

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 May 9, 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, May 9, 2017.

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

Also present: Marcy Little, Town Clerk; Larry Blevins, Maintenance Technician; Beth Johnson, Financial Advisor; Troy Brooks, Ashe Mountain Times; Spence Wright, WTE Solutions

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

Mayor Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Alderman Cordell made a motion to approve the April 11, 2017, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes. Alderman Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. **WTE Solutions, Inc.**

Mayor Lightfoot gave the floor to Spence Wright from WTE Solutions, Inc. for his presentation on his company and how they can help us build a new website, mobile friendly from the start and very user friendly for owner and guest. Mr. Wright gave history on the company being located in Hillsborough, N.C. hosting websites for over 14 years, with the owner's Eric and Cynthia Garrison having a mountain home here in West Jefferson. The state of the art, secure servers for hosting are located in Raleigh, Cary and Charlotte. Mr. Wright suggested a new domain name that could be bought very inexpensive to make it more suitable for the town and not just seem it's for tourism. Mr. Wright showed cost of \$2,000 one-time set up fee and monthly hosting fee of \$29 and an annual domain fee of \$30. Alderman Slaton motioned to contract with WTE Solutions to build and host the Town of Lansing a new website. Alderman Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. **Public Comment**

None



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

5. New Regular Meeting

Alderman Slaton requested that the regular monthly meetings of the Lansing Board of Aldermen be started an hour earlier at 6:00 p.m., still on the second Tuesday of each month. Alderman Cordell made a motion to change the regular monthly Lansing Board of Aldermen meeting to 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Alderman Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

6. Review Water & Sewer Ordinance

Mayor Lightfoot opened discussion by asking if everyone had a chance to review the current ordinance in place. It was noticed by all in attendance that the ordinance had not been updated or amended since 2009. After much discussion about fees and what is the limit on what the town board has power to demand for rental property owners, it was decided to table any decision and possibly just create a new ordinance.

7. FY 2017-18 Budget

Financial Advisor, Beth Johnson, submitted the proposed budget to the board for review and questions and comments. It was requested by clerk, Marcy Little, to be put on salary since so many meetings and community events are done outside the office it was getting difficult to keep up a time sheet and stick to just 25 office hours a week. Alderman Cordell motioned for clerk wages to be changed to salary at \$18,000 for the year. Alderman Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Maintenance Technician, Larry Blevins, requested the purchase of an ATV from Hart Power and Equipment to aid him in maintaining the park property and reading meters. Specs were passed around for review. Alderman Slaton made a motion to approve the purchase of the Cub Cadet Challenger 500 with blade from Hart Power and Equipment with the 0% loan offer broken up over the next few fiscal budgets. Alderman Blevins seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Johnson pointed out just a few other differences in the budget and the floor was open for further comment. A Budget public hearing will be scheduled to be held before the start of June regular meeting on June 13th at 6:00 p.m.

8. Alderman Comment

Mayor Lightfoot gave an update on the mountain bike trail and that we were still awaiting word from PARTF on approval of our project scope changes.

Alderman Slaton was pleased about the award the Town of Lansing received from the first annual Ashe Outdoor Recreation Summit and thanked Mack Powers for accepting the award on behalf of Lansing.

Follow up on request of Alderman Shepherd regarding the Worley Heirs property. Attorney Jak Reeves said the only next step is to file for court proceeding. It was decided to have him go ahead and do what was necessary to get the property transferred to the town for cleanup.

Alderman Cordell mentioned that the owners of the Small Town Vape shop had asked him about fixing the grass area below the bank across from their shop in order to use for parking.

9. Adjournment

With no further items to discuss, Alderman Slaton made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lightfoot adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

