

MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Regular Called Meeting, Public Hearing & Work Session
December 1, 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

Bobinski remarked to Council that the grass needed to be cut at the sign on Hwy #904.
Steiner asked if the Town could place something on the backside of the sign.....a “come back soon” type of message. He felt it looked too plain when driving by going out of town limits.
Parker informed Council we had received only one bid on the Impala; it was for a little over \$1200.00. He wanted confirmation from Council to sell at this price.
DeVita stated he had no progress on the dedication of property for the memorial. He had turned everything in to Riddle and Frankovitch but had heard nothing back.

Mayor Klein read the update from the US Census Bureau and stated it would be at the front desk and on the website if anyone was interested in calling them for a part time job. He also read a letter of gratitude from Grissettown Fire Department thanking the Town for the donation of the generator and the old Explorer.

There was brief discussion of fees on the proposed Special Event Policy.

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. MINUTES OF REGULAR CALLED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2008 AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2008.

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

4. Approval of Agenda. No changes made.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Amendment to Chapter 151.149 Supplementary District Requirements (Fence Regulations)

No Comments

b. Application for Special Sign District #151.114

No Comments

c. Amendment to Chapter #151.077 Table 1 Off Street Parking Requirements

No Comments.

Public Hearing Closed.

6. REPORTS:

a. Administrator – Parker informed Council that they needed to schedule a meeting for Adopting the Resolution of Intent to Annex Beach Dr. for December 15, 2008. ***Motion*** by Steiner to hold a Special called Meeting on December 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm to consider adopting Resolution of Intent. Seconded by Bobinski. Motion Carried.

b. Police- see report. Chief Massey stated they had arrested the suspects in the vending machine break-ins.

c. Public Works- See report. Dustin Graham stated they would begin putting up Christmas wreaths tomorrow.

d. Building Inspections: See report attached.

c. Fire- See report attached. Chief Barbee said he was thankful they made it through Hurricane Season with no catastrophes and thanked Mr. Parker for his leadership in heading up the hurricane planning.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of Planetarium Funding

Mayor Klein explained that the town had seen a presentation from the Planetarium Board on November 19th. At November's meeting, the Planetarium Board requested an additional \$50,000 for a capital purchase of the new digital system. The Council delayed action until tonight. They stated it was a bad economic time for this funding. Council asked if the Planetarium had researched other sources of funding. Scott Kucera, Executive Director, stated they had begun a pledge drive by sending letters across the nation and have been working with State Senator R.C. Soles for funding legislation and would pursue funding from the school systems and other municipalities.

After much discussion, Motion by Watts to release the \$15,000 budgeted for Planetarium capital needs in this year's budget with the intention to consider the additional \$35,000 in the 09-10 budget based on the Planetarium's success implementing its fund-raising plan. Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consideration of 2009 Retreat Agenda

Parker went over the various topics to be discussed at the upcoming retreat and asked Council members to be thinking about topics that they felt were of importance. He was looking for basic approval for the agenda. There was discussion of the existing water access at the end of Park Rd. Parker said Wildlife didn't consider these areas feasible sites because of dredging.

On recycling, Parker stated he could get the survey results from the county to give them an idea of how people felt about it. After more minor discussion, Council moved on to next topic.

c. Streetscape Committee

This Committee would be working for a while on the bridge entrance and causeway ending on the island. It would be some time before it came to fruition. Committee members that volunteered and were selected are Lynn Strandquist, Carole Scott, Sue Weddle, Adrienne Watts, Dave Nelson, Barbara Mitchell and Doug Hill.

Watts suggested the Board have a written purpose and proposed: "Committee members will be asked to work with appropriate Town Staff and a selected landscape architect to develop a proposal for upgrading the look of our island's gateway within existing zoning regulations. The initial area to be considered is on Sunset Blvd South from the bridge to Main Street. Once a landscape plan has been presented, approved and funded by the Town council, it is expected that town personel will manage the implementation of the project after the installation of any lines related to the planned sewer project."

Motion by Watts to adopt the above mission statement, Seconded by Steiner. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steiner to accept applicants named as a start up committee. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried.

d. Resolution Authorizing Disposition of Surplus Property

Motion by Bobinski to donate bikes to Brunswick Family Assistance, Seconded by Steiner. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of Draft Amendment 151.149 Fence Heights Supplementary District Requirements

Motion by DeVita to adopt #151.149 Fence Regulations, Seconded by Watts. Motion carried.

Steiner commented that there were no height limits on finials. After discussion about finials not counting Council decided to place a limit on their height.

DeVita **amended** Motion adopting Fence Requirements but restricting finials to no more than 12".

Seconded by Steiner . Motion carried unanimously.

b. Application for Special Sign District #151.114

Motion by DeVita to accept the recommendation from the Building Inspector and adopt the Special Sign District and the confirmation that the items in “D” have been met. Seconded by Bobinski.

In Favor -DeVita, Steiner, Bobinski, Sherrill

Opposed- Watts

Motion Carried.

**c. Consideration of Amendment to Chapter #151.077 Table 1
Off Street Parking Requirements**

Motion by Steiner to adopt Off Street Parking Requirements with the exception that “Congregate Care facilities” be changed to 2 spaces. Seconded by Bobinski.

In Favor –Steiner, Bobinski

Against –Watts, DeVita, Sherrill.

Motion failed.

Motion by Watts to accept amendment as proposed to #151.077, Seconded by DeVita.

In Favor -Watts, DeVita, Bobinski

Opposed-Steiner and Sherrill.

Amendment will come back to Council in January for a second reading because it must pass with 2/3 majority.

d. Special Event Policy

Motion by Watts to accept the Policy draft. Seconded by DeVita.

Watts withdrew motion.

Motion by Watts to accept the Special Events Policy with the deletion of non-profit organizations. Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Cerrato, Twisted Oak Lane-asked why tax funds were being used for private ventures..why were we helping keep up Twin Lakes when the conservation group takes care of it also? He also suggested that our New Years’ Resolution be more women on committees and the hiring of black employees.

Jim Thomas, N. Shore Dr. complained that he lived on a half mile dirt road and wondered why the town didn’t pave it. He thanked Councilman Watts for the explanation he had given him earlier and proposed we lift the current moratorium on paving due to sewer coming in. Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney explained to MR. Thomas that we couldn’t do paving anyway because the road in question was the subject of a civil lawsuit. The width of the road was in question.

11. ADJOURN

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

Adopted this 5th day of January 2009.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Mayor Ron Klein

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

