Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
Public Hearing
June 2, 2026, 7:00 pm

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bill Peak, Bob Loflin, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present were Roger Castillo and Temilope Animashaun from NCDOT, Lee Snuggs with RRRPO, CJ Crisco and Deputy Scott Burleson. Commissioner Richard Kimmer was absent from the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Peak. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Loflin 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 May meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the second reading of the proposed 2026-2027 budget. The changes from the first reading to the second reading include $19,000 increase to Interest General Fund Money Market making it $39,000 and increase Capital Improvement from $219,800 to $238,800. Interest Sewer Reserve Money Market decreased from $21,000 to $2,000 and Maintenance/Repair Sewer decreased from $54,000 to $35,000. The total proposed budget is $1,617,600. Following discussion, the Public Hearing was closed, and the Commissioner's Meeting was re-opened.

Decision Regarding Proposed 2026-2027 Budget- Commissioner Peak made a motion to adopt the proposed 2026-2027 budget and to adopt the proposed 2026-2027 pay scale, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Ordinance & Tax Rate 2026-2027- Mrs. Almond presented the proposed 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Loflin. Motion carried unanimously. This Budget Ordinance states the tax rate for New London would remain at $0.16 per $100 valuation of property.

Stanly County CTP (Comprehensive Transportation Plan)- New London- Mr. Temilope Animashaun from NCDOT said the CTP is a long-range plan for our existing and future transportation system over the next 25-30 years. The plan was developed with assistance from local officials, RPOs, NCDOT and community engagement. Mr. Animashaun noted that the CTP aims to improve the intersection of US Hwy 52 and NC 8 in New London to reduce the number of traffic accidents. He also addressed some questions about improving Hwy 49 in our neighboring towns. Following discussion, Commissioner Loflin made a motion to adopt the Stanly County Comprehensive Transportation Plan for New London, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that a landscaper mowed over a sewer cap on N. Oak Avenue causing it to lodge at the bottom of the sewer pump at Oak Street Pump Station. The cap was removed and the pump is functioning properly. Commissioner Peak plans to replace the taller sewer caps at newer construction homes with flat ones so lawnmowers will not damage them.

Cemetery Update- Commissioner Higgins reported that a few pine trees at the cemetery need trimming off the power lines.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **Adjustments to the 2025-2026 Budget**- General Fund- Increase Equipment- Purchase $7,000 making it $30,000, Increase Employer- Retirement Match by $600, making it $15,600. Decrease Capital Improvement by $7,600 making it $227,350. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve these budget adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Loflin. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Supplemental Law Enforcement Contract-** The proposed contract for 2026-2027 recommends compensation not to exceed $24,000 yearly for 40 hours per month of supplemental law enforcement. Commissioner Loflin made a motion to approve the contract for 2026-2027, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Playground Update-** Mrs. Cobie Ellington was hopeful that the new toddler playground would be installed within the next month or so. She will notify us when a delivery date is established.

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **Park Update-** Unlimited Tree Service cut down several trees beside the entrance of New London Memorial Park and they have 2 trees left to remove, which require a bucket truck. A few other trees in that area will be pruned. Mayor Daniels sprayed and mulch will be spread soon. The drain near the two small shelters gets stopped up and needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Randy Sells repaired the rock work at the big shelter. The circuit board in the A/C unit of the park restrooms will be replaced at an estimated cost of $1,300.

- **Museum Update-** The A/C unit upstairs in the museum needs to be replaced.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.