

Town of New London

Board of Commissioner's Meeting

October 1, 2024

Mayor Pro-tem Bill Peak welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Richard Kimmer, Bill Peak, Johnny Chestnut, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Mayor Tate Daniels was absent from the meeting. Visitors present at the meeting were Mitzie Lanier, Elizabeth Chestnut, Norman & Connie Williams, and Deputy Burleson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kimmer. Mayor Pro-tem Peak 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 Pro-tem Peak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the September meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Lanier made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Report- Mayor Pro-tem Peak reported that the generators ran for over 20 hours during the recent power outages. He also noted that Superior Plumbing repaired a recent water line break at Town Hall.

Commissioner Kimmer reported on the following: 8 streetlights were out that he reported to Duke Energy.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- Audit Update- The audit has been submitted to the LGC (Local Government Commission) and Mr. Tony Brewer will be presenting the audit at the November 5th Board Meeting.
- Museum Update- We appreciate Sid and Mitzie Lanier volunteering to work at the museum this coming Sunday. The Board was asked to reach out to individuals that would be willing to volunteer. Mrs. Almond is working with Museum Chairman Calvin Gaddy to increase the volunteer list as well as recommend individuals to serve on the Museum Board.
- Carolina Thread Trail Update- the Tom Webb Section of the Falcon Trail will have a Grand Opening on October 18th at 10am. The Town Board and New London residents are encouraged to attend.
- Local Area Churches are hosting the Trunk or Treat Event at the Park on Saturday, October 26th.
- Santa in the Park- Friday, December 6th from 6pm-8pm.
- Leaf Collection- Waste Management will be vacuuming leaves on Monday, December 9th.

Mayor Pro-tem gave an update on the following:

- **Weekend Park Clean-up-** the recent storm caused several limbs and debris to fall at the park that Mayor Pro-tem Peak removed. The Board discussed some other areas in the park that need cleaning up and the possibility of implementing a town wide clean up event. Tarheel Challenge Academy's cadets normally help us clean up the park as part of their service to the community requirement.
- **Golf Cart Guidelines-** we have had an inquiry from a resident in the ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction) about golf cart stickers. The Board confirmed that golf cart stickers apply to New London town residents only.
- **Transportation Update-** Mayor Pro-tem Peak spoke to the Safety Engineer with the NCDOT about the 18-wheelers and speed concerns on Main Street. The DOT Representatives recommended we contact the Sheriff's Department to help enforce the speed limit in that area as the DOT has no control of speed and trucks travelling on Main Street. The Board discussed moving the speed radar signs to get driver's attention and encourage a safe speed on Main Street.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.