Coffee. She asked that those who can please attend to show support.

COMMUNITY ROOM/PAVILION FEES: A brief discussion took place, discussing the fees for renting the community room, picnic shelter and pavilion. Administrator Brooks is going to update the rental form to be presented at the next meeting for formal approval.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY:

OUTDOOR BUILDINGS: Alderman Phillips discussed options for replacing the outdoor buildings behind town hall. Alderman Smart made a motion to give Alderman Phillips authority to purchase/contract to replace the outdoor buildings behind town hall with a budget of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). Alderman Sigmon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

TRANSPORTATION: Alderman Turner said that Shady Grove Road and Oak Ridge Church Road are on the list of roads to be paved by NCDOT. There is no real time frame for the paving to take place.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board of Aldermen, Mayor Berry called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Smart made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Childers seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Johnny E. Berry, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk