

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
February 2, 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 and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Commissioners Marcus Mullis and Christy Starnes were absent from the meeting. Visitors present at the meeting were Cathy Kimmer, John Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Debbie Bennett from the Stanly County Health Department, and Ann Craven from Rowell, Craven & Short, P.A.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting on January 12th. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried.

**Mrs. Debbie Bennett**, a representative from the Stanly County Health Department, spoke to the Town Board and encouraged everyone to complete the 2021 Community Health Assessment Survey. The deadline to complete the survey is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Almond will add a link to this survey on the Public Recreation Survey that will be mailed to all residents this week.

**Mrs. Ann Craven** gave an overview of the audit report. She noted that the town is in terrific shape. The governmental funds went down a little and expenses increased due to the park project. Our net position increased by \$440,000 from last year. She applauded the Board for the park project and creating a family atmosphere for New London residents.

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported on the following sewer issues: Pump in the new park failed because it was not installed properly by the plumber. This problem is resolved. The pumps at Fiberon and Oak Street both failed and are being rebuilt by Hammond Electric. Both stations are operating with their spare pumps.

**Code Enforcement-** An updated Code Enforcement Report was distributed to the Town Board.

**G.S. Chapter 160D- Update regarding the changes to local ordinances-** Commissioner Chestnut reported that the update process is more involved than we originally anticipated. After speaking with other towns and estimating attorney fees, we obtained a quote from Mr. Michael Sandy with Uwharrie Planners to complete the update process to our ordinances as per the General Statutes for a cost of \$4,500. Following discussion, Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- **Fire Protection Agreement-** Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to adopt the Fire Protection and Emergency Services Agreement between the Town of New London and the New London Fire Department for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Recreational Needs Survey-** This is a requirement for the grant application process to obtain citizen's input on future park elements. The survey will be mailed to all town residents later this week. Mrs. Almond asked the Board to help encourage residents to complete and return the survey.
- **Ethics Webinar-** Commissioners Richard Kimmer, Johnny Chestnut and Bill Peak have been sent the link for the webinar that needs to be completed by October.

**Mayor Daniels reported on the following:**

- **Speed Radar Sign:** Quote was presented for 2 stationary signs with solar panels, similar to the signs Norwood uses, for a cost of \$5,299. Following discussion, Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to table this issue until the next Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Park Update:**
  1. **Dog Park:** Quotes were obtained for a 70ft x 50ft black coated chain link enclosure with a drive through gate and double entrance gate. Forest Fence's Quote was \$4,720, Heavenly Gate's Fence Quote was \$4,300. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to accept the quote from Heavenly Gate, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
  2. **Park Sign:** Quotes were obtained for a 48" x 96" HDU "New London Memorial Park" sign from Cadillac Sign for \$6,612 and Bondo Innovation for \$3,771. Eddie Signs quoted a sandblasted sign for \$2,825. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to accept Eddie Sign's quote, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. **Ivey Family Plaque:** Quote was obtained from Locust Monument for a 2ft x 1ft granite marker for a cost of \$886.50. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to accept this quote, 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 8:30 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator.