

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today Tuesday, November 7, 2017 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: Benny Orders
Alderman: Terry Yount
Alderman: Richard Propst

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 October minutes by a motion from Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Orders.

Master Recreation Plan Resolution – The Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan was presented at last month's meeting. The Council unanimously voted to approve the recreation plan and adopt the resolution for the Master Recreation Plan by a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Orders. A copy of the resolution is attached as part of the minutes.

Drexel Property Update – Manager Bradshaw updated the Council on the future of Drexel Properties. She stated that Phase II through EPA is in the process and will be paid for through a grant received by Burke County. Also, the Town has pre-approval for the Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 which will require two public hearings before final approval. Norfolk Southern will be contacted to come in and give direction on a possible location for a rail spur and what type of businesses would work with the rail access. Drexel Properties is a prime piece of property since it does have rail access. Cost estimates are also being acquired for infrastructure needs with electric, water and sewer. The Council voted unanimously to set the first public hearing for the CDBG funding at the December 5th board meeting by a motion from Alderman Orders, seconded by Alderman Yount.

NCMPA1 Board of Director Nominations – Two seats expires in December for the NCMPA1 Board of Directors and will be voted on at the November 14th ElectriCities meeting. Manager Bradshaw recommends that Drexel supports both nominations which are J. Newall Clark, Lexington and Dan Brown, Morganton. A motion was made by Alderman Propst, seconded by Alderman Yount to support the above-mentioned nominations and the vote was unanimous.

NCDOT Public Meetings - N.C. Department of Transportation will be holding public meetings regarding the reconstruction of I-40 at Exit 107. The meetings will be on November 16, 2017 at Mt. Home Baptist Church from 4:00 until 7:00 pm. for the general public and 2:00 pm for public officials. The upgrade to the interchange will cost \$16.1 million, plus another \$400,000 that's already been spent on preliminary engineering. Right-of-ways should be secured in 2019 and construction will start in 2020.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Financial, Tax and Police reports for the month of October, 2017. Chief Treadway was present to review the Police report. The Council also reviewed the Fire report which covers from January 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes. The Council voted unanimously to release taxes in the amount of \$88.81 for Matthew Hastings (no longer lives in Drexel) by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Propst.

Attorney Report – Attorney Willcox has no issues to report at this time.

Recreation Department – Tim Rhoney was present to update the Council on recreation activities. All the regular programs are still running as normal. The center hosted games for several teams and programs for the past few months which generated a lot of gate fees and concessions. Mighty Mites Soccer Team won the County championship. Volleyball just finished with 4 teams participating.

Miscellaneous –

- Burke Theater Guild will be presenting a musical-dinner program called Some Enchanted Evening on November 17th & 18th at the Morganton Community House, dinner at 6 pm, show at 7 pm
- BDI Capital Campaign Kickoff will be on November 28th from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm
- Employee and Public Officials Thanksgiving breakfast is November 21st at 9:00 am at Stephen’s Mainstreet Grill
- Smoke Testing on Sewer System starting November 6th through March 30th
- Christmas Parade – December 16th at 11:00 am
- Christmas Singing in the Park – December 16th at 6:00 pm
- Employee, Retirees and Public Officials Christmas Luncheon – December 19th at the RO Huffman Center at Noon
- Christmas Chase/5K Run on December 23rd
- Office closed for Veterans Day on November 10th, Thanksgiving on November 23rd & 24th, Christmas on December 22nd, 25th & 26th, New Year’s Day on January 1st.
- Next Meeting December 5th, 2017

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Yount.

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