Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting 7:00 pm
September 1, 2026

Mayor Pro-tem Bill Peak welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pro-tem Bill Peak, Commissioners Richard Kimmer, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, Bob Loflin and Town Manager Susan Almond. Mayor Tate Daniels was absent from the meeting. Visitors present were Collin Brown, Attorney Representing Rogers Group, Norman and Connie Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kimmer. Mayor Pro-tem Peak asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mrs. Almond added Accessory Dwelling Units to the agenda. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment Period- None

Street Update- Commissioner Kimmer reported that the request for speed limit information from speed radar signs had been fulfilled. He noted that 3 million cars have travelled N. Main Street since 2021 and the average speed has been 36 miles per hour.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **North Stanly Trails & Parks: Falcon Trail's- 10 Year Anniversary Celebration-** Saturday, October 24th 11am – 1pm at Richfield Park. Enjoy guided nature walks and free hot dogs from 11am – 1pm.

- **Local Area Church's Trunk or Treat Event-** Saturday, October 24th at New London Memorial Park from 6pm – 8pm.

- **Accessory Dwelling Units-** We received an inquiry about placing an ADU (accessory dwelling unit) on 3.3 acres of land off Hearne Road, located in New London's extra territorial jurisdiction. ADU's are not currently allowed in our zoning. Stanly County along with some other towns in the county allow them with certain restrictions. This topic will be reviewed by the Planning Board at one of their upcoming meetings.

Mayor Pro-tem Peak reported on the following:

- **Sewer Report-** Mayor Pro-tem Peak reported that the Oak Street Pump Station floats were tangled and causing the pumps to alarm. He also noted that Superior Plumbing repaired a water line leak at Town Hall.

- **Park Update-** We are still waiting on parts from the manufacturer to repair the neutron carousel at New London Memorial Park.

- **Planning Board Recommendation-** Roger's Group Rezoning Request- the New London Planning Board met on August 19th and recommended to approve the request from Roger's Group to rezone six parcels of land they own on Steakhouse Road in New London as follows: Request for conditional zoning for tax records 31829, 34659 and 16694 already zoned M-2, heavy manufacturing. Request to rezone tax records 31858, 7071 and 7021 from R-A (Rural Agriculture) to M-2, heavy manufacturing with conditional zoning.

  Mayor Pro-tem noted that we would need to address the voluntary annexation request from Roger's Group before considering the rezoning request. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm to consider Roger's Group's request for property they own on Steakhouse Road, tax records 7071, 16694, 7021 be annexed into the town limits of New London, seconded by Commissioner Loflin. Motion carried unanimously.

  Commissioner Loflin made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm to consider Rogers Group's rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

- **New London Volunteer Fire Department Request-** The fire department asked the town to consider a long-term lease of a portion of town owned property at 104 W. Depot Street for the purpose of constructing a storage facility to support the department emergency services mission. We consulted with Town Attorney, John Scarbrough, who noted a town may lease land to volunteer fire departments for expanding facilities. The town must give 10 days' public notice by publication before approving the lease and the Board must approve the lease by resolution adopted at a regular meeting.

  Commissioner Kimmer and Commissioner Higgins recused themselves since they are officers of the New London Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Loflin made a motion to give public notice and instruct the town attorney to prepare the necessary documents for a 10-year renewable lease agreement with the New London Volunteer Fire Department to construct a storage facility on town owned property at 104 W. Depot Street, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.