



MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Work Session, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
April 3rd, 2006
6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Ronald Klein, Mayor
Carl Bazemore
Len Steiner
Ron Watts
Louis DeVita
Bob Bobinski

Linda Fluegel, Town Administrator
Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney
Kimberly Cochran, Town Clerk

6:30 PM- Work Session:

Fluegel informed Council a citizen had emailed the Dept. of Transportation, requesting that the bridge open on the hour year-round instead of just April through November 30th. The D.O.T. wanted to know if this was Council's request. Mayor Klein confirmed the schedule now was "on demand" in off season. Fluegel said they (the D.O.T.) would have to go through procedures before they could act. After discussion Council decided to send written confirmation that they agreed with this request.

Fluegel next stated the recycling bin on the island was being abused. It cost six hundred dollars each time it was emptied and was being filled with air conditioners, rocking chairs, beds, and other construction items, in spite of signage. Council discussed what to do with the bin and decided to write citations if necessary, put up bigger recycling signs for thirty days and see what happened.

Council set a date for the first budget workshop on Wednesday, May 10th at 9:00 am here at Town Hall. The Town Clerk will call and remind Council of the meeting.

Steiner inquired about the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and how long it had been going on. Fluegel stated this had been going on for years. The maps were outdated and FEMA had no money to do it so the State did it, but FEMA would not recognize them unless they were adopted. If towns didn't adopt them by June 6th, there would be no flood insurance. They were forcing all towns to do this. DeVita asked if this conflicted with the Town ordinances. Fluegel responded no.

DeVita asked about Cape Side Subdivision's street specifications. Fluegel stated they were in the Town Hall office and they did meet the requirements.

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge

Mayor Klein led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Minutes of Regular Called Meeting and Public Hearing March 6, 2006.

Motion was made by Bazemore to adopt minutes of March 6, Seconded by Watts. Motion Carried.

Minutes of Special Called Meeting March 15th, 2006.

Motion by Bazemore to adopt minutes of March 15th, Seconded by Steiner. Motion Carried.

Minutes of Special Called Meeting February 28th, 2006

Motion by Bazemore to adopt minutes of February 28th, Seconded by DeVita. Motion Carried.

4. Public Hearing: None

5. Reports

a. Administrator – Budget Amendment-Fluegel presented the amendment to keep line items in balance. Steiner stated the amounts did not balance. The interest income had to be changed to 21,720. Fluegel will correct immediately.

Motion by Steiner to adopt amendment with stated changes, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

b. Police – Chief Massey gave a brief report on cases that had been cleared and informed Council that the vandals creating the graffiti around town had been apprehended.

c. Fire- Chief Barbee gave a brief report. Council inquired again if an open house was being planned. Fire Chief replied they would when the Town Hall had theirs. Speaking of the Town Hall, Fluegel stated the contractors would start work on the punch list on Wednesday. The columns depicted on the plans were too short and had to go back. As soon as they were finished the front would be completed.

d. Public Works- see report attached.

e. Building Inspections- See report attached. Steiner commented he didn't want the detailed reports being provided as he was only interested in significant projects.

6. New Business:

a. Resolution of Intent to Carry out the Objectives of the Federal Flood Program

Motion by Watts to adopt Federal Flood Program Resolution, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

b. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Motion by Steiner to call for Public Hearing on the Flood Ordinance on May 1st, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

c. Recommendation from Planning Board to Zone all unzoned Areas of Sunset Beach CR-1

Al Siebert, Planning Board Chairman stated this was a unique situation. In 1992 the Board had passed this as CR-1 but in a procedural error had not had a public hearing.

Motion by Steiner to call for a public hearing on May 1st on the CR-1 Zoning, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

d. Deed of Dedication Conveying Streets of Cape Side Subdivision.

Mayor Klein confirmed the streets met all standard specifications.

Motion by DeVita to accept the Deed of Dedication, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion carried.

e. Petition to Annex Myers Park

i. Resolution Directing Clerk to investigate Petition

Motion by Steiner to Direct Clerk to investigate Myers Park Petition, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

ii. Certificate of Sufficiency of Petition

Clerk certified said petition. For information only

iii. Resolution fixing date of Public Hearing on Request of Annexation of Myers Park.

Mike Isenberg suggested adopting this resolution contingent on the metes and bounds description being received by the surveyor.

Motion by Bazemore to adopt resolution with metes and bounds contingency, Seconded by Steiner. Motion Carried.

f. Cape Fear Council of Governments asking for a Resolution in Support of a Toll Road

After some discussion, Motion by Watts to adopt the Resolution in Support of a Toll Road, Seconded by DeVita. Motion Carried.

g. Citizen Participation Plan for CAMA Core Land Use Plan.

Siebert stated this was a recommendation from the Planning Board. They were working with Council of Government on this to set procedure and guidelines.

Motion by Bazemore to adopt the Citizen Participation Plan, Seconded by DeVita. Motion Carried.

h. NC Birding Trail Site Nomination

DeVita spoke in depth about getting the Town registered on the NC Birding Trail website and listed in their book. There were a great many species of birds here, mainly on the east and west lakes along with the

Island. The cost would be nothing to the Town except maybe a pamphlet with information and guidelines to direct people to Birding sites and restating local restrictions.

Motion by Steiner to go forward with the NC Birding Trail Project, Seconded by Bazemore. Motion Carried.

Bazemore suggested the Town write an official letter to the proper authority in support of this. Council agreed. DeVita to coordinate with Fluegel.

i. Resolution to sell Police Car

Motion by Bazemore to sell 1997 Crown Victoria, Seconded by DeVita. Motion Carried.

j. Resolution of Consideration for Annexation of ETJ

Motion by Steiner to adopt ETJ Resolution, Seconded by Bazemore, Motion carried.

7. Open for Discussion:

Mayor Klein brought up the subject again of the bridge opening. Watts felt it would definitely benefit people on the island. After more discussion, **Motion** by Watts to send a letter to the NC Corps. of Engineers to consider opening the bridge on the hour throughout the whole year, Seconded by DeVita. Motion Carried.

Watts inquired about the possibility of annexing Bird Island. There was some discussion on the requirements of annexing. Mayor Klein stated one problem was that the island was split between North Carolina and South Carolina. Steiner stated this had been brought up a few years ago to the State and there was no cooperation whatsoever. There would also have to be someone there all the time to patrol. Isenberg stated if it was in the town limits they could issue civil citations, but they couldn't just annex... the State of NC would have to petition to do this. He stated years ago they did this but the Town turned them down and they do not qualify for forced annexation. Mayor Klein asked Chief Massey if the officers had means of transportation to get on Bird Island. Chief replied we had a four-wheel drive vehicle but a four-wheeler would be better as most people ran across the state line to keep from getting caught. More discussion ensued. No determination was made about Bird Island.

Mayor Klein raised the subject of the plant "Vitex" that was possibly on the island. Some discussion ensued about the persistence of the species. No action taken.

Patty Scholl, 593 Summer Green Court, read a prepared statement on her opposition to the building of East Wood Bluffs. See statement which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Richard Cerrato, 617 East Wood Park Rd., read a prepared statement concerning various Town Policies. See statement which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Bazemore to adjourn.

Town Clerk

