

# City of Boiling Spring Lakes Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting August 3, 2021 City Hall – 6:30 p.m.

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# 1. Call to Order ~ Mayor Craig Caster

Mayor Caster called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bill Clark

#### 3. Attendance ~

Mayor Craig Caster Commissioner Teagan Hall Interim City Manager Mike Hargett Police Chief Greg Jordon Commissioner Tom Guzulaitis Commissioner Dana Witt Commissioner Bill Clark City Clerk Jane McMinn

# 4. Approval of Regular Agenda ~

A motion was made by Commissioner Guzulaitis, a second by Commissioner Clark requesting to add to the Agenda letter  $\sim c \sim \text{Order}$  authorizing Mayor Caster to execute the employment agreement for the new City manager, and letter  $\sim d \sim \text{Order}$  authorizing the City Manager to accept a change order with Highland Paving extending the pavement in curves, adding shoulders where needed and completing road striping in the amount of \$26, 988.00, letter  $\sim e \sim \text{Ordinance} \sim \text{amending}$  the fiscal year 2021 budget for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes, and letter  $\sim f \sim \text{Order}$  appointing Claudia Duncan to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term of three years.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Witt, a *second* by Commissioner Hall approving the agenda as amended.

## Motion Carries ~ 5 ~ 0

# 5. Public Comment ~

## a. Mr. Jeff Winecoff ~ 1047 Redwood Rd.

Mr. Winecoff commented on the construction bids for the new Police Department explaining as a taxpayer, a design build would be the better way to move forward. Prices of construction materials right now are very expensive; I would like to suggest waiting

until the fall when cost becomes lower. The second thing I would like to comment on is the possibility of having the Quarterly Open Forum. I did speak about this previously and I am glad to see it on the Agenda tonight under Discussion.

#### b. Mr. Ed Wilkie ~ 142 Pike Rd.

Mr. Wilkie stated there are several hanging trees on many streets in the City that are impeding sight for drivers, which should be trimmed. In addition, the trash trucks are allowing lose trash from their trucks to litter and are not picking up any of the trash. Mr. Wilkie informed the Board there is a 10' alligator in Spring Lake and requested the alligator be relocated to the Green Swamp.

## c. Mr. Roger Samson - 657 Travino Rd.

Mr. Samson supported the suggestion of holding the Citizens Forum. He also commented on the repaying to 50 Lakes Rd. and the patching work. He was disappointed to learn that the whole road was not going to be paved. Regarding the speeding issues, he suggested putting radar traps on different roads throughout the City to help with the speeding problem.

## 6. Approval of Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes ~

a. Approval of the Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2021.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Witt, a *second* by Commissioner Hall approving the Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2021.

## Motion Carries ~ 5 ~ 0

**b.** Approval of the Board of Commissioners Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2021.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Witt, a *second* by Commissioner Hall approving the Board of Commissioners Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2021.

#### Motion Carries ~ 5 ~ 0

# 7. Consent Agenda ~

- a. Public Works
- b. Public Safety / Animal Control
- c. Parks & Recreation Department
- d. Finance Department
- e. Planning and Zoning
- f. Building Inspections / Code Enforcement

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Clark, a *second* by Commissioner Guzulaitis approving the Consent Agenda.

#### Motion Carries ~ 5 ~ 0

## 8. Committee / Board Reports and Minutes ~

#### a. BSL Fire / Rescue

No report was given

b. Community Appearance Commission ~ Ms. Ann Hollingsworth, Chair Ms. Hollingsworth complimented the Public Works Department, City Staff and the Community Center for all the work that has been done outside the City buildings. All the refurbished signage are now on our entranceways and on the back side of City Hall. We recognized two homes this month and pictures are on our website. Our BSL Community Garden was recognized as much improved.

## c. Planning Board ~ Jeremy Sexton, Chair

Ms. Nicole Morgan reported for Mr. Sexton.

As was requested by the Planning Board, Ms. Nicole Morgan obtained a quote from our consultant for the development of a City Center Master Plan and reported that the cost would be approximately \$35,000 and additional subcontracting would likely be required.

- d. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board ~ Mrs. Barbara Bennett Snyder, Chair No report was given.
- e. Special Events Committee, Mrs. Brenda Hogan, Interim Chair
  Mrs. Lucille Launderville reported the Committee elected Brenda Hogan as our new
  Interim Chair and she has gracefully accepted. We are happy to report we will be
  holding the Mayor's Cup Golf tournament at The Lakes Country Club. The date is
  August 21, 2021 with a 9 a.m. start. We look forward to working with the
  Appearance Commission on the Candidates Forum.
- f. Library Commission, Ms. Sherrie Kuzian, Chair
  The Library Commission did not meet last month, however our next meeting will be held on August 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

## 9. City Manager's Report ~ Interim City Manager Mike Hargett

That the City Manager's Report is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Technical and audio difficulties prevented the recording of the Board of Commissioner meeting

#### 10. Old Business ~

a. Order ~ authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the Police Building bid process in accordance with *Option One*: re-advertise as Design/Build project; or *Option Two*: restart bid process with 100% design documents.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Witt, a *second* by Commissioner Guzulaitis approving *Option #1* to re-advertise the Design Build

 $5 \sim 0 \sim$  Motion Carries in favor of Option #1 to re-advertise as Design Build Project.

#### 11. New Business ~

a. **Order** ~ authorizing the City Manager to approve the agreement with Property Room for evidence disposal along with possible surplus items collected by the Police Department.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Guzulaitis, a *second* by Commissioner Witt approving the agreement with Property Room for evidence disposal.

#### 5 ~ 0 ~ Motion Carries

b. Order ~ approving City Ordinance change, Parks & Recreation, Chapter 10, Section 10-51. — Park Operating Policy changing the closing time of operation for Muse Park to 10:00 p.m. year round for use of the basketball and pickle ball courts.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Witt, a *second* by Commissioner Hall extending the closing time for Muse Park until 10:00 p.m.

c. Order ~ authorizing Mayor Caster to execute the employment agreement for the Boiling Spring Lakes City Manager position effective September 1, 2021 for a term of three (3) years.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Witt, a *second* by Commissioner Hall authorizing Mayor Caster to execute the employment agreement for the City Manager.

## 5 ~ 0 ~ Motion Carries

d. Order ~ authorizing the City Manager to accept a change order with Highland Paving for extending the pavement in curves, adding shoulders where needed and completing road striping in the amount of \$26,988.00. This order also authorizes a budget amendment to the Powell Bill Fund for this change order as well as a contingency amount of \$20,000.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Clark, a *second* by Commissioner Hall approving the change order.

#### 5 ~ 0 ~ Motion Carries

e. Ordinance ~ amending the fiscal year 2021 budget for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes, North Carolina.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Guzulaitis, a *second* by Commissioner Hall to approve amending the fiscal year 2021 budget.

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f. Order ~ appointing Claudia Duncan to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a term of three (3) years beginning August 4, 2021.

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Hall, a *second* by Commissioner Clark appointing Claudia Duncan to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

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#### 12. Discussion ~

a. Complaint regarding speeding on City roads and lowering the citywide speed limit ~ Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Hall addressed the concerns she has of motorists speeding down our side roads that have children playing, riding bikes, people walking dogs and people just taking a walk. There are no sidewalks and the streets are narrow with no street lights. I would like to suggest we lower all speed limits to 25mph on the roads throughout Boiling Spring Lakes unless otherwise posted.

After a discussion, the Board decided to hold a Public Hearing at the September meeting to receive comments from the citizens.

b. Adopting the Venus Fly Trap as the City's Official plant and potentially adopting the slogan 'Home of the Venus Fly Trap' ~ Commissioner Guzulaitis.

Commissioner Guzulaitis commented he has been approached by business owners to consider the Venus Fly Trap as a way to possibly bring interest to the city, which may be something we should consider.

After a discussion, the Board agreed to hold a Public Hearing to receive input from our citizens. The Public Hearing will be listed on the September Agenda.

c. Board of Commissioners to hold quarterly forum meetings ~ Commissioner Guzulaitis Commissioner Guzulaitis suggested he would like to see the Board hold quarterly meetings with an informal setting and hear comments, thoughts and ideas from our citizens beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> and then again December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board was in agreement to add this to the agenda for approval at the September meeting.

#### 13. Announcements ~

Commissioner Hall wanted to remind everyone about their trash cans. All trash cans with wheels should have the handle facing the house and not the street. If the can is not placed correctly the trash spills out of the can and litters the street. Commissioner Hall reminded everyone that all trash should be bagged to ensure containment. Loose trash will spill out and cause litter. The Waste Management employees are not responsible for picking up trash when blown by the wind and not placed in a garbage bag.

Mayor Caster announced the City has hired a new city manager, Mr. David Andrews from Carrboro with over 30 years of experience. We are looking forward to having Mr. Andrews join us. Mayor Caster reminded everyone that Mr. Michael Hargett came to our city when we were in a time of need and jumped in with both feet right away. We are happy to have him with us.

## 14. Adjourn ~

A *motion* was made by Commissioner Hall, a *second* by Commissioner Guzulaitis to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 3, 2021.

5 ~ 0 ~ Motion Carries

The Board of Commissioners Meeting dated August 3, 2021 was adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Craig M. Caster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane E. McMinn, City Clerk,