

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
November 7, 2023

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Commissioner Johnny Chestnut 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 Peak. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the October 3rd meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer stations are functioning properly with no issues to report.

Code Enforcement- An updated code report was distributed to the Board for review.

Museum Update- Thank you to Sid and Mitzie Lanier for volunteering to work at the museum on November 5th. Commissioner Lanier reported that a couple of visitors stopped by for a tour.

Thank you Veterans- Commissioner Kimmer recognized the Veterans in attendance which included Commissioners Bill Peak, Sid Lanier and Richard Kimmer as well as Mrs. Mitzie Lanier. The Board thanked them for their service.

Carolina Thread Trail- Commissioner Kimmer is a member of the Friends of North Stanly Trails & Parks and he gave an update on the progress of the trail which has been extended to Danritch Drive. He noted that plans are still being discussed to extend the trail to New London in the future.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **Clayton Supply-** A Resolution detailing the \$384,793 grant from the Department of Commerce to assist the town's sewer portion of the Clayton Supply Project was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bill Peak. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Fire Department Appreciation Meal-** Monday, December 4th at 6:00 pm.
- **Limb Pick-up-** Saturday, November 18th.
- **Christmas in the Park-** Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at the small Town Park on Friday, December 1st from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

- **Bulk Waste Pick-up-** Saturday, December 2nd.

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **New London Memorial Park Update-** The areas have been marked where the new swings will be placed and Comer Concrete will pour concrete pads under the swings. Commissioner Lanier noted that people have been parking on the grass close to the big shelter. The Board discussed placing a metal pole or curb stop at the end of the walkway to prevent cars from parking on the grass. In addition, Mrs. Almond will add this to the park rules.
- **Town Park Update-** the damaged panel at the playground unit has been repaired. Commissioner Higgins recommended we place a park bench in front of the swings.
- **Pecan Trees at Small Park-** Unlimited Tree Service provided a quote to cut the pecan trees at the small park for \$3,000. No other tree companies have responded to our request. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to accept this quote, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously. They recommended waiting until January to cut the trees.
- **Capital Project Ideas-** The town has an opportunity to receive a one-time grant from the state of NC for capital projects. If the grant is approved, the funds will be used for additions at New London Memorial Park to include a multi-sport court, restrooms, 2 small playground areas, additional parking and an amphitheater. Also in the request is additional funding for the demolition of 2 properties owned by the town. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve this grant request seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the request is attached.
- **Cemetery Update-** All the sidewalk areas have been cleaned up and look nice. At least 5 lots have been sold in this new section of the cemetery.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.