

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
April 6, 2021

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Johnny Chestnut, Richard Kimmer, Christy Starnes, and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Commissioner Marcus Mullis was absent from the meeting. Visitors present at the meeting were Cathy Kimmer, John Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Derek Starnes, Bill Rogers, Sue & Donald Lambert, Sue Brander and Mary Robinson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing was to consider the request by Mr. Bill Rogers to re-zone a parcel of his property (PIN Number 663102983234) from R-20 to R-A. This parcel was zoned R-A when Mr. Rogers originally purchased the property. The zoning was changed to R-20 as a recommendation of the Planning Board and Town Board in November 2012 to rezone several properties in town to straighten out the zoning along property lines. Mayor Daniels asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak about the matter. Adjacent property owners, Sue & Donald Lambert, spoke in favor of the rezoning request. There being no further discussion, Mayor Daniels closed the Public Hearing and the Commissioner's Meeting reconvened.

**Decision regarding re-zoning request:** Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the re-zoning request, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to waive the Application Fee for this request, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes after Town Administrator Susan Almond read the minutes from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mary Robinson inquired about a letter she received regarding Parker Mine's application for a mining permit. Mayor Daniels reported that we are awaiting more information from Mr. Adam Parr, Assistant State Mining Engineer with the Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources. He encouraged Mrs. Robinson to contact Mr. Parr with her questions and concerns.

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer system is working properly. They will use the fire truck to wash out the pump stations within the next week.

**Code Enforcement-** An updated Code Enforcement Report was distributed to the Town Board. Contact Commissioner Chestnut with any questions.

**Chapter 160D Update-** Mr. Michael Sandy is working on the updates and should have them ready to present at the May Board Meeting. Commissioner Chestnut recommended a text amendment be added during the zoning ordinance update in regards to sending zoning notifications via certified mail.

**Mrs. Almond reported on the following:**

- **Waste Management (WM)-** Our 5 yr. combined contract between Waste Management, New London, Richfield and Misenheimer expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Rates are increasing from \$14.85 to \$15.70 per household. Following discussions with Waste Management, we were able to negotiate the Consumer Price Index for Water, Sewer & Trash not to exceed 3% annually.
- **Park Grant Process, Phase 2:** The grant application deadline is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Recreation Resources Consultant advised us to continue gathering public input and data to apply for a PARTF Grant for Phase 2 next year.
- **Payroll Checks:** will be changing to direct deposit.
- **Bulk Waste Pick-up-** Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Mayor Daniels reported on the following:**

- **Speed Radar Signs-** they have been delivered and will be installed soon.
- **Sidewalk Update-** The sidewalk along 216 North Main Street needs repairing. Powell Bill funds can be used for these repairs.
- **Park Update:**
  - a. Fenced area for dogs has been installed. Mulch will be spread inside the fence and benches will be placed in the next few weeks.
  - b. Memorial Brick Update- 133 bricks have been sold thus far. Bricks will be installed next month.
  - c. Corn Hole Pavers have been donated and installed. They look great and will be a nice addition to the park.
  - d. Park Dedication Date- Following discussion, the Town Board agreed to postpone a dedication date until late summer or fall.
  - e. Request from Ronald Laun- We received an inquiry about a Duck Call Contest being held at the New London Memorial Park on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
  - f. Request from Stanly County Arts Guild- We received an inquiry about a Kids Art Camp being held at the New London Memorial Park one week in June from Monday-Thursday. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

A Closed Session was called. The Commissioner's Meeting reconvened.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator