

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today Tuesday, June 26, 2018 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: Benny Orders
Alderman: Terry Yount
Alderman: Dennis Anthony
Alderman: Carroll Franklin

Others present:

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

Mayor Ritchie opened the meeting and asked Alderman Orders to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: The Council voted unanimously to approve the May minutes by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Orders.

Public Hearing for 2018-2019 Budget – The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Anthony for public comments concerning the proposed 2018-2019 budget. With no public comments to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Anthony, seconded by Alderman Orders and the vote was unanimous.

2018-2019 Budget Approval - A motion was made by Alderman Anthony, seconded by Alderman Franklin to approve the 2018-2019 Budget as written and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the budget ordinance is attached as part of the minutes.

Electric Rate Schedule – The 2018-2019 Electric Rate Schedule shows a slight increase in the renewable energy charge along with a 3.5% decrease of energy rates. The new rate schedule was included in the approved 2018-2019 budget. A copy of the rate schedule is attached as part of the minutes.

WPCOG Agreement for Technical Planning Assistance – The agreement between WPCOG and Drexel needs approval from the Board. The expense for WPCOG's technical planning assistance was included in the approved budget. The planner comes to the town one day every two weeks and is responsible for Regulatory Code Management, administration of Town's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The planner will also give technical planning advice to the Town Council, Town Manager, Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve the WPCOG Agreement for Technical Planning Assistance and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the agreement is attached as part of the minutes.

2017 Local Water Supply Plan – North Carolina requires each unit of local government that provides public water service to prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan every five years. The Town of Drexel water supply plan has been submitted to the state and has been approved and now needs approval by the Board of Aldermen. A motion was made by Alderman Anthony,

seconded by Alderman Orders to approve the 2017 Local Water Supply Plan and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the Water Supply Plan is attached as part of the minutes.

Petitions and Communications - Brenda Bjorklund, owner of 401 Mountain View Street and the mobile home park property located on Woodman Street directly behind the house was present to address the Board with concerns dealing with her property. She received some clarification concerning the 6 month time frame for replacement of mobile homes in her park. She relayed several personal concerns with the house and her property which would not be Town issues.

Mayor Ritchie called for a short recess to allow Alderman Franklin to leave the meeting due to sickness.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Financial and Tax reports for the month of May, 2018. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

Police Report – Officer Eastwood was present to review the police report for the month of May, 2018. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

Recreation Department – No one was present to give a report for the recreation department.

Drexel Properties Update – Manager Bradshaw stated that the Geotechnical Exploration has been completed for the property. Site #1 was designated as the most appropriate on-site location for the debris to be buried. The Brownfield application is in the beginning stages. A more detailed report will be presented at the August meeting by a team of experts.

Grant Funds – Manager Bradshaw presented a letter the Town received from Representative Hugh Blackwell advising the Town of a special grant through the NC Department of Commerce approved in the new state budget in which \$41,500 is set aside for Drexel. The money will assist the Town in meeting needs for planning and programs for economic development along with community improvement within the Town.

VEDIC Appointment – Manager Sherri Bradshaw will be the new representative on the VEDIC Board and will need to be formally appointed by the Board of Aldermen. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Orders to appoint Manager Bradshaw to the VEDIC Board and the vote was unanimous.

Miscellaneous –

- Next Meeting will be August 7, 2018. Per the Board's approval at the May meeting, the July meeting was cancelled.
- ElectriCities Annual Conference will be August 20-22, 2018 in Asheville, NC.
- Manager Bradshaw stated we received our first Alcoholic Beverage Tax reimbursement from the state in the amount of \$3,195.23. The tax is charged on production of the product in NC Our portion is based on our population and is disbursed once a year.

Closed Session - A motion was made by Alderman Anthony, seconded by Alderman Orders to enter into closed session to discuss financial matters at 7:37 p.m. The Council returned to regular session by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Anthony and the vote was unanimous.

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Anthony.

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