

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
July 1, 2010

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on July 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Maurice Moody and Commissioners Harold Hensley, Stacy Knotts, Danny Allen, Ray Lewis and Christina Matheson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Adrienne Isenhower (Town Manager), Brandi King (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Maggie Tobias, Ann Melton, Fern Hensley, Eric Moore, Giles Morris, William Lockman, Rhonda Stephens, J.D. Stephens, Pam Bumgarner, Delma Autrey, Ray Anderson and Glenda Hensley

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Moody called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Commissioner Matheson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ray Anderson of the Laurel Branch community stated that during heavy rains water runs down the roadway. Anderson and the other residents are requesting that the road be repaved and brought up to the same standards as the surrounding streets. Mayor Moody stated the Board will have the Public Works Director look into the problems on Laurel Branch.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Moody stated he sent letters to business and property owners on Main Street to let them know about the Main Street Grant opportunity.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Allen would like the Manager to post the Police Chief job opening so the new Chief can be trained before Chief Jamison leaves in September.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Isenhower stated the Sylva to Dillsboro Sidewalk project will begin on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Isenhower also reported that the parking spaces on Main Street can be angled more to accommodate larger vehicles.

**PUBLIC HEARING (ZONING ORDINANCE VARIANCE APPLICATION – GEORGE POHL):** Mayor Moody called the Public Hearing to order at 7:12 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input regarding a zoning ordinance variance application from George Pohl. Pohl is requesting permission to construct a 30' by 50'

storage building on his property situated at Tract D Laurel Branch Road (PIN 7631-95-3564). The property is zoned R-3 and is 16,552 square feet. Current zoning requirements state the lot size must be 17,500 square feet to construct the 1,500 square foot storage building. Ray Anderson, Rhonda Stephens, Pam Bumgarner and other residents in the area are opposed to allowing the construction of the storage building. They believe if the variance is approved this would set a precedent for allowing storage buildings in the area. This is a quiet, residential neighborhood that should not have commercial buildings. Mayor Moody closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING (CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION – R. PHILIP HAIRE):** Mayor Moody called the Public Hearing to order at 7:26 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment concerning an application from R. Philip Haire for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to convert the Mica Ridge Apartments to Condominiums. The Town of Sylva Zoning Ordinance permits condominiums in the B-2 Business District upon approval of CUP. There was no public input. Mayor Moody closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

**DOWNTOWN PARKING ORDINANCE:** *Commissioner Matheson made a motion to approve the draft of the Downtown Parking Ordinance. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. The public hearing for the ordinance will be held at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.*

**BOARD APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY:** *Commissioner Allen made a motion to appoint Harold Hensley to the Board. The motion carries with a three to one vote. Commissioner Knotts was opposed.*

Clerk of Court Ann Melton swore in Commissioner Harold Hensley.

**ZONING ORDINANCE VARIANCE APPLICATION – GEORGE POHL:** *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to deny the variance because the request does not meet all criteria. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION – R. PHILIP HAIRE:** *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to grant the CUP with the condition that he comply with the minimum square footage requirements required under the Ordinance. Namely, that Mr. Haire shall add such additional square footage from his adjoining lot as is necessary to make the lot eligible for said CUP. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**NC GOVERNOR’S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM RESOLUTIONS:** The police department has applied and is in the running for a NC Governor’s Highway Safety Program grant for two new computers and two new cameras for police vehicles. If the department is awarded the grant, this will be an upgrade in efficiency and effectiveness while on patrol. Chief Jamison explained that the Town of Sylva is the only agency in Western North Carolina without these systems. There is a 50% match to the grant that is included in the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. In order to proceed with the grant, the Board needs to pass the resolutions blessing the grant and the associated match.

*Commissioner Matheson made a motion to adopt the resolutions and provide the matching funds. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:** *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the Fire Department Officers for the 2010-2011 year. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Chief	Mike Beck
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	Chris Greene
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	Mike Bryson
Captain	Brian Wellmon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Captain	Mike Justice
Safety Officer	Craig Farmer
Secretary	Keith Buchanan
Purchasing Officer	Jeremiah VanResselear
Chaplain	Mike Farmer

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.*

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Maurice Moody  
Mayor

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Brandi H. King  
Town Clerk