

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
April 4, 2023

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Johnny Chestnut, Sid Lanier, Timothy Higgins, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were John & Cathy Kimmer and Mitzie Lanier.

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

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

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported that one household grinder pump had to be replaced in the last week. He noted that we only have 2 spare household pumps in inventory that have already been rebuilt. Commissioner Peak presented a quote from Clearwater, Inc. for (3) new Myers grinder pumps at a cost of \$10,528.80. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to purchase these pumps for inventory as spare household pumps, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Peak also presented quotes for the refrigerated sampler that includes the control panel, refrigeration unit, distributor arm and 2 pump tubes for \$8,682.00, plus tax and freight. The refrigeration unit we currently have at the Spring Street pump station is over 20 years old. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to purchase this refrigeration sampler for inventory, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

**Christmas Decorations-** The Board reviewed quotes from Mosca Design for a "Merry Christmas" ground mount display that is approximately 20'x 14' for a cost of \$4,788. They also reviewed quotes for smaller ground mount displays such as snowmen, Santa and Mrs. Claus that were approximately \$750 per item. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to authorize Mrs. Almond to purchase the Merry Christmas display and 2 other decorations, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

**Code Enforcement-** No new issues to report.

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

- **Internal Controls Policy-** The Board reviewed the policy outlining the principles used to operate an effective internal controls system and to ensure proper care of public funds. Commissioner Peak made a motion to adopt the Internal Controls policy, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

- Audit Update- Mr. Wil Huneycutt just notified us that his firm will no longer be performing municipal audits. Quotes are being obtained for audit services and will be presented at the May Board Meeting.
- Land Use Plan Update- COG will host an Open House event on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 at the New London Community Center. Community members will hear from planners about the land use planning process and have opportunities to provide feedback on their vision for New London.
- Hazardous Waste Drop Off at Ag Center- Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Bulk Waste Pick-up in New London- Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:**

- Municipal Parks & Recreation Grant Opportunity from Stanly County- the county will accept applications until April 15<sup>th</sup> for a matching \$10,000 grant. Following discussion, Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to apply for approximately \$9,000 from Stanly County to cover one half of the cost of 6 wooden swings to provide added seating at New London Memorial Park and the Town Park seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.
- Cemetery Sidewalks- The areas have been dug out and concrete is ready to be poured when weather permits. The Board noted that Comer Concrete Services has been doing a nice job in the cemetery.
- Budget Update- Preliminary planning is underway and the first draft of the proposed 2023-2024 budget will be presented at the May Board Meeting.
- June Board Meeting Date- COG requested the Board consider changing the June Board Meeting date to accommodate the land use plan update process. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to change the June Board Meeting date to Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the New London Community Center, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.
- July Board Meeting Date- The regularly scheduled meeting is on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the holiday, Commissioner Peak made a motion to change the July Board Meeting date to Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the New London Community Center, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.