

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
November 5, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on November 5, 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 King (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Allison Brantley, Eric Moore, Mike Beck, Mary Kelley, Ron Hancock, Danny Allen, Joe Hurt, Gibbs Knotts and Ellerna Forney

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 TWSA Board Appointment be added to the agenda. *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to add the item to the agenda and the motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Lewis 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: Mary Kelley questioned the status of Big Rick's on Main Street and their noise ordinance violations. Mayor Oliver stated the police department is working on remedies with state agencies and stated it is an ongoing investigation.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Oliver reported she attended the League's Annual Conference in Greenville, NC. The conference covered issues such as economic development, healthy and sustainable environments, pensions, and ethics.

Oliver also stated that Jim Nichol of the American Legion is no longer interested in renting the Golden Age Center Building. Commissioner Knotts suggested trying to secure grant funding to help preserve the building. Commissioner Graham stated the Board should assess the situation at a later date and winterize the building for the upcoming months.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: Isenhower stated the Planning Board needs other ideas to review during their meetings. Commissioner Knotts will meet with Isenhower later to

clarify what the Board would like to have the Planning Board discuss concerning the corridor appearances and signage.

Isenhower will schedule a meeting with the Revolving Loan Fund Committee for November 24th.

PUBLIC HEARING (LANDIS STREET BECOMING 2-WAY STREET): Mayor Oliver opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Joe Hurt stated the Methodist Church voted unanimously to make Landis Street a 2-way street again. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING (SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE): The Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m. Ron Hancock of the Division of Community Assistance stated they took the Jackson County Subdivision Ordinance and modified it to fit the Town of Sylva. The ordinance protects the Town, landowners and developers. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE IN DOWNTOWN: Isenhower presented the Board with pictures of how the directional signage and kiosks would look. A consultant sign company stated they could design, plan and install the signs for a cost of \$3,500 to \$7,500. Julie Sylvester has stated that Legacy Home Builders agreed to build and install the kiosks at cost. The Board discussed locations for kiosks. Commissioner Graham stated the Board should contract with a sign company to make all the signs uniform and consistent. The Board will apply for monies for the directional signage with the County's Municipal Grant Application.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR BRIDGE PARK: The Board was presented with an application that would be used for reserving the Bridge Park. The fees would be \$20/two hours, \$50/half day and \$100/whole day. There would also be a \$15/hour charge per officer if additional security is needed for the event. *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the application. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

LANDIS STREET BECOMING A 2-WAY STREET: *Commissioner Graham made a motion to make Landis Street a 2-way street within 45 days. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

TOWN OF SYLVA SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to adopt the Subdivision Ordinance. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

TWSA BOARD APPOINTMENT: Mayor Oliver stated that Bob Beck has served three terms on the TWSA Board and his commission expires at the end of the year. *Commissioner Moody made a motion to appoint Harold Hensley to the TWSA Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Hensley made a statement that he would be more than willing to serve on the TWSA Board, but he would like for the Board to re-appoint him to the Town Board in December.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss pending hazard abatement litigation. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into closed session at 7:30 p.m.*

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 8:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Moody made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.*

Brenda A. Oliver
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk