

November 5th, 2018

At 7:00pm, on Monday, November 5th, 2018, in the Board Room of the Landis Municipal Building, Mayor Mike Mahaley called to order the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting. Those present along with Mayor Mahaley were Aldermen Bobby G. Brown, Tony Corriher, Tommy Garver and Seth Moore, Town Manager Reed Linn, Police Chief Kenny Isenhour, Public Works Director Ron Miller, Administrative Assistant Heather Wood and Town Attorney Rick Locklear.

A quorum was met.

Mayor Mahaley opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

The invocation was given by Pastor David Franks.

The pledge of allegiance was then led by Mayor Mahaley.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Corriher, to approve the agenda as written. All voted aye.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Garver, to adopt the minutes from the October 1st, 2018 Regular Meeting as written. All voted aye.

The first order of business concerned a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the Town of Landis Parking Ordinance. Town Manager Reed Linn explained that the Code Enforcement Officer as well as Captain Roger Hosey had been working on a new ordinance and they would be able to answer any questions anyone may have about the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Mike Mahaley then opened the public hearing.

Nadine Cherry: stated that she had tried to get some questions answered but had only gotten some answers back in the last few minutes. She stated that there were people who mowed in Town and there was not a lot of places to park, and would they be in violation if they parked on the street as they do now. She also wanted to make sure people wouldn't be allowed to park on the sidewalk and block it, as that wasn't ADA compliant and it was also just common courtesy. She stated if her sidewalk was blocked and she falls trying to get around it, there was going to be a problem. There was also some discussion of where the tractor trailers park near the mill. She wanted to make sure if the ordinance passed, that it would be enforced equally for all. Alderman Corriher stated that they didn't want to be too stringent, but the Town had created this problem with the Oaks because of how many houses were allowed per acre. There was some discussion. Manager Linn stated that this had started with the Oaks of Landis, but Staff had then looked at the entire ordinance and realized that it needed to be amended to bring it up to current standards; the ordinance was not just about parking in the Oaks.

Police Chief Isenhour confirmed that this did start with a request from the Oaks of Landis Homeowners Association. The PD looked at it as a matter of having to be able to get emergency vehicles through the development; something needed to be done. There was further discussion on the matter.

Shelly Morgan: stated that it was a big issue in the Oaks because people would park on both sides of the street, which left only one lane for traffic. At the last HOA meeting, she stated that Captain Hosey had

been there and there had been some discussion of requiring permits to park on special occasions, but she did not see that addressed in the ordinance. Captain Hosey stated that they had discussed the option, but some had taken issue with it. So, they had decided to revisit the issue at a later date so that they could get an ordinance in place to address the parking. Ms. Morgan wanted to know how residents would be made aware of the change. Captain Hosey stated that it could be placed on the Town's social media, but he also reminded her that the goal was to fix the problem, not start citing people all the time. It was the PD's intention to give warnings to start so that people could get used to the new rules. Issuing tickets would be a last resort, not the goal of the ordinance. Ms. Morgan stated that she wasn't certain people paid enough attention to know, but she would put it in the HOA newsletter as well.

Mayor Mahaley closed the public hearing.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt the Town's amended Parking Ordinance as presented, effective November 5th, 2018. All voted aye.

The next order of business concerned adopting a resolution for approving the water shortage response plan. Manager Linn explained that in 2007 the plan had gone to the state to approve, and they had finally given their blessing. The Board simply needed to adopt the resolution, effective today.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt a Resolution Approving the Water Shortage Emergency Response Plan as is. All voted aye.

The next order of business was to close Main Street for the annual South Rowan Christmas Parade on Tuesday, November 20th, 2018, both north and south lanes, beginning at 2:00pm until the conclusion of the parade.

Alderman Corriher motioned, seconded by Alderman Garver to close Main Street in Landis, both north and south lanes, from 2:00pm until the South Rowan Christmas Parade concludes, on Tuesday, November 20th, 2018. All voted aye.

The next order of business was to seek funding for the installation of a force main at the Oaks of Landis for redoing the sewer lift station on Highway 29. With the plans having been approved, there was some concern about the force main through the Oaks. The Oaks have plans to do a second layer of asphalt in the spring and the Town wanted to get the force main installed before that was completed so the asphalt wouldn't have to be dug up again. The cost was approximately \$120,000.00 and would only be through the Oaks of Landis. Staff was asking for approval to seek short term financing and move forward. It was a small part of the bigger project.

Alderman Corriher motioned, seconded by Alderman Garver, to instruct staff to seek short term financing and move forward with installing the force main at the Oaks of Landis. All voted aye.

The next order of business concerned closing City Hall at 12:00pm on Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 for the Annual South Rowan Christmas Parade.

Alderman Garver motioned, seconded by Alderman Corriher, to close City Hall at 12:00pm on Tuesday, November 20th, 2018 for the Annual South Rowan Christmas Parade. All voted aye.

Department Head Comments

Zoning Manager Brandon Linn: stated that the Town had issued 94 permits for homes and businesses so far this year with more coming in constantly. He was certain they would reach 100 before the end of the year. Most of the permits had been for new homes and greatly surpassed previous years.

Town Manager Reed Linn: reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade would be on Tuesday, November 20th; The Christmas Tree Lighting downtown would be on Friday, November 30th; and Campfire Christmas at the Park would be on Friday, December 14th at the Lake Corriher Wilderness Park. Additionally, City Hall would be closed on November 12th for Veterans day and November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving.

Public Works Director Ron Miller: stated that on October 11th Tropical Storm Michael had come through Landis; this event had been different than Florence because all of the damage had been sustained in 30-45 minutes. Director Miller went over the damage caused and the calls received during the storm. The Town had called in three electrical crews from surrounding municipalities to help secure the lines, remove trees, etc. and then fix the circuits. Their first priority had been getting power back to the lift stations; all power had been restored by 4:00am that morning.

Police Chief Kenny Isenhour: stated that several officers were participating in No Shave November; all proceeds would go to the Shriners.

Board Comments

Mayor Mike Mahaley: reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. He also reminded everyone that they had the parade, two Christmas functions coming up. He then stated that Public Works had had some very rough days and nights recently and he wanted to commend them on how quickly they had gotten things repaired and back on. He stated it was one of the advantages of being in Landis, by 4:00am all services had been restored; he knew people in Kannapolis who were without power for 5+ days. He asked Director Miller to tell everyone he was very thankful for their work. Director Miller stated that Jon Jessop, of the Police Department, had been very instrumental in the process.

There were no further Board comments.

Citizens Comments

Nadine Cherry: stated that several months ago, the Board had approved a new animal ordinance which addressed the keeping of chickens in Landis, but she still had chickens and dogs all over her yard. She had spoken to both Manager Linn and Code Enforcement officer Brandon Linn and had decided tomorrow she would call Raleigh. She stated that when she calls the state she keeps getting passed around to different departments and the problem still hasn't been addressed. She stated that she continues to have chickens all over her yard; her neighbors have a makeshift coop, but the chickens constantly escape and have to be rounded up. She stated that she had done everything she knew to do. She stated that dogs were also being allowed to run around without leashes. She stated that the laws must apply to everyone equally. She stated that she did not want to get bit; and just last Saturday she had

three dogs loose in her yard. Mayor Mahaley stated that Mr. Linn was looking into the chicken issue, but the dogs fell under animal control. There was some discussion.

Brandon Linn stated that he had reached out to Agriculture and they were supposed to have contacted Ms. Cherry. He stated that he would contact them again because they are the ones to handle any issues with chickens, which is what the verbiage in the ordinance reflects per their request.

Larry Pittman: spoke briefly and encouraged everyone to vote.

There were no further citizens' comments.

Alderman Moore motioned, seconded by Alderman Corriher, to go into Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters and then to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm on Monday, November 5th, 2018.

Heather Wood
Administrative Assistant