

June 4th, 2018

At 7:00pm, on Monday, June 4th, 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 Ritchie Honeycutt of Landis Baptist Church.

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 Corriher, to adopt the minutes from the May 7th, 2018 Regular Meeting and the May 30th, 2018 Budget Workshop as written. All voted aye.

Brandon Linn addressed the Board regarding the chicken ordinance previously discussed in March 2018, regarding concerns about the humane treatment of chickens. Mr. Linn stated he had a discussion with an official at the NC Department of Agriculture who agreed with the concerns. Mr. Linn advised the Board that they could keep the ordinance as written or adopt an amended version which made some exceptions permitting chickens to be kept outside a coup under specified circumstances. Brandon stated if the modified version was adopted it would be the responsibility of the NC Department of Agriculture, not the Town, to enforce.

Town Manager Reed Linn advised that the Board would need to have a public hearing if they wished to amend the ordinance.

Alderman Moore motioned, seconded by Alderman Corriher, to call for a public hearing at the next regular meeting (July 9th, 2018) regarding amending the chicken ordinance. All voted aye.

Manager Linn announced that David Sells had resigned from the Planning Board due to ongoing medical issues. Manager Linn recommended that Kim Swann, a resident of the Oaks of Landis, be considered for appointment to replace him.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Corriher to appoint Kim Swann to the Planning Board. All voted aye.

Mayor Mahaley welcomed Ms. Swann to the planning Board.

Manager Linn requested to close Town Hall at noon on Friday, June 29th, 2018 to close out the fiscal year.

Alderman Garver motioned, seconded by Alderman Moore, to close Town Hall at noon on Friday, June 29th, 2018 to close out the fiscal year. All voted aye.

Department Head Comments

Town Manager Reed Linn: reminded everyone that July's meeting would be held on the 9th due to the 4th of July holiday; as well as the Budget Meeting on June 25th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Public Works Director Ron Miller: stated that the DOT was in the process of installing traffic lights at Central and Ryder. The water project would also begin this summer.

Board Comments

Alderman Tommy Garver: inquired when the paving would begin on Main Street. Manager Linn stated that he was uncertain exactly when it would start.

Mayor Mike Mahaley: spoke regarding the success of the recent golf tournament to benefit the passive park. He discussed how the funds being used to develop the park originated from donations and fundraisers, with the golf tournament being the most successful fundraiser. He stated all of the funds raised by the tournament went directly to the passive park project. He expressed his personal thanks to Ginger Gibson and Andrew Morgan, Ron Miller, Reed Linn, and the police and fire staff for their work in organizing the event and contributing to it being an on-going success.

There were no further Board comments.

Citizens Comments

Nadine Cherry: asked if the town had an "ethics law policy" and if so "what it states" and said she would like to have a copy. Ms. Cherry said the chicken law was not working, as Brandon Linn discussed. Ms. Cherry then said the budget included \$1,000 for recycled metal and asked what that included. Manager Linn replied that was a revenue item that reflected the projected sales of any surplus metals which the town sold in the course of its usual business. Ms. Cherry then questioned why she hadn't seen the audit. Manager Linn stated the state was running late but that the audit was complete and copies were available for review. Ms. Cherry then questioned when the current mowing contractor stopped mowing, Manager Linn stated that the contractor was still mowing and had, in-fact, mowed today. Ms. Cherry said some places in the town did not appear to be mowed recently. Ms. Cherry then questioned when she would be informed about a new ADA coordinator being appointed on July 1st. Manager Linn replied that no such decision had been made yet. Ms. Cherry then complained about horse

droppings on the street and asked what the rules were during the Christmas Parade. Manager Linn stated that the parade staff handled the parade and that he was not aware of any ordinance that addressed horse droppings.

Mayor Mahaley followed-up to Ms. Cherry's comment about the mowing contractor. He stated that the contractor had been mowing, but that the amount of rain recently had made it difficult to mow. Mayor Mahaley stated that he understood what Ms. Cherry was talking about, but the mowing contractor was doing their job.

Kathy Drumm: stated that the wilderness park was very nice but she expressed concern about a lack of information online.

Tracy Lacks: requested a copy of the changes to the animal ordinance.

Ralph Lacks: complained about pot holes on Lawing Drive; stating that work had been started but never completed. There was discussion with Manager Miller as to whether the street was a Town maintained street or not. Manager Miller asked Mr. Lacks to come by and they would look at the map together.

There were no further citizens' comments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm on Monday, June 4th, 2018.

Heather Wood
Administrative Assistant