

MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Regular Called Meeting, Public Hearing & Work Session
June 2, 2008
6:45 p.m.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Lou DeVita

Others Present

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

6:45 PM Work Session

Gary Parker, Town Administrator, asked that Council add Item “b” calling for a public hearing on the FY 2008-2009 budget for June 30th.

There was some question about what decision was made about the planetarium at the last budget meeting so Steiner clarified with staff that the intention was to donate \$15,000 to the Planetarium, with an additional \$15,000 if they purchased new digital equipment. All Council concurred.

Mayor Klein introduced Jessica Przybyla with the FCC and stated she would be making a presentation about the Government moving all of Brunswick County onto the new Digital TV System by August of 2008 instead of 2009 as expected. He would be moving her presentation up to administrative reports so she wouldn't have to sit through the whole meeting.

Steiner asked other Councilmen if they had gotten a letter from the Gold Leaf Foundation. It was a philanthropic foundation set up with monies from tobacco lawsuits and it was possible the planetarium could get a grant. Council asked Parker to look into it.

Wilson Sherrill felt it was incumbent upon this government body to make sure the county was giving out all information and links they had dealing with the sewer issue. Mayor Klein assured him they had information on their website and we (the town) had some information on ours along with a link to theirs. All people had to do was go online to either site or call the county if they couldn't find what they needed to know. We were doing everything possible to help with that.

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 Budget Public Hearing under Item “b” New Business and move the FCC presentation up to administrative reports.

3. MINUTES OF REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 7, 2008 AND EXECUTIVE MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2008 AND MAY 19, 2008

Motion by Sherrill to adopt all sets of minutes, Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MAY 19, 2008.

Motion by Steiner to adopt Special Called Minutes of May 19, 2008, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion Carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

a. Administrator- Mayor Klein introduced Ms. Przybyla who took the podium. She spoke briefly on the percentage of people in Brunswick County still with older TV’s (rabbit ears), which was 7%. The FCC would be going from analog to digital by August 2008 which was ahead of the scheduled 2009 date. Wilmington was being used as a test site and they chose Brunswick County to join them. Those that had rabbit ears could still use them but would have to have converter boxes. She had forms for coupons which would save up to forty dollars. They are at various sites around the county and she would be leaving some at Town hall as well. The clerk would be placing these coupons online as well. Please see the “Digital TV Transition” information attached, referred to by reference and made part of these minutes.

Parker presented two budget amendments which Donna Rogers, Finance Director explained. The first one of \$150,000 was for the two new generators that we decided to purchase this year instead of next year and the other was to keep line items in balance and department totals within their adopted totals.

Motion by Watts to adopt both budget amendments, Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion of vendors that may be used at the Sunset at Sunset Celebration. Mike Isenberg had drafted language for an ordinance change that would allow for town events only. He would have it ready for the June 30th meeting but they would not have to have a public hearing on this, they could just adopt it. They had to have a specific outline for what was allowed.

Parker stated he and Rogers had met with the committee about the decision to just write the committee a check every year, and they could become their own tax-exempt or non-profit organization....they would determine how to best spend the money on the event. Something along the lines of the way the Oyster Festival was done (on a lesser scale) or festivals that other towns had. The general consensus was it was a good thing. One or two didn’t feel that way, but most everyone else did.

Karen Josephs, committee member stated their intention was to become a 501C3 non-profit or tax exempt organization. Isenberg explained to her these were two different things and suggested she speak with a tax attorney.

Watts brought up the subject of linking local businesses to the website that they had been debating for a couple of years. He felt even though a link to the Chamber was good, there were alot of businesses out there that didn’t belong to the Chamber. Isenberg was concerned about the liability of who would be allowed and who wouldn’t. There would have to be a clear set of rules beforehand detailing this. Watts explained he didn’t want ads placed, just links to local businesses. Steiner felt the staff should be involved in the decision and what it would entail money and time-wise. Council agreed and directed staff to get back to them when they had more information.

b. Police- See report attached

c. Public Works- See Report attached

d. Building Inspections: See report attached .Council asked about the new restaurant wanting to open at the beginning of Dock St. and Curtis said it was Fibber McGee's Bar and Grill. They wanted to be open by the 4th but didn't know if they'd make it.

c. Fire- see report attached. Chief Barbee said they had finished flushing hydrants and the new ladder truck was in Rocky Mount. They were waiting on a computer piece to be reprogrammed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of Approving CAMA Grant Application

The Town has discussed the acquisition of land for a public water access several times over the last few months along with the obtaining of a CAMA grant for partial funding of the acquisition.

Motion by Watts to submit a final grant application to the Division of Coastal Management for such funding. Seconded by Steiner. Motion Carried unanimously.

b. Call for Public Hearing on FY 2008-2009 Budget June 30

Motion by Steiner to move the July meeting to June 30th, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Steiner to call for a public hearing on the FY2008-2009 Budget on June 30th, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion Carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Prevatte, 1903 Norwood St. stated he represented the POA for Seaside North and Schooner's Pointe. He requested when it came time to annex Seaside Heights that they move the location to a different area as the last time there was simply not enough room.

Parker explained to Mr. Prevatte that the town was nowhere near that decision. All that was on the table was the Resolution of Consideration, which was renewed every two years and always had been. It was a means for possible consideration of annexation if they chose to annex a particular area. All it meant was the ETJ is a potential for future annexations. If Council got serious and focused on an area, the first thing they would see and receive is a Resolution of Intent, *then* that started the process. They would receive notices in the mail of informational meetings and public hearings. Clear notifications. This was not an intention right now. Watts inserted that they had talked only generally about this, but in addition the state also had issues with annexations right now, so he did not see Sunset Beach or anyone else moving ahead until it was cleared up.

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.

Motion by Steiner to go into Executive Session for the above stated purpose, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried unanimously.

Council returned to open session.

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

No action taken.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Bobinski.

Adopted this ____ day of June 2008.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Mayor Ron Klein

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

