



BOARD OF ALDERMAN

Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Landis Board Room

MINUTES

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

Present: Mayor Meredith Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Ashley Stewart, Alderman Ryan Nelms, Alderman Tony Stewart, Alderman Darrell Overcash

Staff Present: Town Manager Michael Ambrose, Finance Director Jeneen McMillen, Deputy Town Clerk Angie Sands, Police Chief Matthew Geelen, Fire Chief Jason Smith, Public Works Director Blake Abernathy, Parks and Recreation Director Jessica St. Martin, Police Sergeant Michael Watts, Police Officer Nathaniel Benfield, Police Officer Damian Campbell, Planning, Zoning, & Subdivision Administrator Rick Flowe, Town Attorney Rick Locklear

1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Smith Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1.2 Welcome

Mayor Smith Welcomed those in attendance.

1.3 Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith led those in attendance in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Moved By: Tony Corriher, seconded by Ashley Stewart

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Tony Corriher, Ashley Stewart, Ryan Nelms, Darrell Overcash

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items below are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless an Aldermen member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed in the appropriate corresponding Agenda Section to then be considered.

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Ryan Nelms

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Tony Corriher, Ashley Stewart, Ryan Nelms, Darrell Overcash

- 2.1 **Consider Approval of Work Session meeting Minutes from April 4, 2024, Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2024, and Budget Retreat #2 Minutes from April 18, 2024**
- 2.2 **Consider Approval of FY25 Martin Starnes Audit Contract**
- 2.3 **Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #21**
- 2.4 **Consider Approval for Fire Department to Apply for Leary Fire Grant**
- 2.5 **Consider Approval for Fire Department to Apply for Sinise Fire Grant**
- 2.6 **Consider Approval of NCMPA 1 BOC Appointment of Blake Abernathy**
- 2.7 **Consider Approval of No Smoking Policy**

3. PRESENTATIONS:

3.1 **Swearing In of Landis Police Sergeant (Michael Watts)**

Mayor Smith Swore in Police Sergeant Michael Watts.

3.2 **Swearing In of Landis Police Officer (Nathaniel Benfield)**

Mayor Smith Swore in Police Officer Nathaniel Benfield.

4. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

4.1 **Consider Approval of Annexation Initiation for Keller Property on Mt. Moriah Church Road**

Planning, Zoning, & Subdivision Administrator Rick Flowe gave a brief overview of the Annexation Initiation for Keller Property on Mt. Moriah Church Road. The subject property fronts onto Mt. Moriah Church Road, and a portion of the property is already within Town limits where the SFR2 is between Partee and Lake. The Annexation Petition would be the remaining 20 acres or more that goes all the way back to the civic property that's in the Town.

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2024-05-13-1 DIRECTING CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE ANNEXATION PETITION.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Tony Corriher, Ryan Nelms, Darrell Overcash

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-05-13-2 ESTABLISHING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION OF KELLER PROPERTY ON MT. MORIAH CHURCH RD. FOR JUNE 10TH AT 6:00 PM.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Darrell Overcash

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Ryan Nelms, Tony Corriher

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

All citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes.

5.1 Citizens' Comments

- **Nadine Cherry 410 W. Garden Street**

“I sent a certified letter to Manager Ambrose last month notifying him I was requesting to stay on the Sunshine List for the 24/25 fiscal year. I sent in a \$10.00 check for this which I have done for the last number of years. I would like to know what is behind the check being sent back to me. The check was stamped Town of Landis, on the back, but it never went to my bank. Manager Ambrose told me he had told Madison to keep me on the Sunshine List. There are a lot of what I would call illegal things going on with this Board. I cannot even post on the Landis NC News and Events page without it being removed. This is a violation of my first amendment rights period. This started again back last month when I tried to post something. Mayor Smith, you and two of your family members are behind once again on paying your town and county taxes. Last year there was an article posted in the Salisbury Post explaining you had not paid your utility bill. Woops maybe I shouldn't have said that, but it will come out in the paper in June about the delinquent taxes. I would like to know why cameras are being put up everywhere. Employees are leaving the employment of the Town of Landis.”

Mayor Smith in response “So we will address this, although we don't normally speak to citizens during comments, we will speak to you tonight. This Board does NOT control anything on the Landis News and Events Page on Facebook, so therefore we cannot do anything about what you can or can't post. You need to contact an administrator of the page. Thank you.”

6. CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 Consider Appointing Glenn Corriher as a Member of the Town of Landis Planning Board and Board of Adjustment

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPOINT GLENN CORRIHER TO TOWN OF LANDIS PLANNING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Darrell Overcash

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Ryan Nelms Tony Corriher

6.2 Consider Approval of YMCA Pool Contract

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE YMCA POOL CONTRACT FOR 2024.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Tony Corriher, Ryan Nelms

6.3 Consider Approval of the Surplus of Fire Apparatus 581

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF FIRE APPARATUS 581 AS IS WITH A RESERVE OF \$30,000.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Tony Corriher, Darrell Overcash, Ryan Nelms

6.4 Consider Approval of Donation of \$1,500 to Crime Stoppers of Rowan County

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE FOR APPROVAL OF THE DONATION OF \$1,500 TO CRIME STOPPERS OF ROWAN COUNTY.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Tony Corriher, Ryan Nelms, Darrell Overcash

6.5 Consider Presentation of FY25 Budget

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 10, 2024, FOR THE PROPOSED FY25 BUDGET.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Tony Corriher, Darrell Overcash, Ryan Nelms

7. REPORTS:

7.1 Departmental Reports (Included in the Board packet)

7.2 Financial Report (Included in the Board packet)

7.3 Town Manager Report (Included in the Board packet)

8. UPCOMING EVENTS:

8.1 Upcoming Events (Included in Board Packet)

9. CLOSING:

9.1 Board Comments

No Board Comments

9.2 Motion to Adjourn

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 PM.

Moved By: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Ryan Nelms

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Tony Corriher, Ryan Nelms, Darrell Overcash

Respectfully Submitted,

Madison T. Stegall, Town Clerk