

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
December 17, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on December 17, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioners Danny Allen, Sarah Graham, Ray Lewis and Stacy Knotts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Christina Matheson

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager), Brandi King (Town Clerk), Jeff Jamison (Police Chief), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Fred Alexander, Sheryl Rudd, Brian Bartell, Charles McConnell, Katie Crisp, Marcus Metcalf, Dieter Kuhn, Kenny Chapman, Danny Russell, Amanda Bowman, Jonah House, Karen Gass, Ronald Gass, Stephen Godfrey, Hobanette Maynor, Eugene Maynor, Ashley Queen, Wanda Messer, Gibbs Knotts, Tim Jones, Theresa Junaluska, Patti Tiberim Heather Gordon, Richard Goddard, Nick Clanton, Tonya Vickery, Jeffrey Vickery, Jon Osendorff, Heather Graf, Ryan Sherby, Nathan Lang, Carl Adams, Giles Morris and Allison Brantley

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moody added Jackson County Neighbors in Need to the agenda. *Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Brian Bartell addressed the Board with his concerns regarding “Offspring”, a private night club for teens in Sylva. Bartell feels that the club for teens is hazardous to the health and welfare of the teens that attend the club. Bartell has started a petition to have the night club closed. Bartell presented the petition to the Board with 594+ names.

Nathan Lang, owner of “Offspring”, stated he and his son opened the club to help minister to teens in the area to help with alcohol, drug and pregnancy problems. Lang stated he also started a petition with 345 signatures for those that would like to see “Offspring” remain open.

Patty Tibbery of the Substance Abuse Prevention Council stated she works with several agencies in the community to help prevent underage drinking, drug abuse and pregnancy. Tibbery stated that kids are invited to participate in risky behavior in the establishment and the Board should revoke their license.

Amanda Bowman is a teen that attends “Offspring” regularly and has never seen sex, drugs or alcohol in the club.

Attorney Eric Ridenour stated that there has been no illegal activity regarding “Offspring” to date. If anyone is aware of illegal activity they are encouraged to contact the Police Department. Mayor Moody stated this is a legal issue and the Board has full intentions of enforcing all laws and ordinances. Commissioner Graham and Knotts stated the Town will make sure nothing illegal is going on and will work to keep the children and community safe.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: None

MANAGER’S REPORT: Isenhower stated the Town received \$9,000 from the Jackson County Municipal Grant for directional signage in downtown. The Town requested funds for two kiosks and directional signage that would cost approximately \$14,700. Commissioner Graham stated the Board should go ahead with one kiosk and discuss the location and logistics at their next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jamison reported on the statistics from the previous month and stated they delivered treat bags to residents at Skyland Care Center.

DSA REPORT: Sylvester reported the Father/Daughter Dance will be held on February 5th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Greening Up the Mountains planning is underway.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:
Commissioner Allen made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

ENERGY PRESENTATION: Fred Alexander of Duke Energy made a presentation to the Board regarding energy efficiency.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Finance and Personnel
Sarah Graham (Chair)
Stacy Knotts

Public Safety
Christina Matheson (Chair)
Sarah Graham

Land Use and Planning
Stacy Knotts (Chair)
Danny Allen

Public Works
Ray Lewis (Chair)
Danny Allen

Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the committee assignments. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to appoint Veronica Nicholas to another term on the ABC Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

MOUNTAIN PROJECTS BOARD APPOINTMENT: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to appoint Mayor Moody to the Mountain Projects Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

REVOLVING LOAN FUND DISCUSSION: The Board previously made changes to the Revolving Loan Application and presented their changes to the RLF Committee. The RLF Committee has approved their changes to the application. *Commissioner Graham made a motion to adopt the changes to the RLF Application. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

JACKSON COUNTY NEIGHBORS IN NEED: Charlie McConnell stated that Neighbors in Need and Mountain Projects work together to help families heat their homes during the winter months. Isenhower presented the organization with a donation of \$1,500 from the Town.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carries and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk