



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Board of Commissioners Citizen Forum
October 6, 2014 City Hall – 6:30pm**

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1. Mayor Caster called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Attendance: In attendance at the meeting were:

Mayor Craig Caster
Commissioner Glidden
Commissioner Putnam
City Manager Jeff Repp

Commissioner Forte
Commissioner Stilwell
City Clerk Jane McMinn

3. Citizens Forum Comments ~

Zelma Rygg – 267 Holly Dr.

Mrs. Rygg submitted pictures to the Board members of her home. She stated the pictures were taken starting on September 13th through October 6, 2014. Mrs. Rygg informed the Board that today we pumped 1 hour this morning and about 30 minutes this afternoon, this is the least we have had to pump, before that it was a lot more, as in all night all day for several days. There was not going to be any pumping done by the City so we requested to pump the water across the road. The pictures show the change in the water depth from September 13th until October 6, 2014. Mrs. Rygg thanked the Board for their concern and attention.

Beverly Clark ~ 2671 Ariel Lane

Mrs. Clark stated that she has lived here for 24 years. The topic of paving has been on the agenda at least 6 or 7 times. There are three properties on Ariel and we all own these properties. We have maintained the road, we mowed the grass on the road to help keep the dust down, and we have trimmed all trees when needed. We would appreciate it if you are planning on paving Oakdale, since the equipment will be right there if you would continue on and pave Ariel. We are not looking for resurfacing if you are not going to pave the road. By having our street paved this will help with the breakdown of cars due to the condition of the road.

David Williamson ~ 713 South Shore Dr.

Mr. Williamson commented he would like to see support from the Board for the businesses currently in the City. Mr. Williamson recalled a time when he spoke with a business owner of more than 20 grocery stores and encouraged him to look at putting a

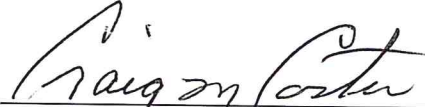
store in BSL. When he was given information about the infrastructure of the town, with that information in hand the city government at that time did not support this kind of business coming into the community. Mr. Williamson stated that he regretfully sees the same thing with this current board of city government. Also questioning why an Economic Development Committee was even formed if support is not going to come from our own government. Mr. Williamson is hopeful that businesses will come to our town with the proper acknowledgements and confirmation from our city government.

Al Sharper ~ 67 North Shore Dr.

Mr. Sharper stated that the Boiling Springs Lake strategic plan surveys indicate that the development of the business corridor should be the town's second highest priority. The recent Business Development Committee was formed to enhance the Cities economic well being by seeking to attract new business to the main street corridor and to recognize this City as a full business destination. Promoting business is a great way to spur economic development. Mr. Sharper also commented that when the city has opportunities to advance this idea that local government officials for some reason often choose to conduct business with entities based elsewhere outside of the city. Comments were made about the two most recent proposals, one to a firm in Shallotte for surveying portions of 12 streets for a cost of \$6,000; and the other proposal to a firm from Gastonia for \$10,000 to determine the future of the cities police station through a feasibility study. Mr. Sharper questioned why these two companies were chosen and stated there are local contractors and licensed surveyors locally here in Boiling Spring Lakes who can do this work. In closing Mr. Sharper stated that the tax money is generated locally why not the work being generated locally.

4. Adjourn ~


The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm



Craig Caster, Mayor



Jane McMinn, City Clerk



Date

