

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

November 01, 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 Steve Smart, Alderman Josh Phillips, Alderman Carroll Turner, Alderman Ramona Duncan and Alderman Kimberly Sigmon. Also, in attendance were: Attorney Redmond Dill, Town Administrator Tamara Brooks, and Deputy Brian Sigmon, Planning Board members Debbie Pelick and Bobby Tomlinson and Auditor Ronnie Crump. 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 Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Turner made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen's regular meeting on October 04, 2021, as presented. Alderman Duncan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL Y/E 2020-2021:

Mayor Berry introduced Auditor Ronnie Crump, with Boggs, Crump and Brown, PA; and asked him to present this fiscal year's audit findings. Auditor Crump presented the audit report to the Board and said the town continues to remain in good financial standing. Alderman Smart made a motion to accept the audit report as presented by Auditor Crump. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WEBINARS:

Administrator Brooks said she been participating in webinars presented by NCLM regarding the American Rescue Plan and the developing guidelines on how the funds can be used.

CONTERRA UPDATE:

Administrator Brooks received an email stating NCDOT has one final permit pending before equipment installation can begin for the fiber network. The equipment installation should take approximately 2-3 days.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Dill has received petitions from property owners on Sophia Street and Sophia Avenue requesting the town incorporate their roads into the town's Powell Bill street maintenance program. He said he will research the deeds to see if additional signatures are needed. He reference the town's 2003 policy for the street maintenance program and said if the petitions have all of the required signatures, the next step would be a recommendation from the Transportation Committee to the Board to accept the petition and move forward with surveys, engineering, etc.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Berry said he and the VEDIC Committee Meeting met here in the Community Room on October 28th. They expressed their appreciation for being allowed to use our facilities and commented on how nice the new floors were.

FINANCE: Alderman Smart presented the financial reports and said they are available for review. He said the town's income is fourteen percent (14%) higher than what was anticipated for the year.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

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

Larceny – 1 Shots Fired – 1 Damage to Property – 1 Assault – 1
Warrant for Arrest – 2 Order for Arrest – 1 On-view Arrest – 1

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 91

WATER/SEWER: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Alderman Duncan reminded everyone of the Christmas Dinner after the meeting on December 6th.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY:

OUTDOOR BUILDINGS: Alderman Phillips said the storage building has been completed but will need shelving and a ramp. Alderman Childers asked if the ceiling was insulated and mentioned concerns of condensation and moisture issues with a metal building. Alderman Turner said the ceiling could be sprayed with foam or blue insulation board could be added to prevent condensation and moisture problems. Alderman Smart said the storage building at the end of the pavilion also needed shelving. He asked Alderman Phillips to research the cost of industrial shelves. Alderman Smart made a motion to set an initial budget of two thousand dollars for shelving for both the storage building and the pavilion. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

TRANSPORTATION: Alderman Turner presented photos of Abee Park Avenue for review. He said in order to repair the road it would need to be milled and repaved. He said he would contact Evans Construction for an estimate on repairs and report at the December meeting.

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

Johnny E. Berry, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk