

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
August 1, 2023

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

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

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

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that we had some issues with the sampler at the Spring Street Pump Station. Mr. Brandon Plyer from the Wastewater Treatment Plant will meet with Commissioner Peak about this issue.

Park Shelter Rental Prices- The Board was asked to consider the possibility of adding deposit fees or increasing the shelter rental prices at New London Memorial Park. No decision was made at this time.

Code Enforcement- No new issues to report.

Museum Update- Mayor Daniels led a tour at the museum on Saturday. The individuals were former residents of New London and were impressed with the layout of the museum and the artifacts.

Paving at Christ the King- Commissioner Higgins asked about paving the gravel area between the park trail going to Christ the King and Ferry Road. Mayor Daniels will check with Mr. Rusty Russell about this request.

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **Pet Waste Containers-** we have ordered (3) 10 gallon recycled plastic containers with slat design to replace the metal pet waste containers that are rusted. These new cans have a 50-year warranty and cost approximately \$300 each. They should ship in 4-5 weeks.
- **City of Trinity Park Visit-** The City of Trinity reached out to us and inquired about a park tour. We had 5 representatives from Trinity visit the New London Memorial Park last Thursday for a couple of hours to gain knowledge about our park development as they would like to build a park in the near future. They were very impressed with our facility.
- **September Board Meeting Date-** Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm.

- **Park Update-** All the security cameras are installed and are currently being monitored at the Town Hall. Mr. Rusty Russell will begin repairing the ditch along the middle trail of the park in the next few weeks.
- **West Depot Street Speed Bump-** a resident complained about cars speeding in town and inquired about adding a speed bump on West Depot Street. The Board will take this request into consideration.
- **Community Center Ideas-** the Board is considering ideas for a new Community Center and will bring their ideas to the next Board Meeting.
- **Grass on Streets & Sidewalks-** The Board discussed the problem with storm drains being clogged. Residents need to be reminded not to blow leaves and grass clippings in the street as that clogs the storm drains and prevents proper flow of water away from the streets.
- **Voluntary Annexation Inquiry-** A couple of individuals on Spring Street have recently inquired about the voluntary annexation process to be taken into the town limits of New London. No official request has been made at this time.
- **New TV Monitor for Community Center-** The current monitor in the Community Center is difficult to read when presentations are projected on the screen. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to purchase an 85-inch monitor for the Community Center, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously. The smaller monitor will be used in the Town Hall for viewing the security cameras.

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

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.