

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

April 04, 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, Alderman Carroll Turner and Alderman Kimberly Sigmon. Also, in attendance were: Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Administrator Tamara Brooks, Deputy Brian Sigmon, Planning Board Member Debbie Pelick, as well as residents Johnny and Cloise Berry, Sophia Greene and Josh Phillips. 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 given by Alderman Duncan and 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 Turner 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 March 07, 2022, as presented. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR REZONING: Administrator Brooks presented two (2) rezoning requests. A request to rezone a vacant lot behind the post office, located on Shady Grove Road, further identified as a 0.17 acre lot and GIS PIN# 2753744174, from Highway Business (H-B) to Residential-2 (R-2). The property owner wishes to combine this lot with the adjacent residential lots and cannot do so without all being zoned the same. As well as a request for 1211 East Paradise Harbor, an 8.4 acre parcel, further identified by Burke County GIS as PIN# 2764032503; to be rezoned from Highway Business (H-B) to Residential-1 (R-1). A public hearing was held previously at 6:30 pm with no opposition received. Alderman Childers made a motion to approve both rezoning requests as presented. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT: Administrator Brooks then asked for approval of Zoning Map Amendment 2022-02 to reflect the rezoning changes of both parcels. Alderman Turner made a motion to approve Zoning Map Amendment 2022-02. Alderman Smart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. (See attached)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Brooks gave the Board an update on options for the American Rescue Plan Act funds. She explained that several rules have changed and the first report is due on April 30th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Dill said until the GIS addressing issue on Sophia Avenue is resolved, the petition cannot move forward. He will continue to follow for progress.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Seagle said Dollar General is winterizing their building.

FINANCE: Alderman Smart presented the financial reports and said they are available for review. He said revenue received this fiscal year is at one hundred seven percent (107%) of what was budgeted. A budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 pm.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

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

Larceny – 3

Search Warrant -- 1

Breaking and Entering – 1

Fraud – 1

Warrant for Arrest – 2

Order for Arrest – 2

Criminal Summons – 1

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 75

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 said the Food Truck Fridays are scheduled to begin on Friday, April 22nd from 11am – 2 pm.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY:

PAVING AT STORAGE BUILDING: Alderman Turner presented a quote from Evans Construction for sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00) to pave the area at the new storage building. After a brief discussion, the Board wants to clarify the details of the work to be done before making a decision on paving. No action was taken.

FIBER OPTICS FOR PAVILION: Alderman Turner presented a quote from Smart Fiber & Communications for four thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$4,778.29) to install and test fiber optics for a camera system at the pavilion. Alderman Turner made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Alderman Sigmon seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Seagle asked to go into closed session to discuss an item for economic development and personnel. Alderman Turner made a motion to go into closed session to discuss an item for economic development and personnel matter. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION: Alderman Turner made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

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

Dennis F. Seagle, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk