

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
April 2, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on April 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brenda Oliver and Commissioners Sarah Graham, Harold Hensley, Ray Lewis, Maurice Moody and Stacy Knotts

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Carter (Interim Manager), Brandi Henson King (Town Clerk), Jeff Jamison (Police Chief) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Stephanie Salmons, H. David Gates, Carmaletta Gates, Sami Disy, Eric Moore and Joe Hurt

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Oliver called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Oliver requested that a Proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Week and a discussion of a letter from the Department of Treasury be added to the agenda. *Commissioner Graham made the motion to add the items to the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC HEARING (REZONING 58 SUNRISE PARK FROM R-3 TO B-2): The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:02 p.m. H. David Gates has petitioned the Board to rezone the 1.04 acre parcel at 58 Sunrise Park from R-3 to B-2. The parcel had been commercial in nature since there is a auto service shop on the property. The applicant feels the area was mistakenly rezoned to R-3 in the 1990's. Commissioner Moody suggested rezoning the entire area to commercial. Carter will get a recommendation from the Planning Board. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPLICATION FROM H. DAVID GATES TO REZONE 58 SUNRISE PARK FROM R-3 to B-2: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to amend the official zoning*

map of the Town of Sylva to reflect that the 1.04 acre tract identified as PIN# 7641-47-1601 situated at 58 Sunrise Park be rezoned from the R-3 residential classification to the B-2 business classification. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

REQUEST TO MAKE LANDIS STREET A TWO-WAY STREET: Joe Hurt is requesting that the Board make Landis Street a two-way street again once the Post Office moves to their new location in Jackson Plaza. Mayor Oliver referred the matter to the Street Committee and they will make a recommendation at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT RENOVATION BIDS: Carter stated that ten bids were submitted for the site work for the Fire Department renovation project. The bids ranged from \$544,000 to \$1,170,315. The low bidder was Buchanan & Sons. Carter explained that the bid opening for the building portion of the project has been extended until April 9th at 1:00 p.m. Both bids will be available for approval at the April 16th meeting.

RELOCATING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

DISCUSSION: Chief Jamison stated he met with County Manager Westmoreland. The County would be interested in a lease/purchase or purchase plan. Westmoreland will discuss the topic with County Commissioners at their next meeting on Monday night.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to adopt the Proclamation and the motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LETTER DISCUSSION: Mayor Oliver read aloud a letter from the Department of Treasury and the Town's response to the letter concerning the Town's 2007-2008 audit. The letter addressed their concerns of the statutory violations while investing monies in mutual funds that were not in accordance with State law. The letter also addressed weaknesses in the Town's internal controls and the lack of documentation for credit card expenses.

Carter stated he is waiting to hear their response to the Town's answer to see if the Local Government Commission will approve the Town's loan for the Fire Department Expansion Project.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Graham made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

Brenda A. Oliver
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk