

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

At 7:00pm, on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in the Board Room of the Landis Municipal Building, Mayor James Furr called to order the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting. Those present along with the Mayor were Aldermen Roger Safrit, Dennis Brown, Tony Hilton, and Dorland Abernathy, Town Manager Reed Linn, Public Works Director Steve Rowland, Police Chief Bob Wood, Recreation Director Andrew Morgan, Administrative Assistant Heather Wood and Town Attorney Rick Locklear.

A quorum was met.

Mayor James Furr opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor James Furr.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adopt the agenda as written. All voted aye.

Alderman Safrit motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to adopt the minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting and the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Annual Budget Retreat as written. All voted aye.

The first order of business was a presentation from Robert Allen, the Director of Government Relations of Waste Pro. Mr. Allen thanked the Board and stated that Waste Pro was “six months in” concerning its relationship with the Town. He wanted to reach out to the Board and give them the opportunity to ask any questions. Mr. Allen stated that there were also other areas of service that Waste Pro could provide for the Town. He wanted to know what Waste Pro could do better for the Town and how the partnership could be extended.

Mayor Furr stated that Waste Pro had served the Town well on such short notice. He stated that the only negative comment he had received thus far was to make sure the containers were not left on the street after being emptied. Alderman Hilton stated that previously the times had “been in flux” but that seemed to have been sorted out. Mr. Allen stated that they had simply needed to determine the traffic flow and adjust accordingly. There was some discussion.

Mr. Allen stated that there were things that could be done to help streamline the process, such as recycling every other week and providing a larger recycling can. They also had the ability to offer other services to the Town. There was also some discussion of “Waste Protection”, which would provide a list of items to those collecting each week to keep an eye on and work closely with the Town.

Manager Linn stated that Waste Pro could also provide a separate contract for emergency services in post-storm situations when there is a lot of debris. They would be able to assist Town employees with leaves, limbs, and debris collection.

The Board thanked Mr. Allen, stating that Waste Pro had done a wonderful job so far.

The next order of business was a request from Police Chief Bob Wood to declare certain items as surplus. The list included the following:

- 2002 Ford Crown Vic – Vin# 2FAFP71W72X127467
- 2003 Ford Crown Vic – Vin# 2FAFP71W92X127468
- Minolta Camera 4.0 mega pixel – SS# 74304311 (with case)
- Sony Camera 1.2 mega pixel – SS# 354289
- 3 Spectra Polaroid AF Cameras (all with cases)

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, to declare certain property, as provided by Chief Wood, as surplus to be listed on Govdeals. All voted aye.

### **Department Head Comments**

*Recreation Director Andrew Morgan:* stated that the Easter Egg Hunt had gone well; there had been 35 kids present and refreshments and toys provided by the Police Department had been given to the children. There was also storytelling held in the back of the new Park Office. The Mud Run would be on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and Director Morgan would have more information at the May meeting. Also, as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 they would be able to sell NC State Fishing Licenses at the Park Office.

*Town Manager Reed Linn:* then stated that it was budget season again and provided a few possible dates for the first budget workshop. There was some discussion of the dates.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to hold the first budget workshop on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm. All voted aye.

Manager Linn stated that they would be meeting with Electricities representatives on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00am regarding the RFP for autoread electric and water meters. He would have more information for the Board at the regular May meeting. In addition, Manager Linn stated they were also looking at an RFP for the garbage service that would be for a five year contract. He inquired if the Board would be open to that or if they preferred staying with a three year contract. The Board indicated they would like to see the numbers for both.

*Public Works Director Steve Rowland:* concerning the Water Project, they had approximately two weeks worth of work before finalizing the project. The last phase was at Tranquil Lake Drive. The Sewer Project would be underway very soon. For the Electrical System, Director Rowland felt they needed to switch focus to the RR track and the movement of lines. They had still received no answers from the railroad as to who would pay. It was his opinion that the poles needed to be moved. There was some discussion.

*Police Chief Bob Wood:* went over the calls received by the Police Department during the month of March:

- 7 accidents
- 10 calls for assistance
- 28 disturbances
- 18 property crimes
- 0 violent crimes
- 9 arrests from warrants
- 25 citations issued out of 64 stops

There were 127 general calls.

Chief Wood stated that the investigation into the underage photos on Instagram had been completed. There had been eight search warrants and Landis resident Peter Keever had been charged with over a dozen felony sex crimes. Mr. Keever was still in jail at this time. Detective Roger Hosey had done an amazing job and had worked closely with Granite Quarry. The Board agreed and commended Detective Hosey. Chief Wood stated that they had spent a lot of time on this case.

### **Board Comments**

*Alderman Dorland Abernathy:* stated that he had taken his grandchildren to the Easter Egg Hunt and that it had been a great event. He also commented that he had attended a seminar in Charlotte concerning Stormwater for municipal officials and it had been very interesting.

*Alderman Tony Hilton:* commended the Police Department and Detective Hosey for their work on the Instagram case. That it had been good, positive PR for the Town. He thanked them for their hard work.

*Alderman Dennis Brown:* agreed with Alderman Hilton, stating that Detective Hosey had been able to do things that other departments had not been able to and that the Town was very lucky to have Detective Hosey.

*Alderman Roger Safrit:* stated that Landis has a great Police Department and congratulated them on everything they had done. Mayor James Furr agreed with all of the sentiments.

### **Citizens Comments**

*There were no citizens' comments.*

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. All voted aye.

The Board went into Executive Session.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, to come out of Executive Session. All voted aye.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to amend the motion calling for the first budget workshop. The amended motion called for an Executive Session at the beginning of the budget workshop on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm with the budget workshop to follow. All voted aye.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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Heather Wood  
Administrative Assistant