



The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today Tuesday, March 1, 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 February minutes by a motion from Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

**Boy Scout Troop 225** – Don Bumgarner was present to request that the Town sponsor the Troop. He requested that Town put the Boy Scout Building on the Town liability insurance. Manager Bradshaw spoke with our insurance and the building can be added to our insurance but they would require a lease between the Town and Boy Scout Troop and the Troop would have to have a separated liability insurance policy. Mr. Bumgarner stated that the Troop is already insured with a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy. Council asks that Manager Bradshaw find out the cost the Town would incur by adding the Boy Scout Building to our policy. Attorney Willcox will draw up a lease agreement between the parties. A motion was made by Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Franklin to sponsor Troop 225 upon the signing of a lease agreement and the vote was unanimous.

**Cross Parking on Church Street** – Bob Vanasek, a resident on Westwood Drive was present to express his concerns about the excessive amount of cross-parking in front of the town hall and post office. He states that this is becoming a safety concern. Chief Treadway has been talked to concerning this matter and he suggests signage on the street and warning tickets given for a specified time frame before issuing tickets. Mr. Vanasek told the Council about an incident that happened in early February with a car coming down the street on the wrong side of the street in order to get a parking spot in front of the post office and they nearly hit him if he had not made an abrupt stop. The Council discussed different things that had been done over the years and none of them controlled the problem. The Council decided to table this issue until the workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup> and they would discuss this further along with Chief Treadway.

**Drexel Properties Phase I Analysis** – David Poore with West Consultants was present to review the report with the Council. Mr. Poore stated that this was an environmental site assessment of the property to recognize any hazardous substance or petroleum products on the property. Alderman Propst asked if Mr. Poore observed anything on the property to indicate that we would need a Phase II Analysis. Mr. Poore stated that the site has had reported spills on the property in the past. In April, 1996, a fuel spill was reported but this was cleaned up and closed out in the same month. In

April, 1997, the site had a thinner spill from storage tank and the spill was cleaned up and closed out in December, 1998. In May, 1996, the property had a gasoline spill and was cleaned up and closed out in August, 1996. None of these incidents that are mentioned resulted in any groundwater contamination according to State Incident records. He spoke with Burke County Hazmat and they had no knowledge of anything dumped or spilled. Mr. Poore did say that the assessment revealed no obvious existing environmental conditions but without doing soil and water samples, this does not confirm that there hasn't been any dumping over the years. The Phase I Analysis reveals no obvious signs of contamination. Mr. Poore did not see any reason to go forward with a Phase II Assessment.

**Street and Mailing Addresses** – Manager Bradshaw stated we received a letter from the General Postmaster for our region in reference to our request for adding a mail route in Drexel. The letter asked that map and addresses for inside town limits be sent to them. WPCOG has started working on the map. Mayor Ritchie stated his concern that if we get a mail route in Drexel, we would lose the Post Office. He would like for Manager Bradshaw to check on this matter before we move forward with our mail route request.

**Demolition Plan** - Manager Bradshaw reviewed the demolition plan and stated it would be incorporated into our zoning plan which would require a public hearing to be called before the plan can be approved. A motion was made by Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders to call for a public hearing at the next scheduled board meeting and the vote was unanimous.

**Departmental Reports** – The Council reviewed the Financial and Police reports for the month of February, 2016. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

**Chargers Update** – Lowell Summey updated the Council on the Chargers. Indoor soccer is in full swing right now with 13 teams. Baseball signups are starting for the spring. Lowell is getting ready to get sand for baseball fields and put up new scoreboard for baseball field.

**Tax Advertisement** – The Council voted unanimously to allow Chelsea Carswell, Tax Collector to advertise unpaid taxes on April 3<sup>rd</sup> by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Yount.

**Miscellaneous**

- R.O. Huffman Center Planning Workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- Options would like to get the word out about their Art of Chocolate fundraiser on May 6th
- Next Meeting will be April 5th

**Closed Session** – The Council entered into closed session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation matters per (a)(1) by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders. The Council returned to regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders.

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

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