

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
May 7, 2024

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Norman Williams and Mitzie Lanier. Absent from the meeting were Commissioners Johnny Chestnut and Timothy Higgins.

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

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

Sewer Report- Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer stations are functioning properly. He noted that the state inspection of the sewer system should be scheduled in the near future.

Mrs. Almond reported on the following:

- **Audit Contract-** Mr. Tony Brewer, our current auditor, provided a quote to perform the '23-'24 audit for a cost of \$7,500, which is only a \$300 increase from last year. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to accept Mr. Tony Brewer's contract of \$7,500, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Bagged vs Vacuumed Leaf Collection-** We are working with Waste Management on the feasibility of offering vacuum leaf collection in New London. The Board recommended we survey the town residents to determine which type of collection they prefer.
- **Filing Period for Municipal Elections:** July 5th – July 19th. Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer and Johnny Chestnut are up for re-election this year.
- **Planning Board Meeting Schedule-** The Planning Board requested their monthly meeting schedule be changed to the 3rd Monday of each month at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Peak made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Almond will post the new meeting schedule on the town's website.
- **Bulk Waste Pick-up-** scheduled for Saturday, May 18th.
- **June Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 11th at 7pm.

Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:

- **First Reading of the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget-** the Town Board was given a copy of the proposed budget for review. Following discussion, Commissioner Peak made a motion to set a Public Hearing at the June 11th Meeting to hear the second reading of the proposed 2024-2025 budget and to set the tax rate, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Zoning Update-** Town Attorney John Scarbrough gave suggestions on the wording of the zoning district guidelines that the Planning Board has been updating. The Planning Board will review these suggestions at their May 20th Meeting.
- **Park Update-** the park continues to be widely used on a daily basis. We have over 90 rentals already booked in 2024.
- **Cemetery Sign-** The Board reviewed the new cemetery sign that was constructed by Eddie Signs. Plans are underway to install the new sign in the next week.

A Closed Session was called. The Commissioner's Meeting reconvened. Commissioner Peak made a motion to adopt the new pay scale beginning July 1, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.