

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

August 07, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Connelly Springs met at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Board Room in Connelly Springs, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Mayor Dennis Seagle, Alderman Steve Smart, Alderman Ramona Duncan, Alderman Carroll Turner, Alderman Kimberly Sigmon, Alderman Terry Childers and Alderman Jeffrey Beck. Also, in attendance were: Attorney Jared Amos, Town Administrator Tamara Brooks, Deputy Brian Sigmon, Planning Board Member Debbie Pelick and residents Johnny and Cloise Berry, and Sophia Greene. The Board meeting was recorded in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-72, 171.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Mayor Seagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

INVOCATION: An invocation was given by Alderman Turner. Mayor Seagle asked those in attendance to rise and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alderman Smart made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Alderman Smart made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Aldermen’s regular meeting on June 19, 2023, as presented. Alderman Turner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Johnny Berry visited the new Knob Hardware and said he was their first customer. He and others commented on how nice the new store is. A ribbon cutting is being hosted by Burke County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, August 15th at 11 am.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator Brooks presented the calendar for August and reminded the Board that she would be out of the office beginning Wednesday, August 23rd and will return on Tuesday, September 5th.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: No legal action to report. He said he would review the suggestions made by WCI for the Employee Handbook and provide comment at the September meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Seagle said he congratulated Sanu on the hardware store and was told there are possible plans for a Laundromat to be built on the old Ballard Hardware location.

FINANCE: Alderman Duncan presented the financial reports and said they are available for review. She said six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) had been moved from the General Fund into money market accounts.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Alderman Childers called on Deputy Sigmon to give his report.

Motor Vehicle Theft – 1	Larceny – 1	Sudden Death – 1	Breaking and Entering – 1
Speak to Officer – 1	Criminal Summons – 1	Warrant Arrest – 1	

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 86

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Alderman Childers asked Deputy Sigmon to check if permits had been issued for the property adjacent to Wilcox’s venue, The Barn at Oak Ridge. He said a road was being cut close to the property line and wanted to make certain the county had permits on file.

WATER/SEWER: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Alderman Sigmon said the next concert is scheduled for August 12th with Dirty Grass Soul.

PERSONNEL:

Alderman Turner said in addition to the Employee Handbook being reviewed, he wanted to proceed with hiring an Administrative Assistant. Administrator Brooks has drafted a job description for Attorney Amos and the Board to review.

PROPERTY:

Alderman Turner presented a quote from Jensen Lawn and Landscaping for tree trimming and removal of the large sycamore tree at the lower drive of Town Hall. Alderman Duncan recommended asking for other quotes to compare pricing. Administrator Brooks was instructed to reach out to other tree service companies for quotes.

1170 TOMLINSON LOOP: Alderman Turner asked Administrator Brooks if she had been able to contact Tyler Watts to have the entrance at 1170 Tomlinson Loop mowed. She has called and emailed but hasn't received a confirmed date for the work to be done.

TRANSPORTATION: Alderman Smart said he had received a request to pave Shuffler Street. Mayor Seagle said paving was supposed to have started on Oak Ridge Church Road and Shady Grove Road at the beginning of August. However, the equipment and crew have been moved to another job before paving could begin.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board of Aldermen, Mayor Seagle called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Sigmon made a motion to adjourn with Alderman Smart seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dennis Seagle, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk