

# Town of New London

## Board of Commissioner's Meeting

### September 5, 2023

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Daniels, Commissioners Johnny Chestnut, Sid Lanier, Timothy Higgins, Richard Kimmer and Town Manager Susan Almond. Commissioner Bill Peak was absent from the meeting. 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. Mayor Daniels added 3 items to the agenda. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the August meetings. There being no corrections, Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the August 1<sup>st</sup> minutes, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the August 17<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer Report-** the wooden frame for the panel box at the Parker's Grove pump station had to be replaced. Mr. Steve Roberston will haul and spread gravel along the road going to the Highland Drive Pump Station which had washed out due to recent storms. He will also clean out the ditch at the Spring Street Pump Station. Commissioner Peak met with Fiberon about the influx of water at their pump station. They have worked on trying to block the water from coming into the sewer system but will have to re-evaluate the situation to determine a better solution.

**Code Enforcement-** An updated code enforcement report was distributed.

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

- **CD Rates-** We have been negotiating with First Bank on interest rates and will move money from the General Fund Money Market to a 6-month CD to gain better interest.
- **RAVE- New Alert System-** Stanly County Emergency Management has implemented a new alert system powered by RAVE. New London resident's phone information has been transitioned to this new mass notification system.
- **Local Church's Trunk or Treat at the Park-** Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at New London Memorial Park.
- **Christmas in the Park-** Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

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

- **Clayton Supply-** We are happy to report that Clayton Supply has selected New London for their new manufacturing operation located on US Hwy 52. The company will invest an estimated \$46.6 million and create 263 new jobs over the next 5 years. Clayton Supply was awarded local tax-based grants from Stanly County and the Town of New London.

Applications for additional state support for infrastructure and building renovations have been submitted and will be on the Rural Infrastructure Authority's October agenda.

- **Park Update-** (6) wooden bench swings are being constructed. Suggestions for park updates include adding a light on the corner of the small shelters and adding more playground equipment in the future.
- **Oak Avenue Update-** the project to put piping in the ditch starting at Church Street, going north 420 feet on the east side of Oak Avenue is 95% complete. One more concrete collection box will be installed.
- **Community Center Ideas-** the Board is brainstorming ideas and considering the feasibility of building a new Community Center or possibly renovating the current building.
- **Request about Carport-** A few individuals have inquired about the white carport at the former Coggin's property. The Board discussed the need to go through the proper channels to sell it or have it torn down.
- **Paving at the end of Ferry Road-** Mr. Rusty Russell will pave approximately 60ft of asphalt at the end of Ferry Road when they complete their upcoming paving project at New London First Baptist Church.
- **Fiberon Meeting-** Mayor Daniels and Mrs. Almond recently met with Mr. Preston Blake, the new Operations Manager at Fiberon. He was excited to be in New London and offered to help the town in any way he could.
- **Lawn Mower-** the town had the opportunity to purchase a relatively new Hustler 54" cut lawn mower for \$3,200 to have as a spare. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to decline this purchase since we already have a mower, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.