

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting 7:00 pm
April 7, 2026

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Bob Loflin, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present were Mitzie Lanier, CJ Crisco, Norman and Connie Williams.

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

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

Public Comment Period- None

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that he adjusted the sensitivity of the controller at the Oak Street Pump Station. He also noted the cost for Hammond Electric to repair the Oak Street Pump is \$11,935.

Street Update- Commissioner Kimmer will contact Mr. Bob Hinson about his areas of concern on Longview Drive.

Cemetery Update- The Town Board agreed to keep the gate locked at night to discourage late night/overnight parking at the cemetery.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **Household Bulk Waste Pick-up in New London-** Saturday, April 18th.
- **Electronics & Hazardous Waste Drop off at Ag Center-** Saturday, April 18th, 9am – 1pm.
- **Playground structures-** The board reviewed the quote from Mrs. Cobie Ellington (Next Level Recreational Products) to include a play unit with 4 slides for ages 2-5 years old and a fire truck on springs for \$28,756. Installation of the play unit would include 20 molded playground borders, and 50 cu yards wood fiber for a cost of \$8,050. We are still waiting on the cost of adding a couple of swings with additional mulch and borders. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to pursue the proposal from Mrs. Cobie Ellington for additional play units for ages 2-5, not to exceed \$50,000, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Waste Collection Research-** Commissioner Higgins made a motion to continue utilizing Waste Management for solid waste and recycling collection, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Filing Fee for 2026 Municipal Election-** Commissioner Loflin made a motion to keep the filing fee at \$10 for Mayor and \$10 for Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Stanly County Arts Council-** America 250 banners were installed and we would like to commend the students for their outstanding artwork as well as the Stanly County Arts Council in honoring America's 250th anniversary.

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **Planning Board Recommendation:** The Planning Board met on Monday, March 23rd and recommended a text amendment establishing conditional zoning for mining operations that was presented by Town Attorney, John Scarborough. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to accept the Planning Board's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Loflin, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Peak made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 5th at 7pm to consider this text amendment, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Memo of Understanding-** The Senior Nutrition Program expenses have increased over the last several years, so they are requesting an increase in the cash match from local towns from \$1,750 to \$5,000 to help offset food and program cost. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve \$5,000 for the senior nutrition department for FY 2026-2027, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.
- **NL United Methodist Church Car Show-** Saturday, May 2nd. The car show will be held on the church's property. A portion of Church Street may be closed for a few hours depending on the number of entries.
- **Property for Sale-** A local realtor inquired if the town would be interested in purchasing 31 acres of vacant land near Herlocker Road owned by Mr. Kevin Boone. Commissioner Loflin made a motion to decline the offer to purchase the property, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.
- **New Lawnmower-** the Kubota lawnmower we used for several years began having hydraulic issues. The mower was traded for a new John Deere Z930 model for a total of \$10,631.
- **Sewer Study-** Mr. Stephen Chambers notified us of a grant opportunity for New London and Stanly County to participate in a merger/regionalization feasibility study of our sewer system. Our collaboration of the sewer study does not bind us to act on the recommendations of the study. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to proceed with the sewer study with Stanly County, seconded by Commissioner Loflin. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.