

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
July 2, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on July 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:** Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager), Brandi Henson King (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Stephanie Salmons, Mike Beck, Mike Bryson, Chris Greene, Eric Moore, Julie Sylvester, Perry Kelly, Jim Culp, Gary Frye, Patrick Kessing and David Hart

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the agenda. 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:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Oliver stated she attended an EDC meeting last Monday that addressed questions about the function and direction of the commission and the director. Director Dowling will compile a list of questions that were asked at the meeting and the Mayor will share the list with the other Board members.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Isenhower and the Chief of Police have been looking into surveillance systems for downtown to help with the vandalism and graffiti problems.

**REQUEST TO MOVE RETAINING WALL INTO SIDEWALK ON LANDIS STREET:** Jim Culp of First Baptist Church provided copies of a report by a certified arborist about the condition of the beech tree that is damaging the wall along Landis Street. The arborist has recommended moving the wall out approximately two feet. Culp stated the church will cover the costs of the wall, sidewalk, curb and guttering. Culp stated the church voted to follow the arborists recommendation last November. Commissioner Moody stated he has spoken with several members that are not in favor of

moving the wall. The consensus of the Board is to table the issue until they get a cost report of the repairs from First Baptist Church.

**SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – SANDWICH BOARDS:** The item is tabled until the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BRIDGE PARK RENAMING DISCUSSION:** Perry Kelly made a request that the Board rename Bridge Park to Pavilion Park. Kelly stated that bridging the park with the Pavilion was a good idea but naming the park after the bridge was not. Kelly also suggested establishing a committee to take care of the works of art that will be in the park. Mayor Oliver suggested getting the opinion of the volunteers that did the fund drives for the park and constructed the Pavilion to get their suggestions for renaming the park. Commissioners Graham, Hensley and Moody all agreed that it should remain Bridge Park.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND BOARD:** *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to make Keith Buchanan the Secretary of the Relief Fund Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION:** *Commissioner Moody made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) regarding a pending law suit. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board went into closed session at 8:05 p.m.*

*Commissioner Hensley made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board returned to regular session at 8:17 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Graham made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.*

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Brenda A. Oliver  
Mayor

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Brandi H. King  
Town Clerk