

The Town of Laurel
Mayor and Council Meeting
February 1, 2010

A Mayor and Council meeting was held in the Mayor and Council Chambers of the Laurel Town Hall on Monday, February 1, 2010, beginning at 7:26 p.m. The following persons were in attendance: Mayor John Shwed, Council Members Chris Calio, Robin Fisher, Randy Lee, and William Trujillo. Also in attendance were Director of Code Enforcement Paul Frick, Public Works Director Woody Vickers, Police Chief Jamie Wilson, Finance Manager Mary Introcaso, and Recording Secretary Jamie Smith

It was noted Councilpersons Phillips and Wright were absent.

The Mayor and Council Public Hearing minutes of January 19, 2010 were presented for review and adoption. Councilman Trujillo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent and Councilwoman Fisher abstaining as she was absent from the meeting.

The Mayor and Council Regular and Closed Session minutes of January 19, 2010 were presented for review and adoption. Councilman Calio made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Trujillo seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent and Councilwoman Fisher abstaining as she was absent from the meeting.

Operations Manager Smith advised with the Laurel Chamber of Commerce announcing they were no longer hosting the Fourth of July Celebration, she and Mayor Shwed have been working on a plan to implement in order for the celebration to continue. Operations Manager Smith explained the two events that people enjoy the most are the fireworks and the parade. They have made contact with an individual to see if he would assist the town with the fireworks and contact has been made with the Fire Department to see if they would continue to handle the parade. The suggestion is to request volunteers to form various committees, such as a Vendor Committee, Entertainment Committee, Car Show Committee, Carnival Committee, Prayer Breakfast Committee, Special Event Committee, and Event Service Committee. Each Committee would handle organizing each of the events. Operations Manager Smith suggested the main concentration be on the fireworks and parade and as citizens or organizations express their interest in volunteering we add the additional committees for the other events. It was explained in order for the Fourth of July Celebration to move forward volunteers are needed; without volunteers the event will not occur.

Mayor Shwed advised each school year he has an opportunity to participate in an exercise in Civics Class at Laurel High School which is taught by Ms Eileen McAnulla. The students present reports as a group as to what they would like to see in the town. He has established a list of the things the students have stated and given copies to the Council. They have listed things such as skate park, pool, sub fire station in Bethel, etc.

Councilman Trujillo stated during the recent snow storm the town employees did a good job in trying to keep the streets cleaned.

Councilman Lee concurred with Councilman Trujillo's comments. The streets were passable and there were no snow banks that you had to travel through.

Councilwoman Fisher stated the Public Works Department did an excellent job removing the snow from the recent snow storm.

Public Works Director Vickers advised his department will continue to clean up the snow and ice as it continues to thaw; however, the forecast for the next week is not looking good.

Pastor C. K. White advised he represents Bayview Methodist Church and the church is in the process of purchasing the former Laurel Wesleyan Church building located on Fourth Street. On February 21st, at 11:00 a.m. they will be holding a dedication service and he would like to extend an invitation to the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Fisher reminded everyone that February is Black History Month and Mt. Pisgah will be holding celebrations on February 6 & 7th.

Mr. Dave Herrick, resident of Delaware Avenue, asked about the status of the skateboard park. Mayor Shwed advised a site has been located; however, with the downturn in the economy it has been placed on hold.

Councilman Trujillo made a motion to hold a closed session. Councilman Calio seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent.

Regular session recessed at 7:52 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Councilwoman Fisher advised the Community Awareness Day Committee will be in attendance at the February 16, 2010 meeting as she would like to present them with certificates of appreciation.

Councilman Trujillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Fisher seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor

Recording Secretary