

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

At 7:00pm, on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Tommy Garver, Bobby G. Brown, Tony Corriher and Seth Moore, Town Manager Reed Linn, Police Chief Kenny Isenhour, Deputy Town Clerk Debbie Goodman, 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 Bill Coughtlin.

The pledge of allegiance was then led by Mayor Mahaley.

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

Alderman Garver motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to adopt the minutes from the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Special Meeting, the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Budget Workshop, the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting and the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Budget Workshop as written. All voted aye.

The first order of business was an update concerning the animal ordinance by the Code Enforcement Officer, Brandon Linn. He explained that in February/March the Board had voted on changes in the Animal Ordinance. Since then, there had been numerous concerns regarding chickens. Mr. Linn had contacted the NC Department of Agriculture and he would bring more information before the Board in June when it was received from the state and he would also confer with the Town's attorney to make changes. It was Town Manager Reed Linn's recommendation to table the issue until the regular meeting in June.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Garver, to table the issue of updates to the Animal Ordinance until the June regular meeting. All voted aye.

The next order of business was a recommendation from the Town's engineer, Mike Acquesta, concerning the ongoing water project. Herrin Industries had been the low bid on the project and after negotiations between Herrin Industries and Mr. Acquesta, the bid totaled \$765,315.55, which is under budget. It was Mr. Acquesta's recommendation that the Town accept the bid from Herrin Industries.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to accept the bid for the water project from Herrin Industries in the amount of \$765,315.55. All voted aye.

Manager Linn then provided the Board with a preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. It was simply for information tonight and he asked the Board to review it and come by and see him if they had

any questions. He also suggested they call for their next budget workshop. The budget was balanced as submitted.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to schedule the next budget workshop for Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:15pm. All voted aye.

### **Department Head Comments**

*Town Manager Reed Linn:* reminded everyone that tomorrow was election day. Also, staff had been receiving complains concerning the garbage/recycling collection and there were currently talks going on between the company and staff. Also, citizens were being asked to not put their cans on the street and to not use the recycling cans for garbage. The trucks have cameras that allow them to see what is in the can before dumping, and if garbage was in a recycling can, it would not be emptied. Also, they needed to place cans at least three feet away from any objects that could interfere with collection and the side of the can with the bar on the front needed to face the street. Manager Linn also reminded everyone about the Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Passive Park, which would take place on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Manager Linn said that all the Department Heads wanted to thank their staff for all of their hard work at the grand opening of the Wilderness Area, as well as Mayor Mahaley for doing all the cooking. There had been approximately 450 people in attendance and it was a great success.

Manager Linn stated that he is on the committee at the Rowan Museum and they would have a display starting in June: Batters UP – A Salute to Baseball. There was some discussion of the local teams over the years and Manager Linn requested if anyone had pictures, articles or information to please contact him, as they were gathering information. Alderman Brown had already provided a ton of photos.

*Public Works Director Ron Miller:* thanked staff and everyone who participated in the grand opening. It had been very successful. He also reminded those present of the golf tournament on May 18<sup>th</sup> and that the pool would be opening Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*Police Chief Kenny Isenhour:* commended the Board on the success of the grand opening, stating that a lot of children had been there and he thought it would continue to grow.

### **Board Comments**

*Alderman Seth Moore:* stated that he agreed about the park, that it had been a good day and he had heard nothing but praise. He thanked staff (for their hard work).

*Alderman Bobby Brown:* he inquired if anyone had gotten a picture of the police chief on the new motor bike. He also thought the opening had gone well and hoped people would use the park. He stated that he had turned over tons of pictures for Manager Linn to use in the display, as well as several baseballs.

*Alderman Tommy Garver:* inquired if Chief Isenhour had motorcycle certification on his license; Chief Isenhour confirmed that he did. Alderman Garver also stated that Saturday was a great success and he appreciated Public Works Director Miller for taking him on a tour. He also inquired if Landis had a

Facebook page, Mr. Linn confirmed that the Town has one. Director Miller clarified that the Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation also have pages.

*Alderman Tony Corriher:* stated that he had concerns over the years as to how purchases are made and that he wanted a motion that anything over \$5,000.00 would require a sealed bid and the Board would decide. Mayor Mahaley stated that he wanted everyone on the Board to have a chance to look into the matter before a vote was held. The Town's attorney, Rick Locklear, stated that his concern was that they should look at the statutes already in place and see how it would modify those. Alderman Corriher stated that he had received complaints. Mayor Mahaley stated it can be difficult to even get two bids on some things, let alone three and there was already a process in place. He stated that what Alderman Corriher was hearing was "scuttlebutt" and that people didn't know what they were talking about. Manager Linn stated that several years ago they had to bid out something 2-3 times to get three bids. Mayor Mahaley stated that the Board needed time to discuss the matter and to talk with Mr. Locklear. He instructed Manager Linn to meet with Aldermen Corriher and Brown, as well as with Mr. Locklear, so that everyone would feel comfortable with the matter. Mayor Mahaley stated that some of the worst road work the Town had ever had done was on a low bid. There was some discussion and Mayor Mahaley reminded the Board that they were not required to take the lowest bid. Alderman Corriher stated that he understood that, but it would be more professional to have closed/sealed bids and open them.

*Mayor Mike Mahaley:* stated that it was a great day Saturday and those who had not attended had missed a terrific day. He stated that it was great to spend the day with citizens and he apologized that the original date had to be rescheduled but the day it was held, everything had been great. He also spoke briefly about the upcoming fall festival, saying this year it would be an all-day event. He also thanked the Board for being at the meeting and giving their opinions and he appreciated staff as well. They had done a great job and he asked everyone to give them a round of applause.

*There were no further Board comments.*

### **Citizens Comments**

*Nadine Cherry:* stated that for the last two weeks her garbage can had been left on the road after collection. She stated if the Town wanted to fine her, that was fine, but she wasn't moving it, and for some reason the contractors could not get it right. After speaking with Manager Linn that morning, she was on West Blume and followed the truck until she got its number. She said if this doesn't get corrected, she has the number. Ms. Cherry stated that she had talked to Debbie Goodman about this several times and it was time to get active dealing with the contractors. Mayor Mahaley urged Ms. Cherry to call the contractors and lodge a complaint, that they were not the same as Town employees. She stated that she knew what Mayor Furr had said when he was on the Board and it was getting back to that. Mayor Mahaley reminded Ms. Cherry that was before this Board's time. Ms. Cherry stated that the Board always says it was a previous Board's issue. Alderman Moore stated that he agreed with Ms. Cherry and felt the Town needed to look into a new contractor (for garbage/recycling collection).

*Mike Wallace:* stated that it was nice to see the Board. With the talk of the fall festival, he wanted to let the Board know if they had need of the parking lots (attached to the property he owns), he wanted to offer the Town use of them at no charge. The Board thanked Mr. Wallace.

*There were no further citizens' comments.*

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to go into Executive Session and then adjourn the meeting immediately following. All voted aye.

The Board then went into Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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Heather Wood  
Administrative Assistant