

New Haven Board of Commissioners
October 17, 2013

The following were present:

Mayor Bob Johnson

Jeff Rogers

Kristie Harmon

Corey Holbert

Chris Cecil

Freddy DeWitt

Joanie Corbin

Don Cecil

Tim Bartley

Linda Mattingly

The meeting was called to order and pledge to the flag was recited.

Angela Nevitt addressed the Commission concerning zoning issues at 343 Center Street. The property is owned by Jos. W. Holbert and is zoned B-4 with restrictions. According to the restriction added to the Ordinance approving the rezoning with the agreement that cars only would be repaired at this location. The issue is that Holbert is repairing Amerigas trucks (per pictures recently taken). In the late nineties, when Holbert was repairing an Amerigas truck, an explosion occurred resulting in a fire destroying his garage. This is the danger that Nevitt was addressing. She is very concerned with safety issues for the neighborhood and the nearby school. Nevitt wanted to know if the Planning Commission was going to enforce the zoning issues if Holbert is non-compliant with the restrictions attached to the re-zoning ordinance. Mayor Johnson told her that Holbert has been cited for non-compliance. The process has been started. Hopefully this issue will be resolved to ensure the safety of the neighborhood and the local school.

Old Business—The windows have been installed in the Khan Building. Cable, internet and phone service is planned for the near future. The New Life Center has decided to locate in the building.

The **Minutes of September 19, 2013** were approved on motion by Jeff and second of Freddy.

General Administration

September Financials and October Bills were approved on motion of Chris and second of Don.

Budget Amendment—The First Reading of Ordinance No. 441 Budget Amendment was held and approved on motion of Don and second of Jeff. All voted in favor.

Update for Light Display—Linda reported that the City has purchased two units for the Simms Park Display for a total cost of \$1,180, well under the budgeted amount of \$1,500.

Cub Scout Use of Barry Hall—The new Cub Scout leader has requested use of Barry Hall for meetings. Freddy said that the Fire House was available for Cub Scout meetings. Don will check with the leader to see what he prefers.

Pay Raises—Don made a motion to grant 50 cent per hour pay increases to Linda, Joanie and Jerry due to the fact that Tim received a \$1 per hour increase last month, in an effort to level the playing field. Chris seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mayor Johnson said that he had talked with Keith Bartley concerning filling in for Tim when he takes vacation leave. Keith has agreed to work for the same pay he was making when he retired from the city. (\$16.22 per hour) The City will pay for any required certification/training for Keith as long as he agrees to fill in when Tim is off.

Recreation Department

Trunk or Treat is scheduled at the park for October 26 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Rolling Fork Iron Horse Festival, Enhancement Team and the City.

The new mower has been purchased and is in use.

Street Department

Chris wanted to know if Mago has set a date for paving. No information has been received. The area of the water leak by the pool has been patched. Freddy said that there was a hole on Depot Street that needed repair as well as a hole adjacent to the Baptist Church parking lot.

Freddy wanted to know if the Children at Play signs had been purchased. Tim reported that his vendors recommended that the City not purchase these signs due to added liability should a child be injured on one of these streets. Freddy said we needed these signs anyway. Mayor Johnson disagreed.

Police Department—Corey reported that he will have in-service training all next week.

Freddy reported that work continues on the County mapping system. 15% percent of the addresses are incorrect.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn and Don seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Mayor

Clerk

