

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

At 7:00pm, on Monday, December 1<sup>st</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, Finance Officer Ginger Gibson, Deputy Town Clerk Debbie Goodman, 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 Abernathy, to adopt the agenda as written. All voted aye.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adopt the minutes from the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting as amended. All voted aye.

The first order of business concerned the initial zoning of recently annexed Town Owned property. The property had been donated by the DC Linn Family and was identified as tax map 133-A, parcels 206 and 58. The property was currently zoned residential through Rowan County and was located on Highway 29, to the south of Sonic and to the east of the Ralph Linn Property. Annexing this property connected the existing city limits with the Ralph Linn property, making it contiguous with city limits. At their regular meeting in November, the Planning Board had voted unanimously to recommend the initial zoning for the property at B-3 (General Business). Landis provided lights, water and sewer to the property. Other utilities such as gas, telephone, etc were provided by PSNC, Time Warner and Windstream. The property is fronted on Highway 29 by other B-3 zoned parcels. There were no other considerations from Staff.

Mayor Furr stated that this initial zoning was a “logical conclusion”.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to accept the recommendation from the Planning Board to zone recently annexed Town Owned Property as B-3. All voted aye.

Alderman Abernathy motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to call for a public hearing at the regular meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm to discuss setting the initial zoning for recently annexed Town Property, further identified as tax map 133-A, parcels 206 and 58. All voted aye.

The next order of business was a request from Town Manager Reed Linn to start the process to annex certain state owned highways and roadways into the Town of Landis. Manager Linn explained that right now, he simply needed permission from the Board to start the process. This would include the north and

south bound lanes of Highway 29 from the southern most limits of Landis to the northern most limits of Landis; as well as the north and south bound lanes of Main Street from the southern most limits of Landis to the northern most limits of Landis. Recently, there had been several traffic accidents on both streets where some portions of the streets were inside city limits and other portions were not, therefore the highway patrol was contacted to investigate instead of the Landis Police Department. Manager Linn explained that they were simply trying to clean things up to make emergency responses clearer. This would take nothing off of the tax records and Police Chief Bob Wood was in favor of this. Manager Linn also clarified that this only included state owned property and would not affect any privately owned real property.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to grant Town Manager Douglas Linn permission to start the process to annex certain state owned highways and roadways into the town's city limit in an effort to better clarify accident investigation. All voted aye.

### **Department Head Comments**

*Town Manager Reed Linn:* reminded the Board that the Town would be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas holidays and on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 for the New Year's holiday. Also the annual employee Christmas party would be held on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00pm at the Legion building. Manager Linn stated that they had received signs for the privately owned portion of Tranquil Lake which indicated that it was a private street and that Town maintenance ended there. He clarified that this maintenance only includes sidewalks, roadways and curb and guttering. It did not affect fire, police, limb/leaf collection, etc.

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

- 6 accidents
- 14 calls for assistance
- 23 disturbances
- 12 property crimes
- 2 violent crimes (a fight between students at South Rowan with minor injuries and a domestic altercation with minor injuries)
- 13 arrests from warrants
- 22 citations issued out of 81 stops

There were 160 other/general calls. The Police Department averaged a response time of 1.48 minutes for emergency calls and 3.53 minutes for non-emergencies.

### **Board Comments**

*Alderman Dorland Abernathy:* stated that it had been exciting to see the Town's response to the Christmas Parade, that people had arrived very early to get the best places to park to view it.

*Alderman Tony Hilton:* stated that the parade had gone very well, it was very well organized and there had been no issues that he had heard of. He stated that the Police Department had done a very good job. He also expressed that he was sorry that Town Attorney Rick Locklear had not won his campaign to become a county commissioner.

*Alderman Dennis Brown:* hoped everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that everyone would have a great Christmas as well.

*Alderman Roger Safrit:* concurred with Alderman Brown, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

*Mayor James Furr:* concurred with Aldermen Safrit and Brown, wishing everyone a great Christmas.

### **Citizens Comments**

*There were no citizens' comments.*

Alderman Abernathy motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and to then adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

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Heather Wood  
Administrative Assistant