

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
March 5, 2024

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, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Connie, Norman & Daniel Williams, John & Cathy Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Mitzie Lanier, and Doshia Swaringen from the Stanly County Health Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. A zoning item and internet at the park was added to the agenda. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the agenda with the updates, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. 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 Kimmer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Doshia Swaringen from the Stanly County Health Department spoke about the importance of the Community Health Assessment Survey that is conducted every 3 years. Topics that are covered include housing, transportation, healthcare, childcare and more. Stanly County residents are encouraged to take the Community Health Assessment Survey that is available online from March 1st – March 29th. A link to the survey will be added to the town's website.
- Mr. Norman Williams, a resident that lives on S. Main Street, asked the Town Board about the possibility of using a vacuum truck for leaf pick-up rather than requiring bagged leaves. The Board will research this option and provide an update at a later meeting.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that he is working with Fiberon representatives regarding their filtration system at the Hwy 52 location.

Street Lights- Commissioner Kimmer reported that a repair request has been submitted for a light that was broken off of a pole in Random Hills.

Museum Update- We appreciate Sid and Mitzie Lanier volunteering at the museum on Sunday, March 3rd. Commissioner Kimmer recommended a display sign be placed in the museum window to advertise the operating hours and encourage visitors.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **Stanly County's Municipal Parks & Rec Grant Opportunity Ideas-** The Board discussed replacing the cedar shakes with vinyl shakes on the shelters at New London Memorial Park. In addition, they discussed applying for renovations to the roofing and boxing on the shelters at the small park. Mayor Daniels will obtain pricing for these repairs.

- **Town Ordinances-** The Board reviewed proposed ordinances that address fowl and farm animals separately. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to set a Public Hearing at the April 2nd Board Meeting to consider adoption of the proposed ordinances, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Waste Management Update-** the residential trash and recycling collection rate for 2024 will increase by 3%. The new rate effective 7-1-24 is \$17.16 per household.
- **Limb Pick-up-** scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd
- **Bulk Waste Pick-up-** scheduled for Saturday, May 18th

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **Tree Update:** Unlimited Tree Service will remove the tree overhanging the basketball court at the small park and cut the dead trees at the cemetery for a cost of \$2,500.
- **Powell Bill Recommendations-** the Board will consider which streets, ditching and piping need to be updated using Powell Bill Allocations in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- **Cemetery Sign-** Eddie Signs prepared an updated “Cemetery Rules” sign template that the Board reviewed. A 54” x 3’ one-sided reflective sign would cost approximately \$280. Commissioner Chestnut noted that the rules should also state that the cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. The Board agreed to proceed with the updated sign with the noted changes.
- **Zoning Updates-** the Planning Board will review lot sizes and zoning districts at their upcoming meetings.
- **Internet at the Park-** Christ the King Christian Academy is allowing the town to use their internet service for our park cameras. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to give Christ the King a check for \$250 for this service, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.