

**Board of Aldermen  
Special Meeting  
September 24, 2014  
1:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

**Present:** Mayor Dale Baldwin, Alderman Tom Hartman, Alderman John Reeves, Alderman Stephen Shoemaker, Alderman Calvin Green. *Alderman Brett Summey absent.* Town Manager Brantley Price, Town Clerk Wesley Barker, Tim Jones, Sherman Lyle, James Howell & Alan Bulluck were also present.

At 1:00 p.m. Mayor Baldwin called to order the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

**Consideration of Agreement for Parking Lot with Board of Education**

Brantley said the Board of Education had reviewed the lease agreement drawn up by Town Attorney David Paletta for a potential Town public parking area at the old tennis courts at the old West Jefferson School. Brantley said the lease agreement was for 10 years instead of 20 years with the option to renew after each 10 year period. Brantley said the Board of Education currently did not have plans for this area but would like to review after 10 years. Further, Brantley said the agreement gave the Town first offer to purchase the property if it ever came up for sale. The approximate cost of this project would be \$32,000 which includes striping and clean up. The Christmas in July Festival has agreed to donate \$5,000 towards this project, Badgers Funeral Home has agreed to donate \$2,000, the County of Ashe has agreed to donate \$2,500 and the balance for the Town to pay would be \$22,500. Alderman Hartman made the motion to approve the agreement with the Ashe County Board of Education for the parking lot as presented. Alderman Shoemaker seconded with a vote of 4-0 in favor.

Further, Brantley gave the Board a quick update on the possible partnership of a parking lot above the Farmers Market with First Baptist Church. Brantley said this partnership included a 20 year lease between the Town and Frist Baptist Church with a split cost of the lot which is estimated to cost \$102,000, or \$56,000 each. Brantley said the church was not interested in this proposal but would get back to the Town if a counter offer was made.

**Consideration of Hotel Tavern Porch Design- Primary Fire District**

Brantley said The Old Hotel is in the process of rebuilding the porch on the second floor above the Hotel Tavern. This building is located in the Primary Fire District and the Building Inspection Department requires the Aldermen to approve the renovation plans as stated in GS 160A-436 (restrictions within Primary Fire Limits). The Aldermen were presented with the layout of the renovations proposed to this building. With no discussion, Alderman Green made the motion to approve the proposed porch design at The Old Hotel as presented. Alderman Shoemaker seconded with a vote of 4-0 in favor.

With no further items, Alderman Reeves made the motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Hartman seconded with a vote of 4-0. The time was 1:15 p.m.

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Dale Baldwin, Mayor

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk