

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
March 1, 2022

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Tate Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Christy Starnes, and Town Administrator Susan Almond. Commissioner Chestnut participated via zoom. Commissioner Mullis was absent. Visitors present at the meeting were members from New London First Baptist Church: Danny & Julie Edwards, Leland Edwards, Charlie Stevens, Aaron Loflin, Tonia & Brandon King. Also present were Lt. Mike Haigler, Lt. Joe Harwood, & Lt. George Miller from the Sheriff's Office and Derek Starnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Daniels, prayer was by Brandon King. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Michael Greene and Lt. Mike Haigler requested to be added to the agenda. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comments- Lt. Haigler announced his upcoming retirement from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office effective April 1st. He introduced Sgt. Joe Harwood and Lt. George Miller who would be the liaisons for the Sheriff's Office.

Clerk of Court Candidate Michael Greene spoke to the Board about his candidacy for Stanly County Clerk of Court.

Pastor Brandon King from New London First Baptist Church introduced the church representatives in attendance and stated that they would like to become more involved with activities in New London.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer stations were functioning properly. He noted that Fiberon has a new plant manager that he will be meeting with in the near future.

Code Enforcement- No updates to report at this time.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- Audit proposals- Mrs. Ann Craven and Mr. Will Huneycutt provided audit proposals for fiscal year 2021-2022 that were presented to the Board. Following discussion, Commissioner Peak made a motion to accept the audit proposal from Will Huneycutt, CPA to perform the audit for fiscal year 2021-2022 at a cost of \$7,240, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Training Opportunities- Mrs. Almond has contacted the School of Government to inquire about training for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members.

- Limb pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th.
- Hazardous Waste Drop-Off at Ag Center- April 23rd.

Mayor Daniels reported on the following:

- Forklift- We have been using the forklift from Fast Stop for installing and removing Christmas decorations and unloading deliveries at the Town Hall. The forklift is for sale for \$5,000. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to purchase the forklift from Fast Stop, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.
- New Shelter Update- a 24' x 24' rustic shelter is being constructed at the green field at New London Memorial Park. Mr. Danny Russell has the area staked off and is awaiting the engineered drawings before construction will begin.
- Coggins Property- Storage Building will be cleaned out on March 7th. Tarheel Challenge Academy Cadets will assist with loading the debris in the trailer. Plans are to pour a concrete floor in the building so equipment can be stored. The Board will discuss their future plans for the Coggins property at the next meeting.
- The signs designating rules at the Town Park and Cemetery need to be replaced. In addition, a sign needs to be constructed for displaying rules at New London Memorial Park. The Board will discuss the wording of these rules at the next board meeting.
- June & September Board Meetings- It was noted that 2 board members would be out of town at the regularly scheduled September Board Meeting. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to move the Board Meeting from September 6th to Tuesday, September 13th, seconded by Commissioner Starnes. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Administrator