

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
November 5, 2024

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Richard Kimmer, Bill Peak, Johnny Chestnut, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Visitors present at the meeting were Mitzie Lanier, Elizabeth Chestnut, Bob Loflin, Tony Brewer, Auditor and Deputy Scott Burleson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Chestnut. 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 October meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

**Audit Report-** Mr. Tony Brewer, CPA performed the town's 2023-2024 municipal audit and distributed copies to the Town Board. He gave an overview of the audit report and noted that the town's net position increased by \$455,772. Mr. Brewer reported that our available fund balance is well above average. He commended the Board on their investment earnings and how well the town is operating.

**Sewer Report-** Nothing new to report.

**Code Enforcement-** Commissioner Chestnut has been working with Mr. Tim Swaringen on the request about opening a daycare at 44311 Danville Road.

**Museum Update-** Commissioner Lanier reported that Connie and Norman Williams opened the museum on Sunday and noted that they had some visitors.

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

- Limb pick-up Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Santa in the Park- Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm.
- Vacuum Leaf Collection- Waste Management will be vacuuming leaves on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to remind residents not to bag their leaves since this is a new method of collection.
- Fire Department Appreciation Meal- Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- COG (Council of Governments) Meeting will be hosted by City of Albemarle on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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

- The Trunk or Treat Event in the Park that was hosted by local area churches was a big success with an estimated 1500 or more participants.
- Church Street Update- the storm drain pipe was replaced at the corner of Church Street and Oak Avenue by Mr. Rusty Russell. He packed it with gravel and later patched the asphalt. They also repaired 2 driveway connections in Random Hills where the asphalt was broken.
- Stanly County Senior Nutrition Program- Mrs. Pam Sullivan with the Stanly County Senior Center inquired about using the New London Community Center as a distribution location for meals on wheels in the northern part of Stanly County. They currently distribute meals Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 1:00 from community centers in Locust, Norwood and Albemarle. Seniors that sign up ahead of time with the Stanly County Nutrition Department would be able to eat lunch at the community center during the week. The county would assign an individual to oversee the distribution of meals and ensure the community center was cleaned daily. The Town Board was receptive to this idea and thought it would be a good outreach program for the senior community. More information will be provided at a later meeting.
- Zoning District References in Ordinance- The Town Board adopted text amendments to Article 4 changing R-20 to N-R and R-10 to G-R in July of this year. We noticed Sections 5, 8, 10 & 15 have references to R-20 and R-10 that need updating. A public hearing will be set for December 3, 2024, to consider these text changes.
- Fire Inspection- The Stanly County Fire Marshall’s Office performed a fire inspection at Town Hall and will also inspect the museum on a yearly basis.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.