

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

Mayor: Richard Propst
Alderman: Terry Yount
Alderman: Allen Reed
Alderman: Benny Orders

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:

Alderman: Danny Ritchie

Others present:

Manager: Matt Settlemyer
Attorney: Redmond Dill
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula

Alderman Reed opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of minutes - The Council approved the previous minutes for the month of July by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Reed and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution to Adjust Drexel's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction - The Manager explained that this resolution will reduce Drexel's ETJ. The adjustment will more accurately reflect the potential future growth patterns and utility service areas of Drexel. The proposed zoning jurisdiction will run along Hwy 70, Zion Road, Amherst Road and Enon Road. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the above-mentioned resolution by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Reed.

2008-2009 Annual Audit Presentation - Ronnie Crump was present to review the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. He stated that even though the Town is still in excellent financial condition, the 2008-2009 year was a down year for the Town. He stated our revenues were down and expenditures were up. Investments earnings down 61%. Additions in General Fund include Downtown Park Land Purchase, Playground Equipment and Police Car. For further details, see the audit summary notes attached as part of the minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Reed to approve the audit report and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the Audit Summary Notes are attached as part of the minutes.

2008-2009 Annual Tax Settlement - LeAnn Bollinger, Tax Collector was present to review the annual tax settlement for the 2008-2009 tax year. The Council and Manager Settlemyer commended LeAnn for the excellent collection rate for this year and charged her to collect taxes for the 2009-2010 Tax Year by a motion from Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Yount and the vote was unanimous.

Departmental Reports - The Council reviewed the Financial and Police reports for the month of July and August, 2009. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

Tax Releases - The Council made a motion by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Reed to approve tax releases as listed on the monthly tax report attached as part of the minutes and the vote was unanimous.

Closed Session as permitted by G.S. 143-318.11 - The Council entered into closed session at 7:58 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Reed. The closed session was held to discuss legal matters regarding a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance dealing with accessory structures in residential districts. The Council adjourned from the closed session and back to the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Orders.

Public Hearing for Amendment to Zoning Ordinance - The Council called for a public hearing to be held at the October meeting by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Reed and the vote was unanimous.

Miscellaneous – Updates

- • We did not get the Downtown Park Grant but we can reapply in January
- • R.O. Huffman Center will start the bid process for the playground equipment by the end of September
- • Drexel Heritage property is back on the market for sale

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned the meeting at 8:32.m. upon a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Reed.