

Town of New London

Board of Commissioner's Meeting

January 7, 2025

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Richard Kimmer, Bill Peak, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, Bob Loflin, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Mitzie Lanier, Rusty and Mandy Melton.

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

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

Public Comment- Mrs. Mandy Melton spoke to the Town Board about her neighbor parking their car on the street at 131 W. Gold Street that makes it difficult for her to see traffic as she's pulling out of her driveway. Mrs. Melton inquired about instituting a 2-hour parking limit on Gold Street. Installing a bike lane was also mentioned. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Baker to temporarily park one vehicle behind the sheriff's office until he finds another solution.

Elect Mayor Pro-tem- Commissioner Lanier made a motion for Commissioner Bill Peak to continue serving as Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that Hyatt Generator replaced the water pump on the generator at Highland Drive. He noted that we will be monitoring the generator on Spring Street as well.

Museum Update- Commissioner Lanier reported that Mrs. Almond opened the museum on Sunday. She re-arranged some of the displays while there. The Board was asked to think of names of individuals that may be willing to volunteer and/or serve on the Museum Board.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **Ethics Training-** The League of Municipalities provides a webinar to satisfy the 2-hour Ethics Training requirement for local elected officials. Mrs. Almond will send the registration link to Commissioners Peak, Kimmer and Loflin in the next few weeks.
- **Fire Protection Agreement-** This yearly agreement states that the New London Volunteer Fire Department shall provide fire protection & emergency services within the territories of the municipality. Commissioner Peak made a motion to adopt the Fire Protection & Emergency Services Agreement between the Town of New London & the New London Volunteer Fire Department for 2025, seconded by Commissioner Loflin. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Town Limits Signs-** The New London Incorporated 1891 sign at Austin Road and Autumn Lane is badly faded and the Board discussed having it replaced. They also noted that the town limits sign near 350 Steakhouse Road is missing and needs to be replaced.

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **Park Update-** Piedmont Landscaping did a great job installing metal edging and replacing the mulch with river rock at the beds near the park shelters. This enhances the sidewalk entry into the park shelters as well as making it easier to control weeds in the plant beds.
- **Property at 104 Depot Street-** Mr. Rick Russell indicated he wanted to sell his property at 104 Depot Street that adjoins the museum property. The Board would like to have the option to purchase that property for future expansion. Commissioner Peak made a motion to have Mayor Daniels find out the selling price of the property, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.