

TOWN OF HUDSON REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2017

In Attendance:

Members Present: Mayor Janet Winkler, **Commissioners:** Larry Chapman, Tony Colvard, Ann Smith, Carl Wagner, and Bill Warren

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley, Chief of Police, Andy Day, Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson, Town Attorney, Carroll Tuttle, **Staff Members of the Police Department:** Detective Richard Blevins, Officer Adam Buchanan, Officer Kelsey Bumgarner, Officer CJ Curtis, Officer Jeff Drum, Police Secretary, Joan Duncan, Sgt. Scott Lovins, and New Officer, Ian Ruark

Call to Order:

Mayor Janet Winkler called the August meeting to order, and Commissioner Carl Wagner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

Discuss/Adjust Agenda:

Janet presented the August agenda. There were no changes or additions requested.

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Bill Warren) to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously approved.

Discuss/Approve Minutes:

Larry Chapman stated that on page 7 of the June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes, the date of the Silk Groove Band concert was listed as September 9th; however the concert is on September 8th. The minutes were changed to reflect the correct date.

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Carl Wagner) to approve the minutes as follows: June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting as amended, June 20, 2017 Closed Session, July 6, 2017 Special Meeting, July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting, July 18, 2017 Personnel Committee Meeting, and August 9, 2017 HUB Committee Meeting. Unanimously approved.

Swearing-In Ceremony: Officer Ian Ruark:

Chief Andy Day stated that he would like to hold the official swearing-in ceremony for the newest member of the Police Department, Officer Ian Ruark. Officer Ruark is a graduate of Appalachian State University, majoring in Criminal Justice, and he recently completed his BLET training at Western Piedmont Community College. Chief Day stated that Officer Ruark has received all of his credentials and has been working with the department for approximately a month. Now all that is left is taking the oath.

Joan Duncan administered the oath to Officer Ruark.

Officer Ruark commented that he was thankful for the opportunity to be an officer for Hudson.

Janet thanked Chief Day for the new protocol of swearing-in the new Police Officers. Janet commented that it gives the new officers and the Board an opportunity to meet each other.

Approve Special Permit Resolution:

Rebecca stated that we received a request for a beer and wine permit to sell alcohol during the upcoming Festival of the Arts event on Saturday, September 16th. Rebecca presented the request as submitted by Allison Mackie, one of the Festival Organizers.

Date Requested: 8/3/2017

Event: Hudson Festival of the Arts

Date: 9/16/2017

Location – Central Street – From Hickman Avenue to Fairway Avenue

Details – The Hudson Community Development Association requests an alcohol permit that allows beer and wine vendors to set-up and sale alcohol on Central Street between Hickman Avenue and Fairway Avenue. Further, we request that festival goers who have purchased beer or wine be permitted to consume their beverage on Central Street between Hickman Avenue and Fairway Avenue. Vendors selling alcohol will be required to check for proper identification and provide wrist bands to anyone purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Janet stated that according to the Town’s Code of Ordinances, the Board of Commissioners can adopt a resolution making provisions for the consumption of malt beverages and wine at special events or festivals in Town.

Motion: (Ann Smith/Larry Chapman) to approve the resolution permitting beer and wine sales at the Festival of the Arts event on September 16, 2017 as requested. Unanimously approved.

The permit was approved as follows:

**TOWN OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, applications have been received by the Town of Hudson staff as per Town Code of Ordinance Chapter 11, Article 1, Section 11.5 (f) “Resolution for Special Event” and

WHEREAS, said applications have been reviewed by the Town of Hudson staff and by the Hudson Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the following events are recommended for approval with conditions if applicable:

**Hudson Festival of the Arts
Saturday, September 16, 2017**

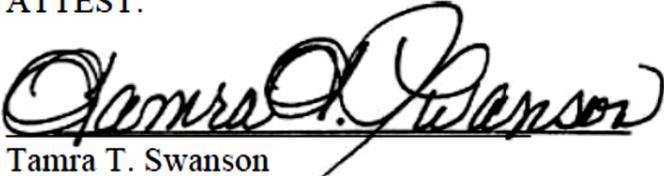
Event will begin and end in Downtown Hudson. Event begins at 10:00am and is over by 4:00pm. This resolution permits festival goers who have purchased beer or wine from festival vendors to consume their beverage on Central Street between Hickman Avenue and Fairway Avenue. Vendors selling alcohol will be required to check for proper identification and provide wrist bands to anyone purchasing alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Hudson Board of Commissioners that permission is granted for the special events as noted above with conditions cited.

Adopted this the 15th day of August 2017.


Janet H. Winkler
Mayor

ATTEST:


Tamra T. Swanson
Town Clerk

Approve Resolution Recognizing the National Moment of Remembrance of the 16th Anniversary of September 11th:

Janet presented a resolution in recognition of the 16th anniversary of 9/11. Janet commented that the resolution requests that the moment of remembrance last for 1 minute beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, ceasing all work or other activity, and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

Motion: (Carl Wagner/Bill Warren) to approve the resolution recognizing the nation moment of remembrance on September 11, 2017. Unanimously approved.

The resolution was approved as follows:

Town of Hudson

RESOLUTION

By The Town of Hudson, North Carolina Recognizing
the National Moment of Remembrance of the 16th Anniversary of September 11th

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Hudson expresses their support of the citizens of the United States coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2017, in honor of the 16th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:03 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2017, as an estimated 400,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 16 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 16 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 16th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the Town of Hudson are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Commission of the Town of Hudson:

(1) recognizes September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of the Town of Hudson will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 16th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Town Commission of the Town of Hudson requests that citizens observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Commission of the Town of Hudson requests the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

Adopted this 15th of August, 2017.

Attest:


Janet H. Winkler, Mayor


Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk

Consider Ordinance to Allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages before Noon on Sundays at Licensed Premises (“Brunch Bill”):

Rebecca presented an ordinance to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages before noon on Sundays (“Brunch Bill”). Rebecca explained that in June of this year, Governor Roy Cooper signed Ratified Senate Bill 155, allowing the sale of alcohol before noon on Sundays in North Carolina. Rebecca stated that the thinking behind this change is to bring people into the business districts earlier in the day, generating increased tax revenues. Rebecca commented that the “Brunch Bill” alcohol service would benefit not only restaurants serving alcohol, but would benefit grocery stores selling alcohol as well.

Janet stated that it is her understanding that a lot of municipalities have adopted this new “Brunch Bill” alcohol service.

Carl Wagner stated that he would not be able to support this ordinance for Hudson.

Larry asked if this change has been requested by someone, and if the change could be considered at a later date.

Rebecca stated that she has not received a request for the change. She explained that the issue was brought to her attention during a legislative update meeting. She stated that she sees no reason why the ordinance cannot be considered at a later date.

Motion: (Carl Wagner/Larry Chapman) to refuse the request for Sunday “Brunch Bill” alcohol sales at this time. Unanimously approved.

Report from HUB Committee:

Bill Warren, Chairman of the HUB Committee, stated that the Committee met on August 9th. One of the topics discussed was the catering for the upcoming dinner theater production of “Annie.” Bill stated that the catering was advertised for bids, and Dan’l Boone Inn was selected for the production of “Annie” this fall. Hog Wild BBQ will be considered for the spring production.

Motion from Committee: to keep Dan’l Boone as the caterer for the fall production of “Annie,” and look at Hog Wild BBQ for catering the dinner theater production for next spring. Unanimously approved.

Partnership with Arts Council – Bill stated that the Arts Council now has an office at the HUB, and we appreciate what they are doing with the Town. Bill commented that Leadership Caldwell will be using the HUB on September 13th for lunch and to learn about Hudson.

Partner with the WPCOG – Janet stated that the WPCOG rotates the hosting of their dinner meetings among their membership, and Hudson has been selected to host the January 23, 2018 meeting.

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Bill Warren) to approve partnership with the WPCOG to use the HUB for a dinner meeting on January 23, 2018. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment & Informal Discussion:

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Pickin’ in the Park – September 1st – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm “Nothin’ New Band”
 - The Silk Groove Band at The HUB – September 8th – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 - Hudson Festival of the Arts – September 16th – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Downtown Hudson
 - 47th Annual Man & Woman of the Year Banquet – October 13th 6:30 pm at The HUB
 - Dinner Theater – “Annie” October 19th – 21st and 26th – 28th at The HUB
 - 4th Annual Haunted Hudson – October 26th 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Downtown Hudson

- **Update on Eastwood Village** – Tony Colvard stated that he recently sold the Eastwood Village Subdivision to a developer who plans to build 9 to 11 new homes beginning the first of next year.
- **Update on Hwy. 321 Widening Project** - Rebecca stated that Mr. Dean Ledbetter, from the NCDOT, was present at our August 10th Planning Board meeting, and he discussed sidewalks for the Hwy. 321 Widening Project. The schedule for the widening project is set to be done as follows:
 - Section A – U.S. 70 to U.S. 321A
 - Section B – U.S. 321A to Mission Road (currently unfunded)
 - Section C – Mission Road to Southwest Boulevard (currently unfunded)
 - Section CA – U.S. 321/Mount Herman Road intersection

(Intersections will be 4 lanes, with any an additional lanes to be funded somewhere down the road when the section is funded.)

Rebecca showed the Board a picture of an intersection in the eastern part of NC that includes sidewalks. She explained that the DOT wants us to decide whether or not we want sidewalks at the Mt. Herman Road/ Hwy. 321 intersection. If we do want sidewalks, we would have to cover 20% of the cost of the sidewalks installed. Rebecca stated that we would need to decide in another 6 to 8 weeks whether or not we want the sidewalks.

Carl Wagner stated that he understood at the meeting, that if a sidewalk is placed beside the Caldwell Early College High School building, there would also have to be a sidewalk on the other side of the highway to match up with that sidewalk. Mr. Wagner commented that if people are going to walk across the highway, they need to be able to do it safely. He also commented that if there is an idea we would ever want sidewalks along this area, it is probably now or never.

Ann asked Chief Day if crossing the highway at this intersection would be safe.

Chief Day stated that he understood from Mr. Ledbetter that if a sidewalk is placed at the intersection, there will be signals installed which would make it safer. Chief Day also commented that he does not believe the amount of people crossing the highway would be affected whether or not the sidewalk is there.

Larry stated that according to Mr. Ledbetter, the cost of the sidewalks would be approximately \$25,000, which could be paid with Powell Bill funds.

Rebecca stated that Granite Falls has requested sidewalks be installed at the Pinewood intersection, which is also a part of the widening project.

Carl mentioned that our ordinances require new construction to include the placement of sidewalks, and we as the Town might want to put in our share of sidewalks as well.

Rebecca stated that in her opinion, having the sidewalks would not really encourage people to walk across the highway, but they would provide a way for people to walk if necessary.

Larry requested that this be discussed more at length at our September meeting.

- **Vacant Seat on Board** - Janet stated that David Irvin has moved to Tennessee, and has resigned his position on the Board. Janet explained that since his seat is up for re-election in November, the Board has decided to not appoint a replacement. Janet commented that there are a total of three Commission seats on the Board up for re-election this November.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Bill Warren) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk