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Mayor Rivers opened the Public Hearing regarding hours of operation for commercial establishments with on-premises alcohol consumption at 7:00 p.m. and asked those who wished to speak to sign in.

- Mr. Harry Hickson apologized for some of the comments he made at the last Council meeting with Mayor Rivers thanking him for coming forth and also the Town's apology for any misunderstandings.
- Ms. Cynthia Pawling asked that the Ordinances in place be explained and Mr. Neely explained the new Ordinance that was being presented at the regular Council meeting.
- Ms. Carolyn Hickson stated that they usually closed at 3:30 a.m.
- Mr. Henderson Ryans, Sr. would like to know what the law really is
- Mr. Ronald Knotts spoke about the noise level at some of the bars and the public drunkenness of some of their patrons.
- Investigator Rodney Pruitt spoke regarding hours for closure and he asked that Council set standards/policies so everyone would know that our Code was.
- Mr. Harry Hickson asked that names be given when a complaint is made.
- Mr. Gary McAfee said that the Town should purchase a decimal meter to measure the sound at these establishments.

Mayor Rivers closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Prior to the Council meeting, Councilman Frederick gave the invocation and Councilman Holmes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. and declared that a quorum of Council was present. The Mayor and all Council members were present along with Town Attorney, Tom Boulware and Administrator Scott Neely.

Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve the minutes for the July, 2008 meeting as presented. Councilman Holmes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved as presented.

Public Forum

- Ms. Carolyn Sharpe asked about animal control and leash laws within the Town. Mr. Neely will forward her a copy of the current code.

Mayor Rivers revised the agenda by adding expiring terms for members of the Planning Commission and board of Zoning Appeals. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Councilman Baxley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The agenda was approved.

TOWN COUNCIL

SAMMIE L. BAXLEY PHIL FREDERICK JERRY HOLMES MILTON WIDENER WANDA B. MATTHEWS MICHAEL BENJAMIN

Agenda:

- Individuals from Club Escape were not present and Mayor Rivers asked that this item be postponed until later in the meeting.
- Mr. Gary McAfee again spoke concerning animal issues on his property and stated that cats were a nuisance in his neighborhood. He stated that the current nuisance laws were too vague and he wanted a waiver to the current law. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to accept his comments as information with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor.
- Ordinance 2008-06 – Hours of Operation for commercial establishments with on-premises consumption of alcohol – Mr. Neely reviewed the draft ordinance with Council. He recommended that the hours of operation be limited to from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. (except Saturday night with a 12:midnight closing time). After discussion, Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that first reading of the Ordinance be by title only with a second by Councilman Widener. All voted in favor. Mr. Neely read the Ordinance by title only. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that first reading of the Ordinance be accepted with a second by Councilman Frederick. All voted in favor. This item will be placed on the September 8 agenda.
- Ordinance 2008-07 – Abandoned/dilapidated houses - Mr. Neely provided council with a copy of proposed Ordinance dealing with these issues and recommended adoption. Councilman Frederick made a motion that the Ordinance be read by title only with a second by Councilman Widener. All voted in favor. Mr. Neely read the Ordinance by title only. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion that first reading of the Ordinance be accepted with a second by Councilman Widener. All voted in favor. This item will be placed on the September 8 agenda.
- WWTP Liner Repair bids – Negotiations with the low bidder have resulted in a \$30,000 savings over the initial bid with an additional \$57,900 savings possible. Mr. Neely requested that this contract be awarded to J.L. Construction. Councilman Widener made a motion to award the contract with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.
- Halford Street Well – there is a need to replace the pump and column pipe due to corrosion. Mr. Neely stated that approximately \$70,000 had already been spent on this well in recent years. He recommended that we install a submersible pump and use PVC for the column pipe. Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to accept Mr. Neely recommendation with a second by Councilman Baxley. All voted in favor.
- Appointments to Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Neely stated that Norman Duncan and Frances Flynn had agreed to again serve on the Planning Commission and that Pete Kulmala, Deborah Knowles and Ann Widener had agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Frederick made a motion that the reappointments be accepted with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.
- Individuals from Club Escape had not made an appearance and Mayor Rivers dropped this item.

Administrator's Report:

1. Submitted the monthly Police Department report
2. Third phase of the Railroad Project well underway
3. Cannan Fair CME Church requested that a water line be run to their location. Ms. Alicia Devine addressed Council concerning this issue and asked Council to please consider their request. Councilman Benjamin made a motion that the Town run the water line, using Town personnel,

and that the church only be charged a water tap fee and a deposit with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor.

4. Reported new web site was under construction and would be operational within the next week.
5. Reminded Council of a Special Council meeting to take place on August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor Rivers reported that the MASC annual meeting was a success. Councilman Baxley stated it was a great experience, that the networking was good and congratulated Mayor Rivers on being elected to the Board of Directors for MASC.
2. Physician's office should be open by September 1.
3. Sesquicentennial celebration set for October 25 (Founder's Day).

Council Comments:

- Councilman Holmes responded to a request for lights at Basketball Court and that there were problems with the court surface (needs to be redone). Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to have Mr. Neely investigate the costs of these items with a second by Councilman Benjamin. All voted in favor.

Councilman Baxley made a motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Holmes. All voted in favor.

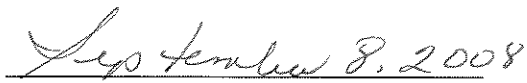


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ATTEST:



Town Clerk



Date