

MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2006

The Aberdeen Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for their regular Board meeting. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth Mofield and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon, Arthur Parker, Robbie Farrell and Walter Wright. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Planning Director Giles Hopkins, Finance Officer Beth Wentland, Deputy Clerk Regina Rosy, and Deputy Planner Ben Warren. Planning Board members present were Elease Goodwin and Maurice Holland.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mofield called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She stated there were four Public Hearings to be held.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. CDBG Infrastructure for Sewer in the Midway Community.

Mayor Mofield opened the first Public Hearing on CDBG Infrastructure for Sewer in the Midway Community for public comments and Board discussion.

Bill Lester with Hobbs Upchurch stated twenty-nine homes could be serviced by this grant if it is approved. Once the project is certified, sewer lines would be run from the road to the property owner's home at no cost to the owner.

Maurice Holland stated that there are several problems currently facing the residents in the Midway Community regarding septic tanks. Maurice Holland encouraged the Board to submit this application because it would benefit the Midway Community greatly.

Brenda Simmons, Midway Community property owner, stated that several of the residents in the Midway Community have the same concerns as Maurice Holland. She stated Maurice Holland speaks for all of them.

Mayor Mofield thanked Manager Zell, the staff and Bill Lester for their persistence with this grant. She stated this grant could benefit the Midway Community greatly.

With no further public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on the CDBG Infrastructure for Sewer in the Midway Community closed.

b. Proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget.

Mayor Mofield then opened the second Public Hearing on the proposed FY2006-2007 Budget for public comments and Board discussion.

Manager Zell read the FY 2006-2007 Budget Message to the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, staff and citizens of Aberdeen who were in attendance. He stated the tax rate will be increased two cents above the current \$0.43 per \$100 of property valuation to \$0.45. Manager Zell stated the total General Fund budget will be at \$4,776,340 and the Water and Sewer budget at \$1,676,925.

With no public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget closed.

c. Zoning Code Text Amendment ZA#06-02 regarding SECTION 155.049 I-H Industrial District (Heavy).

Mayor Mofield then opened the Public Hearing on Zoning Code Text Amendment ZA#06-02 for public comments and Board discussion.

Mayor Mofield asked Planning Director Giles Hopkins if the Board of Adjustment could handle this request without the Town Board having to make a change to the Zoning Code. Planning Director Hopkins stated he does not know of any other alternative way to handle this request without making a change to the Zoning Code.

Chris Gilder, owner of property at 312 S. Pine Street, wanted to know what would be the next step that he should take on this issue. Mayor Mofield stated this item would go to the Planning Board on June 15, 2006 and the Board would vote on it on August 14, 2006.

With no further public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on ZA#06-02 closed.

d. Ordinance GP#06-01 concerning an annexation agreement between Aberdeen and Pinebluff.

Mayor Mofield then opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance GP#06-01 concerning an annexation agreement between Aberdeen and Pinebluff for public comments and Board discussion.

Planning Director Hopkins stated this will be a ten-year agreement between Aberdeen and Pinebluff which will allow Aberdeen to annex anything on their side of the line and Pinebluff to annex anything on their side of the line. Manager Zell stated this ordinance was necessary to do the satellite annexation of The Legacy Lakes Subdivision. Mayor Mofield stated this annexation agreement would enhance planning opportunities.

With no further public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on GP#06-01 closed.

3. Setting of the Agenda

Manager Bill Zell stated the following item needed to be added under New Business, 7-h: Accepting New Water Line into Town System.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the Setting of the Agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request by a member of the Board of Commissioners.

- a. Minutes of May 8th Board Meeting; May 11th Closed Session; May 11th Budget Work Session; May 26th Continuation of Budget Work Session; June 1st Regular Work Session.
- b. Water Purchase Contract with County of Moore.
- c. North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution.
- d. Resolution Accepting and Endorsing the Solid Waste Management Plan of 2006 for Moore County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Financial Report

Finance Officer Beth Wentland presented the financial reports for the end of May. She stated the General Fund through May has a net gain of \$189,117.49 for this fiscal year and the Water and Sewer Fund has a net gain of \$68,067.06 for this fiscal year.

Manager Zell pointed out to the Board what a great job Moore County is doing at collecting taxes for Aberdeen. Mayor Mofield requested a letter be sent to the County to thank them for such good collection on Aberdeen's taxes.

Finance Officer Beth Wentland stated budget amendments would need to be approved at the meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 5:00pm.

6. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

Manager Zell stated that he, Commissioner McMurray, and Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs, attended the Annual Town Hall Day held in Raleigh on June 14, 2006.

Police Officer Jacob Cavanaugh wanted to thank the Board for allowing him to work for the Town. Due to a job opportunity with Fort Bragg, Officer Cavanaugh will be resigning from the Aberdeen Police Department on June 24, 2006.

Mayor Mofield read a letter from the League of Women Voters thanking the Board and Manager Zell for participating in their Civics 101 Program.

Mayor Mofield requested Manager Zell to consult with Police Chief Mike Connor and find out what the response time is for police calls in the Midway Community. Aberdeen resident Maurice Holland had some concerns about how long it takes an officer to reach their community and if it was the jurisdiction for Aberdeen police officers or the sheriff's office.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

a. Consideration of adoption of Resolution to Submit a Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Application for Town of Aberdeen, North Carolina.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve adoption of Resolution to Submit a Community Block Grant Infrastructure Application for Town of Aberdeen, North Carolina. Motion unanimously carried.

b. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance GP#06-01 concerning an annexation agreement between Aberdeen and Pinebluff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve adoption of Ordinance GP#06-01 concerning an annexation agreement between Aberdeen and Pinebluff. Motion unanimously carried.

c. Consideration of approval of Application for Site Plan Review SP#06-01, Phase II, reconfiguration of the area between Food Lion and the proposed Mexican Restaurant to include ten (10) parking spaces and a dumpster enclosure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve Application for Site Plan Review SP#06-01, Phase II, reconfiguration of the area between Food Lion and the proposed Mexican Restaurant to include ten (10) parking spaces and a dumpster enclosure. Motion unanimously carried.

d. Consideration of approval of Application for Site Plan Review SP#06-03 for a proposed road designed to provide access to Starbucks Coffee and the proposed Hampton Inn & Suites.

Mayor Mofield asked if sidewalks were included on the sides of the roads along with proper landscaping. Planning Director Hopkins stated that sidewalks are included on the sides of the roads and all landscaping requirements have been met.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Shannon to approve Application for Site Plan Review SP#06-03 for a proposed road designed to provide access to Starbucks Coffee and the proposed Hampton Inn & Suites. Motion unanimously carried.

- e. Consideration of approval of Application for Site Plan Review SP#06-04 for the proposed Hampton Inn & Suites to be located directly behind the Aberdeen Commons Shopping Center.**

Mayor Mofield asked Planning Director Hopkins if all requirements have been met. Planning Director Hopkins stated all requirements have been met.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, to approve Application for Site Plan Review SP#06-04 for the proposed Hampton Inn & Suites to be located directly behind the Aberdeen Commons Shopping Center. Motion unanimously carried.

- f. Consideration to adopt a Resolution of Intent for the closing of Page Street.**

Manager Zell stated this is the first step in closing this street. After the resolution is approved, the Town would need to advertise in the local newspaper for four weeks. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 14th, 2006.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to adopt a Resolution of Intent for the closing of Page Street. Motion unanimously carried.

- g. Adoption of North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution of federal funding for an additional Police Officer.**

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve Adoption of North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution of federal funding for an additional Police Officer. Motion unanimously carried.

h. Accepting New Water Line into Town System.

Manager Zell stated Larry Johnson put in a water main on Longleaf Road and wants to turn this over to the Town of Aberdeen.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve accepting this new water line into the Town System subject to the normal one year maintenance repairs required of the developer. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Other Business

Manager Zell informed the Board he had received a brochure about the Small Town Main Street Project. Two cities in North Carolina will be selected; however, no money is awarded. Commissioner McMurray requested Manager Zell to find out if Aberdeen is still recognized as a Small Town Main Street Project. Planning Board Member Eleese Goodwin stated there were over 80 volunteers in this program when Aberdeen was involved in it previously. Mayor Mofield suggested that the Board approve the resolution and move forward pending qualifications.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Small Town Main Street Project Resolution pending if we are a current member and if we qualify. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Adjourn

With no further items or discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, to continue the meeting to Monday, June 19, 2005 at 5:00pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina Rosy, Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor