

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
April 2, 2024

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Public Hearing. Present for the hearing were Mayor Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Johnny Chestnut, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Connie & Norman Williams, John & Cathy Kimmer, Elizabeth Chestnut, Mitzie Lanier and Deputy Scott Burluson.

The purpose of the first public hearing was to consider amending ordinance 08-6 Control of Farm Animals and Fowl that was adopted in November 2008. The amended ordinance 24-1 removes chickens and fowl from the farm animal regulations. There being no public comment, the board moved to close the public hearing and Mayor Daniels opened the second public hearing.

The purpose of the second public hearing was to consider the proposed ordinance 24-2 Control of Chickens & Fowl. This ordinance allows 1 chicken or other fowl per 1,000 square feet of land within a single lot in the town limits and no more than 20 fowl in total per single lot. There being no public comment, the board moved to close the public hearing and Mayor Daniels opened the third public hearing.

The purpose of the third public hearing was to consider rescinding Ordinance 05.1 General Penalties & Enforcement of Ordinances that was adopted in November 2005 since Chapter 160D legislation has altered the criminal penalties guidelines. There being no public comment, the board moved to close the public hearing and Mayor Daniels opened the Commissioner's Meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Chestnut. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the March meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Decision regarding proposed ordinances:**

Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance 24-1 Control of Farm Animals Excluding Fowl, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance 24-2 Control of Chickens & Fowl, seconded by Commissioner Chestnut. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to rescind ordinance 05.1 General Penalties & Enforcement of Ordinances seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer system is functioning properly. He noted that Hammond Electric repaired the residential pump that was damaged.

**Mrs. Almond reported on the following:**

- **Stanly County's Municipal Parks & Rec Grant Opportunity for FY '24-'25** - The estimated cost to replace the cedar shakes with vinyl shakes on the 6 ends of the shelters at New London Memorial Park is \$13,000. We are waiting on the estimated cost to repair the roof and boxing on the 3 shelters at the small park. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to submit the grant request for these building renovations on the noted park shelters, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Bulk Waste Pick-up**- scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Planning Board Meeting Schedule**- will be reviewed to determine if the meeting date/time needs to be adjusted.
- **Fiberon's Tax Incentive & Year 3 Grant Payment**- Fiberon has exceeded their anticipated investment and has almost doubled their M&E value again from 2022 to 2023. We will do a budget adjustment for the town's grant payment which will be \$114,421.84.

**Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:**

- **Park Update**- (4) wooden swings with concrete pads have been installed at New London Memorial Park and (2) wooden swings have been installed at the small park. This completes our Municipal Parks & Rec Grant Project for FY '23-24 and we will request reimbursement of \$9,090 from the county.
- **Powell Bill Recommendations**- Some street projects the Board is considering are more sidewalks, paving at the end of Ferry Road, repair the dip on Oak Avenue, and repair the grate at the end of the drive thru at Town Hall.
- **Vallie Taylor's Request** (402 Spring Street)- Ms. Taylor inquired about voluntarily being annexed into the town limits of New London. The board agreed to pursue this request and to ask the adjoining property owners if they would like to be considered for voluntary annexation.
- **Zoning Updates**- the Planning Board is in the process of reviewing lot sizes and zoning districts.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.