

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

The Aberdeen Board of Commissioners met Monday, September 11, 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 Deputy Planning Director Ben Warren, Town Clerk Nancy Matthews, Assistant Fire Chief Phillip Richardson and Matthew Moriarity, Reporter for the Pilot Newspaper. Also in attendance was Mr. Gary Pennington, representing Verizon Wireless. There were several citizens also in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mofield called the meeting to order. She stated there were three Public Hearings to be held.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing on Resolution Authorizing Lease Payment/Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

Mayor Mofield opened the Public Hearing on Resolution Authorizing Lease Payment with Verizon Wireless for public comments and Board discussion.

Manager Zell stated when the Town leases or rents space for over ten years, then the Board has to adopt a Resolution as required by N. C. General Statutes. He stated once the Resolution is adopted, then the actual contract agreement can be approved. He stated the antenna will be placed on the Water Tank #3 located on Dawkins Street.

With no further public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on Resolution Authorizing Lease Payment with Verizon Wireless closed.

b. Public Hearing on water and sewer rate increase.

Mayor Mofield then opened the Public Hearing on water and sewer rate increase for public comments and Board discussion.

Manager Zell stated that the Town is still looking for four more well sites. He stated the cost of running w/s operation is steadily rising. He stated the Town has future obligations with Moore County Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated additional revenues are needed for upgrading water/sewer infrastructure. He also stated the County raised their utility rates this year by 6%. He stated the Town sells water to the County and right now, the Town is absorbing these cost. Also, the cost of land is getting more expensive. He requested that the Board consider raising the rates by 15% to be effective in the January 1st billing cycle.

With no further Board discussion or public comments, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on water and sewer rate increase closed.

c. Public Hearing on contract for the provision of Grant Administration Services for CDBG Housing Development Grant for the Keyser Street Homes.

Mayor Mofield then opened the Public Hearing on contract for the provision of Grant Administration Services for CDBG Housing Development Grant for the Keyser Street Homes for public comments and Board discussion.

Manager Zell stated this is just part of the process and the public being notified that All American Associates will be administering the grant. He stated water/sewer will be placed in the Berkley area and that Habitat will build seven to ten houses in this area.

With no further Board discussion or public comments, Mayor Mofield declared the Public Hearing on contract for the provision of Grant Administration Services for CDBG Housing Development Grant for the Keyser Street Homes closed.

2. Setting of the Agenda

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

3. 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 Regular Board meeting of August 14, 2006; Work Session of September 5, 2006.

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

4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

- a. **Proclamation for September 23rd Litter Sweep.**

Mayor Mofield read the Proclamation to the public. She then stated that the Parks & Recreation Department is doing all the coordinating for this cleanup.

- b. **Reschedule September 28th Work Session to Tuesday, October 3rd.**

Manager Zell wanted to make the public aware that the date of this Work Session has been changed.

- c. **Notice Pertaining to Drinking Water Standards.**

Manager Zell informed the Board and public of a letter received from the State pertaining to the latest readings taken from Well #12 of the radium level found in the water. He stated water from Well #12 does not automatically go directly to customers. He stated it is mixed

with water from Well #13, Well #17 and Well #18. He stated this letter would be sent to the water customers as required by the State.

- d. Mayor Mofield commended the Lions Club for placing the flags out on this day in memory to those who lost their lives in the 911 bombing. She encouraged citizens and businesses, especially those on Highway #1, to purchase a flag to be flown on designated holidays. She wanted it to go into the minutes of the wonderful project that the Lions do in placing these flags out on holidays.
- e. Manager Zell briefly commented on the CAPS Program. He stated he currently has four citizens who have signed up and would like to have twelve to fifteen, if possible. He stated this program will begin October 10th and run for six weeks.

5. Old Business

Manager Zell stated he had discussed with Rickie Monroe concerning the repairs needed to the Depot. After reviewing the list of needed repairs, the Board sugges-ed replacing the windows, do the insulation now and wait until next year and apply for grant enhancement money.

6. New Business

- a. **Consideration of adoption of Zoning Code Text Amendment ZA#06-03 pertaining to a Flood Plain Ordinance.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to adopt the Zoning Code Text Amendment ZA#06-03 pertaining to a Flood Plain Ordinance for the Town of Aberdeen. Motion unanimously carried.

- b. **Consideration of approval of Resolution Authorizing Lease Payment/Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.**

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve Resolution Authorizing Lease Payment/Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. Motion unanimously carried.

c. Consideration of approval of Water Tank Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve the Water Tank Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless. Motion unanimously carried.

d. Consideration of approval of Contract for the Provision of Grant Administration Services for CDBG Housing Development Grant for the Keyser Street Homes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Contract for the Provision of Grant Administration Services for CDBG Housing Development Grant for the Keyser Street Homes. Motion unanimously carried.

e. Consideration of approval of Southern Pines Sewer Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the Southern Pines Sewer Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Other Business

Manager Zell stated he had one more item that needed to be discussed. He stated that during the budget process, he informed the Board that the Deputy Fire Chief was applying for a grant through FEMA for six additional firefighters. He stated Homeland Security would pay 90% first year, 80% the second year, 50% the third year and then 30% the fourth year for salaries and benefits. He stated this would bring the department up to 100% of NFPA responder's requirements. He stated the first year would cost the Town \$21,752.00. He stated this would bring the Fire Departments staff to fourteen full-paid firefighters.

Manager Zell stated it was getting harder to recruit volunteers and this was an excellent and a tremendous opportunity for the Town to get six additional firefighters for ½ the cost for over a period of five to six years.

Assistant Fire Chief, Phillip Richardson, informed the Board that he would have to give the grant administration office an answer in the morning.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to accept the Homeland Security Grant to help finance six additional firefighters for the Town of Aberdeen. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Nancy M. Matthews, Town Clerk

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor