

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

August 02, 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, WPCOG Planner Ashley Kale, and Planning Board members Joe Dempsey 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: An invocation was given by Alderman Duncan and Mayor Berry asked those in attendance to rise and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Childers made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen’s regular meeting and public hearing on June 21, 2021, as presented. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CHAPTER 160D REVISIONS – PRESENTED BY ASHLEY KALE, WPCOG PLANNER: WPCOG Planner, Ashley Kale, made a second presentation to the Board of Aldermen of the Chapter 160D Revisions for Land Use/Development as required by NC General Statute, including the allowance for Town Administrator to make decisions about minor modifications. Alderman Childers made a motion to approve the Chapter 160D Revisions as presented. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion. Ayes: Alderman Childers, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Duncan, Alderman Turner and Alderman Sigmon. Nay: Alderman Smart.

Mayor Berry asked when final copies of the ordinances would be available. Planner Kale said she would make the additional changes in her office tomorrow and send a digital copy to Administrator Brooks immediately afterward and hard copies would be available by the end of the week.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Brooks said she received an email from Conterra regarding the installation of the fiber network. At this time, Conterra has completed the on-site review and is waiting on permits from NCDOT.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Berry reported that VEDIC met here at Town Hall’s picnic shelter on July 22nd. He and Administrator Brooks attended the WPCOG Mayor/Manager’s Meeting in Newton on July 27th.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Dill said he had been asked to review the petition form and process for bringing a private road into the town’s Powell Bill system. He is going to research this for an inquiry regarding Sophia Street and Sophia Avenue.

FINANCE: Alderman Smart presented the financial reports and said they are available for review. The town continues to well this fiscal year with income received being two hundred seven thousand dollars (\$207,000) more than what was budgeted.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

POLICE: Alderman Childers asked Deputy Sigmon to give his report for both June and July.

JUNE

Larceny – 2 Damage to Property – 1 Recovered Property – 1
Warrant for Arrest -- 1

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 96

JULY

Larceny – 2 Stolen Motor Vehicle – 1 Breaking and Entering – 1
Order for Arrest – 3 Warrant for Arrest – 1

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 118

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Sigmon stated there are several code enforcement issues he is working on: 6802 Berea Avenue, 7118 Wandering Lane, 2950 Coldwater Street and Old Lail Avenue. He is actively communicating with Deputy Marler and Bradley Kirkley trying to reach a resolution for each situation. Mayor Berry said the Wyatt property located at 2370 Israel Chapel Rd still needed to be addressed. Alderman Smart said the town is not getting the code enforcement service from the county that we contracted for. He suggested asking their manager to come to the next meeting so these issues could be discussed. Administrator Brooks said she would reach out to him.

WATER/SEWER: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: None.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY:

OUTDOOR BUILDINGS: Alderman Phillips said once the concrete pad is poured the installation of the building can be scheduled.

He asked about future development for the property located at 1170 Tomlinson Loop. Mayor Berry suggested the Planning Board take on that task.

TRANSPORTATION: None.

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 Sigmon seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Johnny E. Berry, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk