

Town of Lansing

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Dylan Lightfoot, Mayor

Marcy B. Little, Town Clerk

Town of Lansing, Board of Aldermen Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes March 14, 2017

1. The regular meeting of the Town of Lansing Board of Aldermen was held in the meeting room of the Lansing Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Present – Mayor: Dylan Lightfoot, Aldermen: Jim Blevins, Jack Brown, Michelle Slaton, Mauvine Shepherd, Matt Cordell

Also present: Marcy Little, Town Clerk; Larry Blevins, Maintenance Technician; Troy Brooks, Ashe Mountain Times, Tom Richardson

2. **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Mayor Lightfoot presented for motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2017. Alderman Cordell made a motion to approve the February 14, 2017, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes as stated. Alderman Slaton seconded the motion. The motion passed and minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. **Request to extend the town water and sewer service**

Tim Church, WWTP Officer in Charge, presented the board with a request from Mike and Cindy Warren to gain town water and sewer service to the property they purchased from the Heirs of Jackie Patton Matthews at the edge of the town limit. Mr. Church advised the board that the tap fee policy would need to be updated. Mr. Church informed the board that the cost would range from \$2,500 to \$3,000 to extend the line from where it is now to the property line of the Warren's. It was highly recommended to the owner's get an elevation survey to make sure the home placement is at least 100 feet below the water tank for sufficient flow. The NCDOT and an engineer have been contacted to have all the requirements needed. After some discussion, Alderman Cordell made a motion to accept the request to extend the water and sewer service to the property line of Mike and Cindy Warren. Alderman Slaton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Bids for Town Hall handrails**

Clerk, Marcy Little, informed the board of the bid from Jack Testerman to fabricate steel hand rails and also the price of the basic metal rails that could be bought and installed from Blevins Hardware. Mayor Lightfoot made point that pre-fab manufactured metal rails are not good quality and would not hold up the length of time hand fabricated rails would. Alderman Cordell



*Board of Alderman: Jack Brown, Mauvine Shepherd, Michelle Slaton, Jim Blevins and
Matthew Cordell ~ Financial Advisor, Elizabeth Johnson*

made a motion to accept the bid of Jack Testerman for hand fabricated steel hand rails for the deck around Town Hall building. Alderman Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Park Rental fee list

Clerk, Marcy Little, reviewed the current list of rental fees for the park areas. After some discussion it was decided to leave as is and review again next year. It was requested of the board to contact G.L.A.D. and get their rental fee for the tables and chairs.

6. Senate Bill 94 and House Bill 64

Alderman Slaton presented the board with the request to adopt a resolution in opposition to the Senate Bill 94 and House Bill 64 that was brought to her attention at the High Country Council Government meeting she attended the week before. Mayor Lightfoot read both resolutions aloud and Alderman Cordell made a motion to accept the resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 94 and to accept the resolution in opposition to House Bill 64. Alderman Slaton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Financial Update

Clerk, Marcy Little, in the absence of Financial Advisor, Beth Johnson, presented the board with the current financial report submitted electronically by Ms. Johnson. The board was pleased with the information.

8. Public Comment

Mr. Tom Richardson was given the floor to present to the board his plan to volunteer in the creation of the mountain bike trail as part of the park expansion. Mr. Richardson showed the board his map of close to 4 miles of trail that not once crosses over itself and runs across the ridgeline with no more than a 10% incline. Mr. Richardson presented his very aggressive timeline to get the project finished by the end of May 2017. All present were very pleased with the presentation and all were in support of Mr. Richardson doing this project and very appreciative to him for taking this project on himself.

Mr. Richardson suggested that a stream clean up adoption program be implemented to mirror the adopt a highway program so all sections of the Big Horse Creek stay clean year round.

9. Alderman Comment

Mayor Lightfoot updated the board on the park expansion project timeline coming to an end and the process that is being undertaken to submit an amended project scope and budget for approval before the finalization steps begin.

Alderman Shepherd suggested that a letter with a copy of the town nuisance ordinance be sent to property owner Gerald Blackburn, to get the trash and pallets removed from his lot next to the Laundromat.

Alderman Blevins requested an update on Ms. Vazquez request to waive her late fee and Clerk, Marcy Little, informed the board that no further contact from Ms. Vazquez has been received.

10. Other business

Liter Sweep is April 15-29 and all are encouraged to take part in picking up trash. Alderman Blevins announced that G.L.A.D. is looking at the Adopt a Highway program for S. Big Horse Creek.

Everyone was reminded that the 2nd Annual Lansing Blues Fest is taking place on Saturday, June 10th and there will be many areas of volunteer help needed.

Clerk, Marcy Little, informed the board that she enlisted some help to enter the Town of Lansing in a grant for economic development consulting from Creative EDC out of Elkin. The grant would award the most creative project \$25,000 in economic development consulting and the deadline was March 17th. All present were pleased for Lansing to have the opportunity to get some help in this area. The award winner will be announced March 31st.

Larry Blevins, Maintenance Technician, informed the board that the pine trees on H Street are getting old and need to come down. There was discussion about the best way to make this happen with the least amount of damage. It was agreed upon finding someone insured to submit a bid for the job.

With no further items to discuss, Alderman Cordell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lightfoot adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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