

Town of Maggie Valley  
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting  
July 21, 2009  
5:30 p.m.  
**MINUTES**

Members Present: Mayor Roger McElroy, Aldermen: Colin Edwards, Saralyn Price, and Phil Aldridge  
Members Absent: Alderman Mark DeMeola  
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Chief Scott Sutton, Planning Director Nathan Clark, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, Attorney Chuck Dickson and Town Clerk Vickie Best  
Others Present: No one was present

1. **Meeting Called to Order.**

Mayor McElroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

2. **Presentation from the Maggie Valley Lion's Club**

The Maggie Valley Lion's Club had previously given Mayor McElroy a check for \$4033.67. This donation is dedicated for improvements to Parham Park.

Council applauded the Lion's Club and their continued interest in helping the community. The money was raised though a golf tournament at the Maggie Valley Country Club. The Club provided the course free of charge.

Alderman Price announced that the Lion's Club would also have a walk-a-thon September 26, 2009 from the Festival Grounds to Parham Park to raise money. Everyone was invited to participate.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Correction and Approval of Minutes for the June 23, 2009, May 18, 2009, May 14, 2009 and February 10, 2009 meeting.
- b. Resolution No 09-23: Rural Center Grant for sewer system at Old Still Road
- c. Settlement of Taxes for 2008-2009

**ALDERMAN ALDRIDGE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT  
AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Consideration of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement we have with our Engineer for the Moody Farm Road sidewalk project.**

Mattern & Craig, Inc were originally hired to engineer the sidewalk along Moody Farm Road; the agreement did not include the design of pedestrian bridges. NCDOT, as well as rules for receiving stimulus money requires the bridges to be part of the project. The pedestrian bridges will be adjacent to the vehicle bridges. The amendment to the contract

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includes Mattern & Craig, Inc.'s continued assistance in getting drainage easements. The total amount of the amendment is \$14,500. The funds will be allocated from Powell Bill Funding. Sidewalks are an allowable expense.

Alderman Aldridge was concerned about the cost seeming to be extreme. Safety is important, but Alderman Aldridge felt \$14,500 was a lot to pay for paper and drawings.

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR \$14,500 FOR THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE DESIGN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Consideration of installing an automated traffic counter.**

The estimated cost of auto looping traffic counters is approximately \$7,000. The counters are inlaid in the pavement and are activated similar to red light activators. The cost includes installation. NCDOT is going to work with Maggie Valley. The counters are guaranteed for several years. Counters will be placed at the east and west ends of town. NCDOT will go ahead and complete their roadwork at the west end of town before the town installs the counters.

Because the counters are looped within the pavement, the counters can provide Maggie Valley with year-round traffic counts. Businesses, potential businesses, and grant applications often request traffic counts. There are many benefits to having the data. This type of traffic counter will be safer to collect data from than the old ones the town once used.

Alderman Edwards questioned if the Finance Director had approved the expenditure, if approved by Council. Staff has discussed several expenditures with Ms. Wheeler in the last few days.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE AUTO LOOPING TRAFFIC COUNTERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Discussion on the proposed Economic Development Advisory Commission.**

The Town needs more applications to sit on the EDC board. The deadline to apply has been extended until August 6 and the need of additional applicants will be advertised.

Alderman Aldridge asked if a budget committee could be a function of the EDC. Helping during the budget process could be a component of the EDC's function.

Alderman Edwards felt that the Finance Officer should be the one overseeing the budget and helping with creating the annual budgets.

Staff will report to Council after the August 6 deadline.

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7. **Manager's Report.**

- The annual Region A meeting will be held July 27, 2009 in Cherokee.
  
- There is currently two businesses working to put on a fireworks display the Sunday before Labor Day, September 7, 2009. The craft festival will end late afternoon and then people will be allowed to come into the festival grounds for the fireworks. If Town sanctioned, everyone will be able to advertise on their signs.

Alderman Price asked that the Town be in charge of the event and that porta-johns be added, if needed. "We don't want any more restroom problems that we experienced in the past."

**ALDERMAN PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MANAGER BARTH TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE EVENT, THE EVENT BE TOWN SANCTIONED, AND THE TOWN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP AFTER THE FIREWORKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- The Town has received notification that it will be receiving two North Carolina Rural Center grants.

One grant awarded is for \$43,650 for the Old Still Road Sewer Project. The project will run gravity sewer into the Old Still Road area, thus removing service from the lift station. The grant covers ½ of the cost. The Town will be responsible for the match. A budget amendment would be needed because the funds were not allocated in the 2009/10 budget.

The Town also applied for stimulus funding for the same project, but it included the removal of the lift station, equipment, and the wastewater treatment plant building. The Town will not hear from the Federal Stimulus Funding until late spring. The Town will be allowed to wait to make the decision until after staff determines if the Stimulus money is going to be awarded.

The second grant is for \$12,000 to pay for a sewer capital improvement plan. The plan is essential when applying for grants for sewer projects with both the sewer system and the wastewater treatment plant. The match is \$6,000. The plan will be of value for 20-years.

- Manager Barth distributed the Chamber's calendar of events for August.

8. **Other Business.**

The police department applied for a grant for four in-car cameras from the Governor's Highway Safety Fund. The police department needed five in-car cameras. Currently two in-car cameras are working. GHS has asked that the Town of Maggie Valley apply for another grant. The in-car cameras cost approximately \$6,000 each.

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GHS has now offered to award Maggie Valley two in-car cameras and a fully equipped Harley Davidson motorcycle. GHS feels that Maggie Valley is a tourist town that is motorcycle friendly. The motorcycle can be used during rallies for improved public relations and for safety. The motorcycle will not be used when only one officer is on duty. The motorcycle will be used for residential use and for checking businesses, and at special events. Five officers currently have motorcycle licenses. The only requirement from GHS is to report on the motorcycle for one-year.

The insurance for the motorcycle will be \$325 per year. The savings on gas is estimated to be \$3,000 for every 100 shifts.

The total match for two in-car cameras and the fully equipped Harley Davidson for a town match of \$14,097.50. If approved, a budget amendment will be needed.

Council discussed the issue. There were concerns that if they denied the motorcycle they would also lose the in-car cameras and possibly the hope of being awarded future grants. Maggie Valley does have the environment and climate for an officer on a motorcycle.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT  
FOR THE IN-CAR CAMERAS AND THE MOTORCYCLE UNDER  
RESOLUTION NO 09-24.  
MAYOR MCELROY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.  
ALDERMAN PRICE OPPOSED.  
ALDERMAN ALDRIDGE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.  
MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY.**

9. **Public Comment.**

No public comments were offered from the floor.

10. **Closed Session: Personnel Matter**

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION  
FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS AT 6:35 P.M.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **Meeting Adjourned.**

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Mayor Roger McElroy

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Town Clerk Vickie Best, CMC