

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
January 12, 2021

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Christy Starnes, Johnny Chestnut, Marcus Mullis, Richard Kimmer and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Cathy Kimmer, John Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Bill Rogers, Sid Lanier, Julie Wittman, Karen Peak & Bill Peak.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Bill Rogers and Mr. Sid Lanier requested to be added to the agenda. In addition, Commissioner Chestnut requested to add a Closed Session to the agenda. Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the updates, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting on December 1st. There being no corrections, Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bill Rogers spoke to the Board about the easement where Depot Street extends beyond his property. In addition, Mr. Rogers asked about re-zoning of his property. Mayor Daniels will get some information to Mr. Rogers regarding the easement and zoning process.

Mr. Sid Lanier spoke to the Town Board and thanked them for the job they do and asked the Board to consider appointing Mr. Bill Peak to the vacant Commissioner's position.

Board Vacancy- Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to appoint Mr. Bill Peak to the vacant Commissioner's Seat, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried.

Town Administrator Susan Almond administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Commissioner, Bill Peak.

Sewer Report- Mayor Daniels reported that the sewer system was running smoothly with no pump failures or controller issues during the last month.

Code Enforcement- An updated Code Enforcement Report was distributed to the Town Board. Commissioner Chestnut noted that the resident at 1063 Locust Lane who suffered a house fire 2 years ago has been in discussions with Mr. Tim Swaringen about her options of what type of dwelling could be placed on the property.

Speed Radar Signs- Commissioner Mullis inquired about placing speed radar signs in town. Mrs. Almond will check with Norwood to see what type of signs they use.

Fire Department- Commissioner Kimmer informed the Board about potential training opportunities the Fire Department is considering. Drawings will be presented at a later meeting.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- G.S. Chapter 160D- Update regarding the changes to local ordinances- We are in the update process and on target to complete the revisions by the deadline of July 1, 2021.
- 2021 Park Grant- Ideas for new park elements such as an amphitheater and Community Center were discussed, and a survey will be sent out to residents in the near future.

Mayor Daniels reported on the following:

- 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 table this topic until next month, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried.
 2. Park Sign: Quotes were obtained for a 48" x 96" routed 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. Mayor Daniels will contact Eddie Signs for the cost of a routed sign versus sandblasted. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to table this item until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried.
 3. Ivey Family Plaque: Mayor Daniels will obtain samples of the black marble and granite to present at the next meeting.
 4. Memorial Brick Project- We have sold 104 bricks so far and plan to take a batch to the engraver in the next couple of weeks.
 5. Message Boards have arrived and will be installed soon, additional park benches were purchased, pet waste stations were installed and the pavers for cornhole will be installed in the near future.
- Appoint representatives to TCC & TCC: Mrs. Almond will continue to serve as the TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee) Representative with Mayor Daniels serving as Alternate. Commissioner Bill Peak will continue to serve as TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) Representative with Commissioner Mullis serving as alternate.

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.