

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

A Mayor and Council meeting was held in the Mayor and Council Chambers of the Laurel Town Hall on Monday, March 1, 2010, beginning at 7:06 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, Alderman Paul H. Sheridan, and Recording Secretary Jamie Smith

It was noted Councilpersons Phillips and Wright were absent.

Councilwoman Fisher, Chair of the Community Awareness Day Committee, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Community Awareness Day Committee for their valuable contributions in making the Community Awareness Day Event a success. The certificates were presented to: Jamie Smith, Kathy Wootten, Candice Jones, RogJene'a Fisher, Starr Crockett, Valerie Crockett, Anita Holden, Cheryl Martin, Ben Hudson, Barbara Hudson, Mary Ann Galoppa, Gerry Horsey, Laurel Public Works Department and Laurel Police Department. Councilwoman Fisher thanked everyone for their hard work and for going above and beyond.

The Mayor and Council regular session and closed session minutes of February 16, 2010 were presented for review and adoption. Councilman Trujillo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Fisher seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent.

The second and final reading of Ordinance 2010-1 was presented. The ordinance rescinds a previous annexation ordinance (#2009-15) relating to certain property contiguous to the present easterly limits of the Town of Laurel, owned by Betty C. Groton, and for which Samanda Properties of Delaware II, LLC was the applicant, located on Discount Land Road, tax map No. 2-32/12.00/60, which is outside the town limits of the Town of Laurel. Councilman Calio made a motion to accept Ordinance 2010-1 for a second and final reading. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent.

Mayor Shwed stated the town is trying to get the 4th of July Celebration organized and off and running. Tomorrow there will be two meetings, one at 3:30 and one at 7:00 p.m. for residents to come out and volunteer and offer their comments, etc. Mayor Shwed stated the one area of the event that needs to continue is the fireworks display, which costs between \$13,000.00 and \$15,000.00. If the town is going to go forward with the fireworks, he would ask the Council to consider granting a line of credit of \$15000.00. We will have a fundraising campaign for fireworks and hopefully will be able to raise the entire amount. Councilman Trujillo asked how much the Laurel Chamber of Commerce raised last year for the fireworks. Mayor Shwed advised approximately \$7000.00, but he feels we can raise the \$15,000.00 needed for fireworks. Councilman Calio inquired if the money will come from the FY 2011 budget. Mayor Shwed

stated he is hoping to raise the money needed, but if it has to be taken from someplace, it can be taken from reserves. Councilman Trujillo made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign a contract for fireworks, in the amount of \$15,000.00, however the intention is to raise the funds from churches, citizens, nonprofit organizations and businesses. Councilwoman Fisher seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent.

Councilwoman Fisher inquired if the gentleman who assisted the Chamber with the fireworks would be helping the town. Recording Secretary Smith advised yes.

Councilman Lee stated he missed the last meeting, and wanted to take the opportunity to compliment the Public Works Department on the job they did with the snow removal.

Mayor Shwed advised he attended Bayview Church's opening service and their new location on Fourth Street and they presented him with a plaque for attending the service. Mayor Shwed wished the church much luck and success.

Mr. Larry Calhoun, resident of West Street, inquired as to what day the Independence Day Celebration will be held, as the 4th falls on a Sunday. Mayor Shwed advised it will be celebrated on July 3rd. He reminded everyone that tomorrow there will be two meetings to obtain citizens input and volunteers. The meetings are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Bill Hearn, President of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Company advised he has spoken to Chief Brittingham about handling the 4th of July Parade and they are in agreement in doing so. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their help in the recent snow storm.

Mayor Shwed advised the Laurel Ministerial Association has agreed to sponsor the Prayer Breakfast on Independence Day.

With there being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Calio seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilpersons Phillips and Wright absent.

Regular session adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor

Recording Secretary