

MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Regular Called Meeting/Public Hearing/Work Session
MARCH 1, 2010
6:45 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Ron Klein
Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita
Councilman Bob Bobinski
Councilwoman Karen Joseph
Councilwoman Carol Scott
Councilman Wilson Sherrill

Others Present

Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney
Gary Parker, Town Administrator
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION/MEETING 6:45 pm

Parker asked that item 8e “Consideration of Beach Parking Committee” be added to New Business.

DeVita stated that during the budget retreat, the Council had discussions of what the town was proposing to do with abandoned septic tanks (after sewer was installed) and agreed to waive plumbing and electrical permitting fees within the first year of sewer availability. The conclusion was that Council had agreed with the State, in that the guidelines did not require anything to be done, no forced crushing, filling, etc. and the town was going to follow the same rules. Sherrill reminded them that when a property was sold it would have to be disclosed to a buyer due to the potential of further expansion of the home.

Scott stressed that there was no safety risk or potential risk in abandoning the tanks. Isenberg confirmed that he believes the whole county and state was following the same recommendations.

Joseph stated she had met with the town clerk about the website and were working on improving the site and ways of communicating. She was dealing with GovOffice directly to garner more information about what choices we had, but to keep in mind it *would* cost more money if upgraded.

Bobinski informed all that the State now required Open Meetings of the ABC Board. They would be held here at Town Hall the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am. There would be an advertisement and notice on the towns' bulletin board outside along with the dates on the website.

DeVita spoke of the landscaping done here at Town Hall and praised how hard the committee had worked to bring the town hall into compliance with what neighboring communities were required to do.

There was discussion of when to hold a Special Called Meeting/Workshop with the Sunset at Sunset Committee and coordinate it with the D.O.T. meeting.....maybe combining into one meeting. No common date could be agreed upon but the Council would meet this Thursday the 4th, at 1:30 pm with SAS to get their suggestions and updates on the 2010 celebration that was planned. They also wished to discuss the particular concern of moving parts of the bridge somewhere in the town for special use. The D.O.T. owns the bridge but they would try to work something out to be able to retain parts. Scott commented that after construction the Dept of Transportation was responsible for landscaping the base, but Council wanted to work in tandem with them to help decide what would be appropriate and look best.

7:00 pm

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE.

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order and led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA-Add 8e- Consideration of Beach Parking Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

(3 minutes allowed per speaker. If representing a group, one person may be chosen as spokesperson):

**5. MINUTES FROM REGULAR CALLED MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2010
SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19, 2010**

Motion by Bobinski to adopt both set of minutes as presented, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS:

a. Administrator- Parker informed all that the Town had approved taking ownership of the Turtle Statue. It had been vandalized too often and was too expensive for the citizens to repair. The town could take ownership of the statue as we could put it on our insurance, (which cost virtually nothing to add to the policy) and then if any repairs were required in the future there would be no burden on the Turtle Watch Members to come up with donations.

b. Police- see report

c. Public Works -see report

d. Building Inspections-see report

e. Fire- see report. Chief Barbee added that the Dept. of Insurance would be coming to do basic inspections on March 16th.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Architect Contract for Fire Station #2

Parker had provided Council the A1A contract with Garner and Brown. He said that there would be meetings with Council all throughout the project, and they would have final say on preliminary and final design. If approved tonight, the architect could begin immediately.

Scott and Bobinski had concerns about the cost and that this building not be greater than what we need (inside and out) or have cost overruns. Scott asked about page 18 and that the charge be reduced from 30% to 20%. Parker confirmed it would be.

She also asked if the fees could be negotiated. Parker replied that anything was negotiable and he (Garner) was trying now to get them lower than what was listed, but most of the fees listed had *already* been negotiated and were lower than the original contract.

Parker reminded them of the meeting schedules in the contract and the entire Board confirmed they wished to be present to meet with Garner and Brown at the first meeting.

Motion by Sherrill to authorize Parker to execute contract. Sherrill withdrew motion

Motion by Scott to approve contract as written with the exception that the percentage on page 18 be changed from 30% to 20%. Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution of Consideration renewal for the General ETJ Area

(Renewed bi-yearly)

Motion by Scott to adopt Resolution of Consideration for ETJ Area, Seconded by Sherrill.

Motion carried.

b. Resignation of Bob Perry from the Planning Board

Parker stated that Eddie Walters (alternate in-town member) would be moving into Perry's slot.

DeVita confirmed that whoever took over would be filling Walters' alternate position.

c. Resolution Authorizing Appropriation from Bike/Walk Paths

Motion by Joseph to appropriate the \$50,000 from funds to do preliminary work on the paths.

Parker stated they needed to increase the amount to \$55,000 to make sure the costs are covered.

Motion amended by Joseph to have staff bring three quotes to Council for said engineering services up to \$55,000, Seconded by Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution Authorizing Sale of Property (Asphalt Roller)

Parker explained we could no longer get asphalt locally and hauling it in from elsewhere was too costly. We would now just contract out the repairs as it would be cheaper right now. We were using cold patch when necessary.

Motion by Sherrill to dispose of the Asphalt Roller, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried.

e. Consideration of Appointment of Beach Parking Committee

Scott drafted a mission statement, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of these minutes. Council asked for volunteers to be part of this committee. They only needed to call Town Hall and have Judy place them on the list from which they'll choose nine. The deadline to apply is April 15th. The committee will be comprised of nine member from both the island and the mainland.

Motion by DeVita to adopt mission statement and create the Beach Parking Committee. Seconded by Sherrill. Motion Carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(This is an opportunity for citizens to make comments on a matter on the agenda, or on any matter of concern, but there is no dialogue with Council at this time, nor is it an opportunity to engage in questions and answers. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda for discussion, please contact the Town Clerk)*

Bob Tone, 9030 Sea Lane, expressed the need for a recycling bin on the island. He is head of code enforcement during the summer months and said he knew the problems the Town had with the last ones and why they had to be removed. He wanted Council to know that if they wished to place one back on the island, he and his men would be more than happy to monitor the bin for illegal dumping.

Rich Cerrato, 517 Twisted Oak Lane, complained of Mr. Parker's letter to the Beacon in rebuttal to his. He had many complaints about the Town and Mr. Parker. See letter, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of these minutes.

Linda Ruddick, 10 Park Rd., asked Council to make every effort to inform the media and citizens of all meetings. She asked that the bike path be placed on the website. Parker informed Mrs. Ruddick of the regular meeting dates and stated that any special called ones are placed on the bulletin board and are on our calendar of events on the website. If she didn't have a computer, all she needed to do was call Town Hall and speak to Judy or the Town Clerk for information.

Richard Kepler, Magnolia Dr. asked how to go about getting a newsletter for those that don't have computers. Council informed him that the receptionist kept a log of people that wanted a hard copy mailed to them.

Joe Santavicca, 9109 Forest Dr., stated his health was not good and had to call 911 twice for help last month. He wanted Council to know that the first to arrive at the scene both times were the Sunset Beach Fire Dept. He highly praised them for their work.

13. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Joseph, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2010.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Mayor Ron Klein

Attest

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

