

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
March 9, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on March 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg McPherson, and David Nestler.

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney).

VISITORS PRESENT: Jay Coward and Jerry Barker

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve an amended motion by adding an item for appropriation of \$20,000 from the Fisher Creek funds for cameras at Pinnacle Park. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon noted that she appreciated the way a gas leak on Central Street was handled by emergency officials.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Hensley thanked Paige for her work. Commissioner Hamilton thanked Wayne Smith for the housing he is building behind McDonalds.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling told the board she signed a contract with Teague Engineering to review the Town's ordinances and develop a future land use map. They will begin working on this in April and complete the work in August. Dowling will need to know by Friday if board members want to attend the NC League of Municipalities meeting in Franklin May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. She reminded the board that the next budget work session is March 30th at 2:00 p.m. She also reminded them to be sure and put Greening up the Mountains on their calendar for April 22, 2017. This is will be the 20th anniversary and the festival is from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The Planning Board met on February 16th and reviewed the conditional use permits for Southern Properties and Development and Mantz Tire. There next meeting will be on March 23rd.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 38-300 (C) RPUD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: Manager Dowling explained that RPUD requirements are listed individually by district and a

sentence was noted in 38-300 that should be removed to clarify. Being no comment, the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 38-42: MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT:

Manager Dowling that the amendment extends the sidewalk requirement from B-2 and B-3 to the B-1 district. Being no comment, the hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

FRIENDS OF MOUNTAIN TO THE SEA PRESENTATION: Jay Coward made a presentation to the board about the Friends of the Mountains to the Sea trails which run through the Town of Sylva. Coward would like to see Sylva as a Trail Town. Jerry Barker also addressed the board on the trail system.

ORDINANCE—38-300(c): RPUD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ORDINANCE—38-42: MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

POOL RENOVATIONS: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to appropriate \$50,000 from fund balance to the pool line item to cover repairs needed to open the pool for the 2017 summer. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

SCHEDULE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING:

Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to schedule the next comprehensive economic development plan meeting for March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.

CAMERAS FOR FISHER CREEK: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 from the Fisher Creek fund to purchase cameras and all associated costs on an annual basis for the Pinnacle Park trails. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(6) regarding the Town Manager's evaluation at 6:53 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Hensley made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carries with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 7:08 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk