

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

June 07, 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, and Alderman Kimberly Sigmon. Alderman Ramona Duncan and Alderman Carroll Turner were absent, excused. Also, in attendance were: Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Administrator Tamara Brooks, Deputy Brian Sigmon, resident Bobby Tomlinson and presenters David Poore, with West Consultants and Rusty Bunton, with Conterra Networks. 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: Since the invocation was previously given in the public hearing, Mayor Berry asked those in attendance to rise and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen's regular meeting on May 03, 2021, as presented. Alderman Sigmon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONTERRA NETWORKS: Administrator Brooks introduced Rusty Bunton, with Conterra Networks, who gave a presentation to the Board on switching both internet and phone services to their fiber network. The town currently has service with Spectrum at the average cost of two hundred ninety dollars (\$290.00) per month. Mr. Bunton said he could provide faster, more reliable service at the cost of two hundred eighty-two dollars (\$282.00) per month. He said Conterra would cover the cost of bringing the fiber connection to town hall. Mayor Berry asked what the length of the contract would be. Mr. Bunton replied the initial contract would be for five (5) years, but if at any time the town is unsatisfied, the contract could be terminated without penalty. Mayor Berry thanked Mr. Bunton for his presentation and said the Board would notify him of their decision.

CHAPTER 160D REVISIONS: Administrator Brooks introduced Johnny Wear, Planner with WPCOG, who said he would make his formal presentation regarding the required zoning ordinance modifications for Chapter 160D to the Board at the public hearing on June 21st. He briefly explained that the Chapter 160D modifications were mostly administrative changes being made so that both counties and cities would be using the same language throughout zoning ordinances. These changes will make ordinances more cohesive and easier to govern.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Brooks said the next concert in the Summer Concert Series is scheduled for June 12th with The Local Boys. Also, the next public hearing and regular Board meeting are scheduled for June 21st, beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be no meeting in July.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Dill commented on the success of the first concert and the number of people that attended. With that being said, he suggested adding more deputies and traffic control.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Berry reported that attended WPCOG Policy Board Meeting on May 25th and the VEDIC Regular Meeting 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 with expenses being down by thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

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

Sexual Offense – 1

Breaking and Entering -- 1

Investigation -- 1

Fraud – 1

Property Located – 1

Warrant for Arrest – 1

Order for Arrest – 1

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 94

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Sigmon stated the code enforcement issue at 6802 Berea Avenue and 2950 Coldwater Street, where numerous vehicles are parked on a residential lots, is still ongoing, with no resolution from Code Enforcement.

WATER/SEWER: No report or invoice has been received from Evans Construction for the additional repairs to the water tank road.

PARKS AND RECREATION: After a brief discussion about preparation for the concerts, Administrator Brooks was asked to contact Matt Jensen to pressure wash the pavilion prior to each concert.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY:

OUTDOOR BUILDINGS: Alderman Phillips discussed options for replacing the outdoor buildings behind town hall with a new construction from Sheds of NC. The new storage building would be 24' x 30' x 9' or 10', with a 8' x 8' garage door on the end. The total cost of project, depending on the size is estimated to be seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00). Alderman Smart made a motion to approve the purchase/installation of the new storage as presented. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

TRANSPORTATION: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Alderman Smart made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion future economic development opportunities and contract(s). Alderman Childers seconded the motion.

OPENING FROM CLOSED SESSION: Alderman Sigmon made a motion to go back into open session. Alderman Phillips seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN: Alderman Phillips made a motion to accept the proposal from Conterra Networks as presented by Rusty Bunton to switch both phone and internet service to Conterra Network as soon as the transition can be made. This will terminate service with Spectrum Business for phone, internet and cable TV (which is not used). Alderman Smart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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

Johnny E. Berry, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk