

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
May 7, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 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: Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager), Brandi Henson King (Town Clerk), Jeff Jamison (Police Chief) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Mike Beck, Mike Bryson, Jim McCarthy, Marie Leatherwood, Emily Elders, Stephanie Salmons, Avram Friedman and Eric Moore

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 closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) be added to the agenda. *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to add the item 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 Moody made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Avram Friedman asked the Board to readdress a public hearing concerning a zoning text amendment for building height limitations in the I-1 District that was approved at the April 16th meeting. Friedman stated that the public was not given proper notification concerning the Jackson Paper Manufacturing expansion project which causes many health and environmental issues for the public. Jim McCarthy stated that the wording of 'four habitable stories' was missing from the public notice. Mayor Oliver stated the Board only changed the height limitations of buildings in the I-9 District from fifty to eighty feet which was a separate issue from the Jackson Paper Manufacturing expansion project. The Board will reconsider the public hearing at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Oliver welcomed Adrienne Isenhower as the new Town Manager of Sylva. Oliver stated she attended a program committee meeting for the National League of Cities in San Antonio, TX. Oliver also read aloud a letter of commendation that was sent for Jeremy Brooks in the Public Works Department.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Moody stated the Fire Department Committee will be meeting and he would like the Board to adopt a \$.03 tax rate instead

of the prior \$0.04 because of the revaluation. *Commissioner Moody made a motion to set the tax rate for the Fire Department at \$0.03. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CELL PHONE PROVISION AND USE POLICY: Commissioner Moody asked that the Board table this item until next months meeting.

NLC PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM: Mayor Oliver stated the Town has now started the prescription discount card program for citizens of Sylva. The discount cards are available at Town Hall.

BUILDING REUSE AND RESTORATION GRANT: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to defer startup of the grant until July 1st so the grant monies will be accounted for in next years budget. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

RELOCATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OLD LIBRARY BUILDING:

Chief Jamison reported that he spoke with County Manager Westmoreland about the possibility of the Sylva Police Department being relocated to the old library building. Westmoreland stated that Jackson Savings Bank had made an earlier request and the County was also looking into the possibility of locating county offices in the building. *Commissioner Graham made a motion to submit the pre-application to the US Department of Agriculture to secure a grant for the renovation of Town Hall to accommodate the police department. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

GREENWAYS DISCUSSION – EMILY ELDERS: Elders reported they have been working on the Mark Watson Park trail connector, identifying priorities for their Transportation Plan, and an Inventory List. Commissioner Graham commended Emily for her work with the Greenways Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Moody made a motion to approve the capital project ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5). The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into closed session at 7:42 p.m. Commissioner Moody made a motion to go back into regular session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 7:47 p.m.*

Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the employment agreement for Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager). The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.*

Brenda A. Oliver
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk