

**Town of Sunset Beach
Council Community Meeting
June 23, 2015
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Ron Watts, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilman Wilson Sherrill, Councilman Terry Johnson and Councilman Mike Williams

Members absent: Councilwoman Carol Scott

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Bonnie Schwerd, Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Chris Miranda, Acting Deputy Fire Chief; Lisa Joyner, Police Chief; Rawls Howard, Planning Director, and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watts requested Susan Parker and Staff to give a brief departmental update including Town projects.

Police Department – Chief Joyner advised that 4th of July flyers have been distributed to area businesses and informational banners are being installed at the roundabout for on-going traffic and at North Shore Drive for out-bound traffic. Joyner advised that extra patrols have been added for the night of the 4th. Concerning the 4 vacancies in the department, Joyner advised that 2 officers have been hired and the remaining 2 positions will be filled after July 1st.

Fire Department – Acting Deputy Chief Miranda advised that the fire department and beach patrol personnel are preparing for the July 4th weekend and hurricane season. Miranda advised that Beach Patrol is being staffed by seasonal employees, existing part-time firefighters and three (3) existing full-time supervisors. The new Utility ATV will be purchased and placed in service after July 1st. All Beach Patrol staff is medically trained.

Public Works Department – Dustin Graham, Public Works Director, advised that the Street Paving project RFP will be advertised soon for the fall paving project. The streets to be paved are: Baroney Place, Camelia Lane, Crooked Gulley (from Baroney Place South to Clubhouse Road), Fairway Drive East, Fairway Drive West, Jasmine Lane, Kings Court, Live Oak Drive (Pineview to Park Drive) and Wisteria. Graham advised that the dredging RFQ for surveying and engineering will be advertised soon also. Graham advised that the roundabout replacement plantings (provided by NCDOT) will be installed today. Graham advised that a grant application has been submitted to upgrade the 1st Street Walkway to ADA compliance and to extend the length of the walkway. The Town has the needed mobi-mats in stock. Graham advised that the Town and Brunswick County will be spraying for mosquitos over the next two weeks.

Finance Department – Bonnie Schwerd, Finance Director, advised that the department is working towards year-end, preparing for the new budget year and gathering the audit documents. Schwerd advised that the debris removal RFP will be advertised soon.

Planning and Inspections Department – Rawls Howard advised that the Staff is working with CRS to ensure that a reduction in the Town’s ISO rating is achieved which will positively affect the area’s flood insurance rates. The Staff is working with the regional representatives to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the CAMA Land Use Plan. The new FEMA flood maps will be released in the fall. Howard advised that the Planning Board is working on UDO Amendments for Article 3 Administrative/Legislative Authority, Article 4 Legislative/Quasi-Judicial Procedures and Article 9 Performance Standards concerning lighting.

Town Administrator – Susan Parker, Town Administrator advised that the RFQ for the Storm Water System repair and maintenance plan will be advertised soon. This plan will outline what our issues are, what type of repairs and/or maintenance is needed and the ongoing funding requirement to be budgeted for the Storm Water System. Parker advised that the roundabout to Station Trail sidewalk design will begin soon with installation scheduled for the fall. Parker advised that a preliminary meeting has been held with NC DOT concerning the widening of Main Street.

Mayor Watts called for public comments and the following topics were heard:

- Support for the Town Park, Veteran’s Memorial, Streetscape, Roundabout landscaping, oceanfront swimming pools and Staff performance
- Questions concerning Jaguar’s Lair expected litigation cost, why Town has an ETJ area, why Town waited to call the bonds
- Opposition to the tax increase, salary increases and Council decisions

Adjournment

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 23, 2015 COMMUNITY MEETING. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ron Watts, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

*The June 23, 2015 Community Meeting Minutes were approved by Council during the August 3, 2015 Meeting.