

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
November 20, 2014

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on November 20, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioners Danny Allen, Harold Hensley, Mary Gelbaugh, Barbara Hamilton, and Lynda Sossamon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Davis Woodard (Police Chief), Tammy Hooper (Assistant Chief), JP Gallardo (Police Officer), Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Joe Hamilton, Quintin Ellison, and Jeremy Morrison

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Mayor Moody added an item to the agenda for discussion of profits made from the Sylva Pool. Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh brought a request from a citizen to add an electric car charger in downtown Sylva. A company by the name of EATON sells the electric car chargers. Commissioner Sossamon would like to see research done on the cost and necessity of providing this on Main Street. Commissioner Gelbaugh also mentioned the Sylva Garden Club is doing a fundraiser for the Bi-centennial Park for improvements.

Commissioner Sossamon attended the League WNC meeting as an all day summit where the presentation discussed the local economy and how it is not keeping up with growth standards after the recession. The Travel and Tourism department of WCU will be hosting a spring event to raise awareness. The Town of Sylva will also be having Greening up the Mountains at the same time.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Dowling reminded everyone that the Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 6th and the theme for this year is "Memories of a Hometown Christmas". Also on the reminder list were the upcoming public hearings scheduled for December 4, 2014 on the ETJ and re-zoning proposals. Dowling updated the board on the decorating progress on Main Street for the holidays. Dowling requested input on Sylva's future challenges, needs, and goals for the Jackson County Comprehensive Land Use plan.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Dan Schaeffer updated the board on the progress of clean-up on Main Street. The demolition process is expected to move to Mill Street by the last week of November. He also stated that they would try to have sidewalks open for the holiday season. The façade on the Black Rock building will have to be taken down due to fire damage. The contracts for Finch Street have been signed and sent to Doug Parker who won the bid for a start date of early December.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

MAIN STREET REPORT: Small Business Saturday will be on November 29, 2014. Pictures with Santa will be on December 6, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Sassafras taken by Terri Clark Photography.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: None

PARKING TICKETS: Town Manager Dowling states that the town has approximately \$7,500 of unpaid parking tickets. There is a need for a collection process to reconcile the outstanding amounts owed to the town. Letters were sent by the town attorney to those in violation but there are still outstanding tickets. Police Chief Davis Woodard has recommended parking boots as a means to draw attention to the magnitude of the violations. The approximate cost of a boot is \$400-\$600 and Chief Woodard would like to see two purchased. *Consensus from the board was reached to move forward with the creation of an ordinance and to proceed with a setting a public hearing date.*

TWSA APPOINTMENT: Town Manager Dowling informed the board that there were two applications for the TWSA Board, David Nestler and Ray Lewis. Commissioner Hensley voiced approval for Lewis because of his service to the Town of Sylva in previous years. Commissioner Allen voiced approval for both Lewis and Nestler. Sossamon feels the nomination should be someone the board represents, thus a town resident. *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to appoint David Nestler to the TWSA board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

SYLVA POOL PROFITS: A request was made by the Jackson County Recreation and Parks Department to use the profits made from the summer season for further updates and repairs to the pool. Dan Schaeffer commended the Recreation Department for their work on the pool and continued maintenance efforts. Commissioner Allen suggested looking at a different fee schedule for town residents as well. *Commissioner Sossamon made a motion to grant the request made by the Recreation Department. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk