

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

February 07, 2022

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 Dennis Seagle, Alderman Terry Childers, Alderman Steve Smart, Alderman Jeffrey Beck, Alderman Ramona Duncan and Alderman Kimberly Sigmon. Alderman Carroll Turner was absent, excused. Also, in attendance were: Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Administrator Tamara Brooks, Deputy Brian Sigmon, Planning Board Members Bobby Tomlinson and Debbie Pelick, as well as residents Johnny and Cloise Berry, Sophia Greene, and Ann Seagle. The Board meeting was recorded in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-72, 171.

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

INVOCATION: An invocation was previously given by Alderman Childers during the public hearing. Mayor Seagle asked those in attendance to rise and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Smart made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen's regular meeting on January 10, 2022, as presented. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Seagle said that he and Alderman Beck recently completed the Essentials of Local Government series online, which included the mandatory ethics training.

NEW BUSINESS:

REZONING REQUEST / ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 1160 W. PARADISE HARBOR DR: Administrator Brooks presented the request for 1160 West Paradise Harbor Drive, further identified by Burke County GIS as PIN# 2754943150, to be rezoned from Neighborhood Business (N-B) to Residential-1 (R-1) for residential use. A public hearing was held where there were no public comments. Alderman Childers made a motion to approve the rezoning as requested and amend the official zoning map accordingly. Alderman Sigmon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Brooks said she is scheduled to attend the NC Association of Zoning Officials Winter Conference in Cary on February 13th -15th. As a result, the office will be closed Monday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 15th. She will be available by phone if needed and will check email on a regular basis.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Dill said West Consultants has been contacted to begin the engineering and surveying of Sophia Street and Sophia Avenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Seagle received an invitation to attend the NC Mayors Association Winter Meeting in Lexington on February 23rd and 24th. He said he would like to attend with the Board's approval. Alderman Smart made a motion to approve the expense of the conference. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

FINANCE: Alderman Smart presented the financial reports and said they are available for review. He said the town's income is twelve percent (12%) higher than what was anticipated for the year.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

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

Breaking and Entering – 1

Recovered Property – 1

Warrant for Arrest – 3

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 63

Deputy Sigmon gave a comparative report for 2020 and 2021 as follows:

	Total for Year 2021	Total for Year 2020
January	71	113
February	89	123
March	77	104
April	104	86
May	94	114
June	96	129
July	118	142
August	116	142
September	90	124
October	91	131
November	55	101
December	77	77
Yearly Total	1078	1386
Monthly Average	89.83333333	115.5

WATER/SEWER: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Alderman Duncan said the planning for the Summer Concert Series and Town Day Festival is going well. The Catalinas are scheduled to perform for the first concert on May 14th.

Alderman Duncan also reported on attending her first Policy Board Meeting for WPCOG at the Broyhill Center with Administrator Brooks. The Strategic Plan for 2022 was discussed which included plans to expand the WPCOG facility in Hickory.

Administrator Brooks asked about sending out sponsorship letters for the festival and upcoming concerts. Alderman Smart made a motion to approve sending out sponsorship letters. Alderman Sigmon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY - OUTDOOR BUILDINGS: Administrator Brooks said the shelves for the storage building are being ordered. Due to supply limitations, they can only be ordered in quantities of three (3) at a time, so there will be three (3) different shipments.

TRANSPORTATION - ABEE PARK DR: Due to weather, the paving at Abee Park Drive has not yet been started but Evans Construction has been contacted and the project is on their schedule.

OLD BUSINESS: Alderman Childers said there would be another round of classes for WCI held here at Town Hall in the coming weeks, beginning on Tuesday, February 8th.

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

Dennis F. Seagle, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk