

TOWN OF NEWLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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AGENDA

MARCH 1, 2022

6:00 PM

TOWN HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. ETHICS AWARENESS
6. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
9. REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
PANHANDLING POLICY
12. FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT
13. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT
14. POLICE REPORT
15. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
16. COUNCIL COMMENTS
17. ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF NEWLAND  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Derek Roberts

ATTORNEY: Dean Grindstaff

ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, James C. Johnson, Lauren Turbyfill, Gail Haller, Christie Hughes

GUESTS: Gerald McKinney, Clara Dickson, Nathan Gittner, Teresa Foxx

STAFF: Jeremy Gerrish, Chief Byron Clawson, Colby Benfield, Sandy Lewis

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Mayor then led the audience in the pledge to the American flag.

Gerald McKinney spoke to the board about the Mountain Top community. Gerald McKinney stated there was 5.66 acres that used to be part of Mountain Glen and it was interested in being annexed with the town. Gerald McKinney stated it would be closer to connect to Newland than Elk Park. The Mayor stated that several others would like to tie in like Blue Ridge Propane. The Mayor, Jamie and Jeremy met with Phillip Barrier and gave a list of people interested and may can get grants, if possible, to help with infrastructure. Gerald McKinney stated he would be glad to assist but Walt McCree is the owner. Satellite annexation requires 100% of homeowners to want to be annexed. Christie Hughes asked the cost. Colby stated materials to extend lines is \$2.1 million but does not include the section that does not perk.

James made a motion to adopt the agenda. Gail seconded he motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating aye.

James made a motion to approve the February minutes. Gail seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating aye.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson went over notable calls. Chief Clawson stated the most notable event was the snow and helping motorist. Chief Clawson stated he applied for an equipment grant. Chief Clawson stated citation tickets not making it to clerk's office, so he did a software update for JAVA. Chief Clawson stated there were 23 citations in question. Chief Clawson stated they would be doing paper citations until it is resolved.

Attorney, Dean Grindstaff, gave a panhandling policy he found that was similar from Hickory to Byron, Jeremy, and board as a proposed ordinance draft for them to review. Lauren asked if it would stop or

prevent the Shriners or fire department. Mr. Grindstaff stated no. The board set a public meeting for March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 pm.

Colby Benfield gave the public works report. Colby stated the snow went well and no water line breaks. Colby stated he would be resigning on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Roberts thanked Colby for his service. Mayor stated he would have him a plaque at the next board meeting.

Jeremy Gerrish gave the finance report.

Lauren made a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Gail seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating aye.

Upon returning from closed session the Mayor announced no decision was made.

James made a motion to hire Sandy Lewis for full time finance officer. Gail seconded he motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating aye.

Lauren made a motion to hire Jessica Buchanan as Town Clerk. Gail seconded the motion. James, Lauren, Christie and Gail voted yes. Kenny voted no.

Lauren made a motion to increase pay for employees to boost morale. Gail seconded the motion. Christie, Kenny, and Jamie voted no.

Lauren made a motion to adjourn. Gail seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating aye. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Derek Roberts

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Clerk, Jessica Buchanan