

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

May 11th, 2010

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; Pennie Thrower, Town Attorney; Maria Stroupe, Administrative Services Director; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Gary Buckner, Police Chief; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Community Development Director, David Kahler; and Steve Lambert, Fire Chief. Anne Martin, Recreation Director, was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 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. Mayor Coleman asked to add a resolution recognizing the Fire Department to the Consent Agenda. Also, Mayor Coleman stated that closed session would be needed to discuss a settlement with DENR and a personnel issue. Mr. Withers made a motion to set the agenda, including the requested additions, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Huggins made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2010 meeting, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Beaty made a motion to approve the consent agenda; which consisted of a resolution recognizing National Police Week (Exhibit A), setting the public hearing for the 2010-2011 budget for June 8, 2010, and a resolution recognizing the Fire Department (Exhibit B); seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

Employee Recognition:

Item 6-A was recognition of David Mathis for 5 years of service to the Town of Dallas. May 3, 2010 marked David's 5th year of service. Originally, David was hired as a Maintenance Worker in the Street Department. On January 12, 2009, David was promoted to Supervisor over the Street & Sanitation Departments. He continues to serve the Town in the position. Mayor Coleman presented David with a framed certificate of appreciation. (Exhibit C)

Recognition of Citizens:

Mr. Mike Hullet, 713 Summey Farm Dr., was present, along with several other residents of Summey Knoll Subdivision. Mr. Hullet was speaking on behalf of the residents present on the issue of speeding in the neighborhood. He commended the Police Department on their responses to the neighborhood, but speeding is still an issue and children are out playing. What else can be done? The concerned neighbors want to work with the Town to address this issue. Chief Buckner suggested conducting a bicycle safety day in the neighbor once school is out. He also stated he could borrow the enforcement trailer from Gastonia and park it in the neighbor so drivers could see

the speed they were driving as a point of awareness. Chief Buckner also asked that the neighbors help identify repeat speeders so the police could address them individually. With cooperation between the Town and the neighbors hopefully the situation can be address through education and awareness.

Public Hearing:

Mr. Beaty made a motion to enter into a public hearing, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously.

Item 8-A was a public hearing to determine whether to designate E. Jenkins St., from S. Gaston St. to S. College St., as a no parking zone. Mr. Bob Kendrick, 408 Groves St., called Mr. Beaty and voiced a concern that there is also a problem with street parking on Maple St., Main St., and several other areas of Town. Mr. Kendrick was in the hospital and unable to attend the meeting. There was a discussion as to whether the ordinance could read “No parking on streets in Town that impedes traffic”. As this is a very subjective determination, it would be difficult to enforce. Mr. Mark Rider stated that most of the problems seem to be at the corner of Jenkins and Gaston streets. Staff recommends that both sides of Jenkins St. be designated “No Parking”.

Mr. Beaty made a motion to exit the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Beaty made a motion to take the Staff recommendation and designate both sides of Jenkins St. as “No Parking” from S. Gaston St. to S. College St., seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

The first item, Item 9-A, continued the discussion from last month concerning designation of a mayor pro-tempore. Ms. Thrower stated that according to G.S. § 160A-70, the mayor pro-tempore should be elected after each election at the December meeting. Mr. Beaty recommended Mr. Huggins as the Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve until December 2011, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

The second item, Item 9-B, was a discussion concerning the required ethics training for elected officials. It was decided that an ethics session would be conducted by Ms. Thrower in order to meet this requirement, using material from the School of Government. A date for this session will be determined after the budget is adopted.

The third item, Item 9-C, was a request for renewal of the Interlocal Agreement-HUD “Home” Program Consortium. This is a three year program that Dallas has been participating in and the renewal will continue the program for three more years. Mr. Huggins made a motion to renew the program agreement, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

New Business:

The first item, Item 10-A, was a request from Mr. Kahler to fill two Planning Board terms that are expiring in May 2010. The two members whose terms are expiring are Chairman Bruce Reid and Mr. Mark Rider. Mr. Huggins made a motion to appoint Mr. David Harvell to a two year term on the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Beaty, and carried unanimously. Currently, Mr. Harvell has

been serving as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Mr. Beaty made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bruce Reid to a two year term on the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously. Mayor Coleman asked Mr. Kahler to submit names for consideration to replace Mr. Harvell as an alternate member.

The second item, Item 10-B, was a discussion concerning criminal background checks. An ordinance will need to be adopted to cover the scope of background checks conducted by the Town of Dallas. It needs to be determined if just volunteers working with children in the Recreation Department will be checked or if each person employed by the Town will be checked. Ms. Thrower will draft an ordinance for review.

The third item, Item 10-C, was a discussion of alcohol sales for the Memorial Day Car Show. This year the alcohol sales will be conducted by the Dallas Optimist Club. Mr. Beaty made a motion to approve alcohol sales at the Car Show, seconded by Mr. Huggins, and carried by a 4 to 1 vote as follows: Yays – Mr. Beaty, Mr. Friday, Mr. Huggins, and Mr. Martin. Nays – Mr. Withers.

The fourth item, Item 10-D, was approval of the 2010 audit contract with Collis and Associates. The contract amount will be same as last year's audit, \$6,780 for preparation of financial statements and \$17,300 for the audit (an additional \$2,300 if a single audit is required). Mr. Beaty made a motion to approve the audit contract with Collis and Associates, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

The fifth item, Item 10-E, was a request from Mr. Munn to change the payroll schedule from weekly to every two weeks. This schedule would reduce administrative time and costs. The most opportune time for this change is the beginning of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Mr. Martin made a motion to change the payroll schedule from weekly to every two weeks, effective July 1, 2010, seconded by Mr. Beaty, and carried unanimously.

The sixth item, Item 10-F, was a manager's report from Mr. Ed Munn, Interim Town Manager.

Closed Session:

Mr. Friday made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the settlement with DENR and personnel as provided for by G.S. § 143-318.11, seconded by Mr. Withers, and carried unanimously. (7:50)

Mr. Martin made a motion to exit closed session, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried by a vote of 4 to 1 as follows: Yays – Mr. Friday, Mr. Huggins, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Withers. Nays – Mr. Beaty (8:25)

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the agreement with DENR as presented, seconded by Mr. Friday, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously. (8:45)

Rick Coleman, Mayor

Maria Stroupe, Town Clerk