

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
July 9, 2024

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

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to review the recommended text amendment from the Planning Board to change the R-20 zoning district to N-R (Neighborhood Residential with a minimum lot size of \$30,000 square feet and combine the R-15 and R-10 zoning districts into General Residential with a minimum lot size of 20,000. The R-A (Residential Agriculture) zoning district's minimum lot requirement would change to 44,000 square feet. No visitors in attendance had any public comment.

The Public Hearing was closed, and the Commissioner's Meeting was opened. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kimmer. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mayor Daniels added Sheriff's Agreement and Noise Concern to the agenda. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Decision regarding proposed text amendment- Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the proposed text amendment to Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sewer Report-** Mayor Daniels reported that the generator at the Spring Street Pump Station was low on antifreeze and had to be restarted when the power went off. Commissioner Peak took care of this issue and will determine if an overflow tank is needed.

**Code Enforcement-** Commissioner Chestnut stated that there are no updates at this time.

**Museum Update-** Commissioner Lanier thanked Ms. Charlotte Cummings for volunteering at the museum this month.

**Street Update-** Commissioner Kimmer stated that a resident inquired about adding a streetlight on Highland Drive. Mayor Daniels and Commissioner Kimmer will determine the feasibility of this request.

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

- **Filing Period for Municipal Elections:** July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Bill Peak, Richard Kimmer and Johnny Chestnut are up for re-election this year.

- **Comprehensive Transportation Plan Survey:** is a comprehensive plan that documents Stanly County's long-range transportation goals. All Stanly County residents are encouraged to take the survey which is open until July 12th. The survey link is available on the newlondonnc.org website.
- **Supplemental Law Enforcement Contract 2024-2025-** The new contract states that compensation will not exceed \$21,000 yearly for 40 hours per month of supplemental law enforcement in New London. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the contract for 2024-2025, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- **Park Update-** Avery Mauldin has been removing several loads of limbs that have fallen in the park due to recent storms. Unlimited Tree Service will send a quote for removing a dead tree on Depot Street and Cemetery Drive.
- **Noise Concern-** a resident expressed concern about a landscape company blowing leaves in town prior to 7:00 am. This issue has been addressed with the landscaper.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.