

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
May 10th, 2011
6:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderman Beaty, Alderman Friday, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Martin, and Alderman Withers.

The following staff members were present: Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager; Maria Stroupe, Administrative Services Director; Pennie Thrower, Town Attorney; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Allen Scott, Police Captain; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; David Kahler, Community Development Director; Anne Martin, Recreation Director; and Steve Lambert, Fire Chief.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Coleman opened with the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Beaty requested a discussion of the noise ordinance in New Business. Mr. Friday made a motion to set the agenda including the addition, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Beaty made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2011, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens:

Ms. Corinne Harding, 405 N. Monarch Dr., had a tree cut down on her property. She called Public Works and was told the debris would not be picked up if the job was done by a contractor. She wants clarification as to when tree debris is picked up by the Town and when it is not. Mayor Coleman and Mr. Munn stated that if a resident pays someone to cut trees, then the person that is paid is responsible for removing the debris. If the resident cuts the tree themselves, then the Town will pick up the debris, assuming the pieces are cut as specified in the ordinance, as a service for the resident.

Consent Agenda:

There was no consent agenda.

Public Hearing:

There was no public hearing.

Old Business:

The first item, Item 6-A, was an update on the court case against Mr. Robert Oleska, 411 W. Trade St. The hearing was to be held on Monday, May 9th. Mr. Oleska requested time to obtain

an attorney. The judge granted time until Thursday, May 12th. The hearing will resume at that time.

New Business:

The first item, Item 7-A, was a resolution designating May 15-21, 2011 as Police Week in Dallas, in conjunction with the 2011 National Police Week, and salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and across the nation. (Exhibit A) Captain Allen Scott was present representing the Police Department. Mr. Martin made a motion to adopt the 2011 National Police Week Resolution, seconded by Mr. Beaty, and carried unanimously.

The second item, Item 7-B, was a discussion concerning purchase of a tornado siren. The recent extensive tornado activity in North Carolina and other states have reminded us again of the potential destruction and injury that tornados and other strong storms can produce. The Mayor requested the Fire Chief to gather information about a warning siren that could be installed to give Dallas residents an alert when tornados and other significant events occur in the community. So far, one company has submitted information on a siren. Mr. Friday made a motion to explore further quotes and options on sirens to present at the June meeting, seconded by Mr. Beaty, and carried unanimously.

The third item, Item 7-C, was a report from the Recreation Committee concerning a meeting on Wednesday, May 4th. This meeting concerned matters involving coaches and suggestions for the Town's recreation program. At this time, there are no recommendations. The committee will meet again only if the Town Manager sees a need.

The fourth item, Item 7-D, was information concerning the upcoming budget. A worksession needs to be scheduled to review the proposed budget and give guidance to the staff. From the past work session, the following major initiatives will be included in the proposed budget: 1) New Electric Substation Land Preparation and Design, 2) Water Quality Distribution Line Improvements, 3) Courthouse Building – Phase 1 Rehabilitation. In addition, the proposed budget will: 1) Not include any tax increase, 2) Provide funding for a 2% employee salary adjustment, 3) Provide consideration of a Water and Sewer Facility Maintenance Fee that would be exclusively dedicated to water and sewer maintenance. Mr. Beaty made a motion to schedule a work session for Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, with a second work session to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 if necessary; seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

The fifth item, Item 7-E, was the additional item concerning the noise ordinance. Mr. Beaty received a request from Cross Rhodes Tavern that the current noise ordinance restrictions be changed from 11:00 pm to 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights. After discussion, it was determined that the proprietor could obtain a special permit from the Police Department for the upcoming Friday and Saturday night, per the current ordinance. This would allow the situation to be monitored and any potential problems addressed. At this time, the existing ordinance will not be permanently changed.

Item 8, was a manager's report from Mr. Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager. During this report, Mr. Munn presented information that would affect the flood plain map. Gaston County would be the lead agency on a project to make improvements to the creek behind Alder's Ridge Subdivision. The Town's involvement would be minimal. Mr. Beaty made a motion to support the County's efforts, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

There was no closed session.

Mr. Friday made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried unanimously.
(7:31)

Rick Coleman, Mayor

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk

2011 National Police Week

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Dallas Police Department; and

WHEREAS, some 58,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1792, nearly 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on average one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty in the United States every fifty-three hours; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcements Officers Memorial Fund's 22nd Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Friday, May 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15–21; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dallas Board of Aldermen formally designates May 15-21, 2011, as Police Week in Dallas, NC, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Adopted this the 10th day of May, 2011.

Rick Coleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk