

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

Mayor: Danny Ritchie
Alderman: Carroll Franklin
Alderman: Richard Propst
Alderman: Benny Orders
Alderman: Terry Yount

Others present:

Town Manager: Sherri Bradshaw
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula
Attorney: Rod Willcox

Mayor Ritchie opened the meeting with Alderman Orders leading in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: The Council voted unanimously to approve the June minutes by a motion from Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Ordinance for Sewer Only Customers – An ordinance change is needed for “sewer only” utility customers. The ordinance amendment would require all rental property with sewer only service through the Town of Drexel to remain in the property owner’s name which would help to eliminate bad debts accrued by these residences served with sewer only utilities. The Town does not have leverage with these accounts because we can’t turn off sewer like we do water or electric when payment is not received by the turn off date. A motion was made by Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Franklin to adopt the above mentioned ordinance amendment and the vote was unanimous.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Financial, Tax and Police reports for the month of June, 2016 and the 2016 1st Quarter Report for the Fire Department. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

Tax Releases – Osaki Restaurant has not been located in Town of Drexel for the last 2 years and taxes were still billed to them, the tax collector is requesting 2014 and 2015 taxes be released from the tax levy. A motion was made by Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Orders to release 2014 and 2015 personal property taxes for Osaki Restaurant and the vote was unanimous.

Chargers Update – Lowell Summey updated the Council on the Chargers. Baseball season has ended. The Chargers Sports Schedule for upcoming sports events and practices was presented to Council. Football sign ups, Soccer and Cheerleading signups have started.

Recreation Department – Lisa Butler was present to update Council on ROH Center activities. Recreation revenues for the month were \$855.00. Volleyball signups have started.

Police Report – Chief Treadway reviewed the report for the month. No issues to report at this time.

Attorney Report – No issues to report at this time.

Miscellaneous

- Manager Bradshaw presented the resignation letter from Fire Chief Mike Brown. She stated he stepped down due to personal reasons. Craig Baker has agreed to step in as interim chief at this time.
- Drexel Fair is August 8-13, 2016.
- Manager Bradshaw made the Council aware that she checked on the grant program for obtaining public WiFi for downtown and Drexel does not meet the criteria to apply. Not enough businesses within downtown.
- The Town was approved in the pre-application process for the Drexel Site Redevelopment Project for cleanup of the property and is in the process of starting the full application process.

Closed Session – The Council entered into closed session at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters per G.S.143-318.11(a)(1) by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin. The Council returned to regular meeting at 8:14 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

Recreation Department – A motion was made by Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Franklin requesting that Manager Bradshaw gather information on what the cost would be for a part time recreation director salary at \$15 per hour for a 6 month and a 1 year term and also to get bids for the cost of upgrading the field house. The Council tabled the decision for hiring a new part time recreation director until the August 2nd meeting.

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

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