

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
July 13, 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, Marcus Mullis and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Michael Sandy, Cathy Kimmer, John Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Tim Swaringen, and Mike Haigler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnny Chestnut. Mayor Daniels opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing was to review proposed changes to the Minimum Housing Ordinance based on the required Chapter 160D updates that were presented by Mr. Michael Sandy. There being no further discussion, Mayor Daniels closed the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the June meetings. There being no corrections, Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried.

Decision Regarding Minimum Housing Ordinance Updates- Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the proposed changes, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer system is working properly. He noted that two new pumps were ordered for the Fiberon Pump Station.

Code Enforcement- Commissioner Chestnut reported that the code report was the same as last month.

Speed Radar Signs- The speed radar signs we recently installed are promoting slower traffic on Main Street. Following discussion, Commissioner Mullis made a motion to purchase two more speed radar signs one grade above our current signs, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

1. Proposed Adjustments to the 2020-2021 Budget were presented to the Town Board. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to accept the proposed budget adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Mullis. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Supplemental Law Enforcement Contract- Commissioner Mullis made a motion to approve the contract for Supplemental Law Enforcement to provide 40 hours per month and not to exceed \$17,000 in compensation per year, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Audit Contract- Mrs. Ann Craven has agreed to perform the audit at the same price as last year which will be \$6,650. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to continue utilizing the services of Ann Craven, CPA, PLLC, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Resolution for Accepting American Rescue Plan Funds- The UNC School of Government recommended we draft this resolution for acceptance of the ARP Funds. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels reported on the following:

- Park Update
 - Both old entrances will be repaired and back filled.
 - Gravel will be placed at the edges of the walkway to Ferry Road.
 - Park sign is installed & minor landscaping will be planted around it in the fall.
 - Duck Call Contest- August 21st & 22nd. Three vendors are expected along with contestants and spectators. The fire department will assist with traffic control.
 - Lights at the shelter have been installed.
 - Discussed the possibility of installing a shade structure over the playground area.
- Bill Roger's Request- To close a portion of East Depot Street which runs from the east end of E. Depot Street where the pavement stops continuing in an easterly direction. Following discussion, this item was tabled.
- Town emails- Commissioner Kimmer is working with a local representative to set up email accounts for the Town Board.
- Park Dedication- Saturday, September 25th- plans are underway for this event.
- Local Church's Trunk or Treat Event at the Park- Saturday, October 30th.

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

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator