

MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Regular Called Meeting, Public Hearing & Work Session
September 8, 2008
6:45 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Ron Klein
Mayor Pro Tem Len Steiner
Councilman Lou DeVita
Councilman Ron Watts
Councilman Bob Bobinski
Councilman Wilson Sherrill

Others Present

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

6:45 PM Work Session

Parker asked Council to add Resolution Authorizing Administrator to sign CAMA grant for \$500,000 as item "g". Council was very happy we had gotten a grant from DENR for the boat ramp. He added that after the Tropical Storm "Hanna" the town came out well. A few shingles and limbs were all the damage we suffered. The staff spent a lot of time preparing and worked admirably and he thanked them.

DeVita asked what triggered the contract with Ashbritt Environmental. Parker stated it would be if we called them after a major storm. They had been in contact though to see if we needed anything. Watts stated we did a good job notifying the media about the mandatory evacuation as we have in storms past, but would like us to accept the challenge in the future to take advantage of new technology to improve the notification process for the island.

Parker informed Council the town was closing on the boat ramp on Wednesday. He had a request from English Construction to use the land to store items while they work on the bridge. Council inquired if they could lease the land to them, being they had asked Sunset Bridge Partners last year to lease. Item added as "h" to New Business.

Parker also asked about appointing a committee overseeing the project on landscaping the entrance on Sunset Blvd. to the island. There were such questions as whether it would be the town paying or the developer. Will be added as "i" in New Business.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 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

Council added Items “g” “h” and “i” under New Business.

**4. MINUTES OF REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 4, 2008, EXECUTIVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2008**

Motion by Bobinski to adopt both sets with no changes, Seconded by Watts. Motion Carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

**a. Amendment to #150.110.2 Design Standards for Streets in
New Subdivisions-**

Jeff Curtis, Building Inspector, said this change was to require developers to put in streets that did meet standards. It did not however, affect existing developments. This was for future developments.

There was discussion of when the developers turned the plat in when did they have to do the streets. Parker explained it did not affect the timing. The Developers would know up front before anything was passed that all streets would have to be brought up to standards.

A few residents inquired about the difference between Town standards and D.O.T. standards. Others wanted to know how they were going to make sure the developers did this? Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney, added they would take out an surety bond to ensure sure this was done. There were ways to make them adhere to the policies.

**b. Amendments to MB-2 (#151.216), MB-1(#151.210,
MUD #151.390BB-1(#151.241 Permitted Uses (to allow for
Accessory structures to be allowed as a Permitted Use
Provided they meet listed requirements)**

Curtis said this allowed accessory structures providing they met listed requirements.

No public comments.

6. REPORTS:

a. Administrator –None

b. Police- See report attached.

c. Public Works- See Report attached. Dustin Graham asked that the residents bear with them while public works was picking up debris from the storm.

d. Building Inspections: See report attached.

c. Fire- see report attached.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Surplus Town Property

Motion by Watts to authorize the disposal of town property (the Generator) but donate the truck to the Grissettown Fire dept.

Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointment to the Planning Board (3 Vacancies)

Motion by Steiner to reappoint Bob Perry, Al Siebert and Eddie Walters to the planning Board. Seconded by Sherrill, Motion carried unanimously.

The Council thanked Carol Santavicca for interviewing and asked her to keep her interest.

c. Dredging Update (Feeder Canal)

Parker reminded Council that the petition that had been introduced a few months ago failed. People were not willing to finance the project right now. He and Larry visited the entrance canal and tried to meet with engineers to get the dredging done at the entrance. He had met with Mr. Varnum and he (Varnum) said he would do the dredging and assess the owners himself. He offered to do everything, including getting the permits. Parker felt this was a good opportunity, since the entrance canal needed it so badly.

d. First Tee of Brunswick County Proclamation

Mayor Klein read the proclamation for First Tee.

Motion by Steiner to adopt first tee proclamation, Seconded by Watts. Motion carried.

e. Fire Station #2 Potential Sites

Parker noted that they had been discussing this for some time and had staff research sites within 1 mile of the Methodist Church on Hwy #904 and the conclusion was the ideal site was somewhere between Leak St. and Georgetown Road.

**f. Proclamation Declaring Constitution Week of the NC
Society Daughters of the American Revolution**

Motion by Steiner to adopt Proclamation Declaring Constitution week, Seconded by Watts. Motion carried.

**g. Resolution Authorizing the Town to Enter into a Contract
with NCDENR on Matching Grant Funds**

Motion by Watts to authorize Parker to sign DENR contract for the boat ramp grant, Seconded by Steiner. Motion Carried.

h. Discussion of Leasing the Land at the Bridge to NC DOT

Watts asked that didn't English come to us looking for land to lease earlier? He would not be opposed to leasing the bridge property. Council concurred and asked Parker to speak with Town and English to negotiate a fair lease amount.

**Discuss creating a Committee overseeing the Landscape Design
going to the Island**

Council decided to hold a workshop on setting up a committee. They would set the date at the October meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

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Motion by Steiner to adopt Design standards for streets, Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried.

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Councilman Watts asked to be excused from voting due to a conflict of interests. Watts was excused.

Motion by DeVita to adopt amended accessory structures, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Santavicca, Forest Dr., Chairperson for the Sunset at Sunset Steering Committee informed Council that they were “coming right along” but they desperately needed volunteers .The dead line for civic groups to apply for a vendor booth was September 15th.

Karen Josephs, also on the Sunset at Sunset Committee, stated the entertainment was in place. The Marine Band would be here and the VFW graciously offered to make lunch for them. The planetarium would be half-price all day to visitors....everything was coming together.

Ray Johnson, Live Oak objected again to grinder pumps being placed on Live Oak..... he felt there would be too many.

Rich Cerrato, Twisted Oak Lane, opposed various things the council was doing, See written statement which is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of these minutes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INSTRUCT STAFF CONCERNING THE POSITION TO BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL IN NEGOTIATING THE PRICE AND OTHER MATERIAL TERMS OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO OCEANSIDE CORP., ON HWY #904 (2273A155) AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO NANCY SMITH (2420000616).

Motion by Watts to go into Executive Session for the above stated purpose for the Mclamb property on Hwy #904 (Ocean Side Corp) and Property belonging to Nancy Smith, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion carried unanimously.

Council returned to open session.

Motion to return to regular session by Watts, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion carried.

No action taken.

11. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Watts, Seconded by Sherrill.

Adopted this 6th day of October 2008.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Mayor Ron Klein

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

