



TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
December 5, 2005
7:00 PM

Members Present

C. G. Cheek, Mayor
Ed Gore
Carl Bazemore
Leonard Steiner
Ronald Klein

Also Present

Ronald Watts
Bob Bobinski
Lou DeVita

Michael Isenberg, Town Attorney
Linda Fluegel, Town Administrator
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Cheek called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. New Item Briefing:

Fluegel presented Budget Amendment to keep line items in balance. **Motion** by Bazemore to adopt Budget Amendment, Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried.

3. Mayor Cheek called for Council to move Items "a" and "b" under New Business (Swearing in of officials). This should have been placed at the end.

Motion by Steiner to move a & b to the end of the New Business Session. Seconded by Klein. Motion passed.

4. Minutes of Special Called Meeting November 14th, 2005.

Klein asked typos to be corrected on second page, item "b".

Motion by Klein to accept minutes with corrections. Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried.

5. Reports

a. Administrator

Fluegel detailed the Budget Amendment Items such as overtime and resulting taxes and decrease in attorneys' fees. The dept. equipment was already in the budget, but was just taken out of the wrong account. This is to correct.

Motion by Bazemore to adopt amendment, Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried.

b. Finance

Fluegel suggested they bring forth the FY Audit in New Business to be heard.

Johnny Britt, partner with S. Preston Douglas Accounting Firm, presented the completed audit to the Town Council.

Britt gave a briefing on the report, some of which included that the Town was in overall good shape. The Water Dept was in good shape. He cautioned Council to be careful to make future plans for the Town for the Enterprise Fund (Water Fund). Revenue exceeded Expenditures in the General Fund and Council noted that the unappropriated Fund Balance had been brought up from 10% of the LGC's recommended balance to almost 75% of recommended balance.

Council inquired what the 158,000 capital assets was.....There was some confusion , but confirmed that it was water lines dedicated to the town in 04-05 FY.

Britt stated the Town still remained at a 99.43 collection rate for taxes which was well above NC's average.

A copy of FY audit can be seen at Town Hall in the Finance Dept.

c. Police

Chief Kerr gave a brief report, thanked Council for their support over the years and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Fluegel reminded Council they had to adopt the audit.

Motion by Bazemore to adopt audit presented by S. Preston Douglas, Seconded by Klein. Motion Carried.

d. Fire – Report Attached.

e. Public Works – John Hancock presented Council with a monthly report. Council inquired about testing and Hancock informed Council they had 27 rotating sites. Testing was done monthly with other varying testing done daily.

f. Building Inspections- See report attached. Building Inspector still out on medical leave.

6. Old Business:

a. Appointment to the Fireman's Relief Fund Board:

Motion by Bazemore to re-appoint Bob Gallick. Seconded by Klein. Motion Carried.

7. New Business:

d. Amendment to Chapter #151.013 Temporary Buildings (call for Public Hearing)

Mayor Cheek inquired about moving the January meeting. Fluegel stated it should be up to the new Council to decide. Since new Council was not sworn in yet, when they made motions they should just state "January". Then the new Council could set a date.

Motion by Steiner to call for a Public Hearing in January, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion carried.

e. Amendment to 151.077 Parking Ordinance. (Call for Public Hearing)

Motion by Klein to call for a public hearing in January. Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried.

f. Appointment to 151.213 Mainland Business. (call for Public Hearing)

Motion by Steiner to call for a public hearing in January, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

g. Amendment to #150.309 Filling and Grading Excavation (Call for Public Hearing)

Motion by Steiner to call for a public hearing in January, Seconded by Klein. Motion Carried.

a. Installation of Newly Elected Officials.

Fluegel administered oaths to the New Council members; Ronald Watts, Bob Bobinski, Lou Devita and incumbent Len Steiner.

Fluegel then administered the oath to the new Mayor, Ronald Klein. Council took their places and the meeting proceeded.

Mayor Klein commended Cherri Cheek and Ed Gore for the time and effort they've given to Sunset Beach. He stated there was 56 years of experience between them; something that would be sorely missed. He listed the various charities and organizations she was a member of and how much she had contributed. He then presented Cherri with a plaque stating, "It wasn't nearly enough". The Town applauded them both. Mayor Cheek thanked Council and citizens for letting her serve Sunset Beach. She stated she was most grateful for the 14 years in public relations and her heartfelt thanks went out to them.

Mayor Klein then presented a plaque to Ed Gore for "his foresight in creating Sunset Beach, his unwavering dedication and years spent on Council". Ed thanked everyone, stating it had "been a trip literally from the very beginning to the present". He thanked all Councils over the years for their contributions and especially the current Council. He congratulated the new members and cautioned them not to "go out of the chute too fast". He commended them all and thanked them for allowing him to serve. He also acknowledged Linda Fluegel and thanked her for her dedication to and hard work for the Sunset Beach.

Mayor Klein broached the idea they had discussed of starting January's meeting (and possibly all) at 6:30 for an informational meeting.

Motion by Steiner to start the 6:30 sessions with proper advertising and notifications. Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

Discussion ensued about setting the time for January's meeting with the conclusion it will remain on the 2nd. **Motion** by Bazemore to keep January's meeting on the 2nd, Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried.

Watts inquired if it was okay to hold the meetings early. Fluegel stated yes, as long as we advertise every month and notify the Sunshine list.

8. Open for Discussion

Alan Doolittle, Eastwood Park Rd. brought before Council concerns about the plans to develop Eastwood Bluff. He stated he never received a response from Sea Trail and needed to know what to do to get his concerns voiced.

Steiner suggested Sea Trail's Architectural Review Board. He gave him Rebecca Painter's name.

Doolittle asked if they would address the water runoff?

Fluegel responded yes, and explained that Sea Trail had the permit, not the town. They were private roads and it was a State Permit. She then suggested the Board of Trustees.

Jan Harris, 206 N. Shore Dr, told Council she had a letter from Linda Lewis, regarding another permit, saying that if there was a violation of a Storm Water Permit, it was up to the town to enforce. Fluegel responded that unless Ms. Lewis was telling her something different, no it was not up to the town. The enforcement of Sea Trail's Permit was up to Sea Trail Corporation. The Town did not have the authority to enforce State permits.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Steiner to adjourn.

Kimberly Cochran, Town Clerk