

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
June 11, 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, Timothy Higgins and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Norman & Connie Williams, Mitzie Lanier, Elizabeth Chestnut, and Lee Snuggs representing the RPO. Commissioner Bill Peak was absent from the meeting.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear the second reading of the proposed 2024-2025 budget. The only change from the first reading to the second reading was a \$2,000 increase to public safety- law enforcement, making it \$22,000 and decreasing capital improvement by \$2,000 making it \$245,350. The total proposed budget is \$1,532,400.

Following discussion, 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. Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Decision Regarding Proposed 2024-2025 Budget-** Commissioner Higgins made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024-2025 budget, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Ordinance & Tax Rate 2024-2025-** Mrs. Almond presented the 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for 2024-2025, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously. This Budget Ordinance states the tax rate for New London would remain at \$0.16 per \$100 valuation of property

**Public Comment- Comprehensive Transportation Plan:** Mr. Lee Snuggs from the Rocky River Planning Organization (RPO) spoke to the board about the Stanly County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The CTP is a comprehensive plan that documents Stanly County's long-range transportation goals. Stanly County, the RPO and NC Department of Transportation are in the process of updating the plan from 2013. They have created a survey to give your input on how you would like to see Stanly County grow in the future. Mr. Snuggs encouraged all Stanly County residents to take the survey which is open until July 12th. The survey link was added to the newlondonnc.org website.

**Sewer Report-** Mayor Daniels reported that the sewer system is functioning properly with the exception of the sewer pump at New London Memorial Park that had to be replaced.

**Street Update-** We are still waiting on Mr. Rusty Russell to repair the drain at the corner of Church Street and Oak Avenue.

**Museum Update-** Commissioner Lanier thanked John & Cathy Kimmer for volunteering at the museum this month.

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

- **Adjustments to the 2022-2023 Budget:**

**General Fund-** Increase Business Incentive \$30,000, increase Water at Park \$500, Decrease Capital Improvement \$30,500.

**Wastewater Fund-** Increase Sewer Treatment Processing \$15,000, Increase Water Purchase \$9,000, Increase Electric Sewer Stations \$1,500, Increase Sewer Tap Fees \$6,650, Decrease Maint/Repairs for Sewer \$32,150.

**Powell Fund-** Add Appropriated Fund Balance of \$9,000 and increase Maint/Repair Powell Streets by \$9,000.

Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve these budget adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Supplemental Law Enforcement Contract-** Based on the projected cost of living increase for officers, the new contract will suggest \$21,000 yearly for 40 hours per month of supplemental law enforcement. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to accept this projected increase, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.
- **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.
- **Convention and Visitor's Bureau-** Mr. Brett Speight has been representing New London on the CVB Board and is willing to continue serving. Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to appoint Mr. Speight for another 3-year term, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- **Planning Board Recommendations- Article 4 Updates-** A Public Hearing will be set on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7pm to review the Planning Board's proposed text amendments to Article 4 of the New London Zoning Ordinance.
- **Park Update-** Plans are underway to stain the wooden posts under the shelters as well as the swings that have faded.
- **July Board Meeting Date:** Commissioner Chestnut made a motion to change the July Board Meeting date to Tuesday, July 9th at 7pm, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.