

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

November 06, 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 Members Debbie Pelick, Joe Dempsey and Bobby Tomlinson; and residents Johnny and Cloise Berry, Sophia Greene, Carl Greene, Adam Greene and Art Bix. 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 Childers. Mayor Seagle asked those in attendance to rise and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alderman Duncan 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 October 02, 2023, as presented. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023: Auditor Ronnie Crump, with Boggs, Crump & Brown, P.A., presented the audit report for fiscal year 2022-2023. The report has been submitted to the Local Government Commission for approval. Alderman Smart made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Alderman Turner seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Auditor Crump and Administrator Brooks discussed the town's status on the Unit Assistance List (UAL) by the Local Government Commission (LGC) regarding the enterprise sewer funds. Auditor Crump said a late invoice from the Town of Valdese for sewer services was carried over from the previous fiscal year, which may cause the town to remain on the UAL. An explanation has been submitted along with the audit report to explain the difference in budgeted expenses and total expenditures.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Brooks attended the first session of the Municipal and County Administration Course at the UNC School of Government in Chapel Hill. The next session is scheduled for November 7th – 9th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Amos is working to address the nuisance complaints received about aggressive dogs and garbage at 7118 Wandering Place, owned by Howard Auton. He said working with ALE agents towards nuisance abatement might be an option.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Seagle reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 7th, if they have not already done so. He also called NCDOT to ask about paving Shady Grove Road but has not received a response.

FINANCE: Alderman Duncan presented the financial reports and said they were available for review. She thanked Auditor Crump for his work on this year's audit.

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

Larceny – 2	Fraud – 1	Overdose – 1
Warrant for Arrest – 4	Order for Arrest – 1	

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 90

Deputy Sigmon said the solar speed signs are ready to be installed. He suggested placing them on Highway 70 facing east and westbound traffic. For westbound traffic, he suggested placing a sign close to the ATM located at Smart Electric and for eastbound traffic, placing a sign close to the Hefner property located at 763 Highway 70.

WATER/SEWER: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Alderman Sigmon has picked up the Christmas decorations from Mosca Designs. She plans to meet with the sales rep from Mosca Design who will assist in assembling and setting up the new decorations.

Mayor Seagle said he was pleased with this year's concerts and the number of people who attended them. He is looking forward to next year.

PERSONNEL: None.

PROPERTY: Alderman Turner previously presented quotes from Jensen Lawn & Landscaping and Wade's Tree Service for removal of the large sycamore tree, as well as trimming all of the trees on town hall grounds. He made a motion to have Jensen Lawn & Landscaping remove the large sycamore and postpone trimming the remaining trees for a later time. Alderman Childers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

1170 TOMLINSON LOOP: Alderman Turner was notified of a group of trucks parked at the entrance of the Tomlinson Loop property without permission. Deputy Sigmon and Administrator Brooks also received messages about the trucks parked there. Administrator Brooks was sent a picture of the trucks but did not recognize any of them. In order to prevent further trespassing, Alderman Turner asked for Jensen Lawn and Landscaping to move the concrete barriers back into place and put a chain across them, to restrict entry to the property. Administrator Brooks purchased "no trespassing" signs and has placed them on the property until the barriers and chain can be moved back into place.

TRANSPORTATION: None.

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

Dennis F. Seagle, Mayor

Tamara Brooks, Town Administrator/Clerk