

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Aberdeen Town Board

September 13, 2010
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor Pro-tem Robbie Farrell and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Jim Thomas, Alan Parker, and Walter Wright. Staff members in attendance were Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs, Planning Director Kathy Liles, Planner Pam Graham, Town Manager Bill Zell, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Others in attendance included Beverly Bizzle, Robert Whittman, Stephen Blecharzyk, Dr. Sharon Harrell, Elease Goodwin, and Reporter for the Pilot Tom Embrey.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mofield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearings

- a. Voluntary Annexation #45-110 submitted by Ron Jackson with Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road.

Mayor Mofield opened the public hearing on Voluntary Annexation #45-110 submitted by Ron Jackson with Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road.

Planning Director Liles stated the property is located at 618 Longleaf Road, and the LRK Number is 49332. Planning Director Liles displayed a map for the Board and public to see where the property is located. Police, fire and public works supported closing this doughnut hole.

With no discussion from the public or Board, Mayor Mofield closed the public hearing on Voluntary Annexation #45-110 submitted by Ron Jackson with Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road.

- b. Application RZ#10-02 to rezone twenty-one (21) contiguous properties within the Midway Community from R-20 Residential District to R-10 Residential District.

Mayor Mofield stated the public hearing for Application RZ#10-02 to rezone twenty-one (21) contiguous properties within the Midway Community from R-20 Residential District to R-10 Residential District is rescheduled on October 11, 2010.

2. Setting of the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, 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 on August 9, 2010, Special Called Meeting on August 31, 2010, Work Session on September 2, 2010, and Closed Session on September 2, 2010.

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

4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

- a. Presentation of Certificate to Aberdeen Town Board for Fluoridating Water in Aberdeen for 50 years.

Mayor Mofield stated Dr. Sharon Harrell, Stephen Blecharzyk, Beverly Bizzle, and Robert Whittman are here to present a certificate to the Aberdeen Town Board.

Chairman of the Moore County Board of Health, Stephen Blecharzyk, stated it is his privilege to present a certificate to Aberdeen for 51 years of fluoridating Aberdeen's water.

Mr. Blecharzyk stated Aberdeen is the second Town in Moore County to achieve this recognition for fluoridating water for 50 years. Mr. Blecharzyk stated studies have proven that fluoridating water benefits the population, both young and old.

Mr. Blecharzyk presented a certificate to Mayor Mofield for this achievement. Mayor Mofield thanked Mr. Blecharzyk for the certificate and stated according to her knowledge there are no children in Aberdeen that have cavities.

- b. Mayor Mofield stated she has some information from Communities in Schools she would like to share. She stated Communities in Schools is asking for volunteer mentors to help with the students at Aberdeen Primary and Aberdeen Elementary Schools. Mayor Mofield asked for everyone's consideration in being

a mentor for these students. Mayor Mofield requested that this item be added in the Bon Accord for the next edition.

- c. Manager Zell stated the Citizen's Academy Program will begin tomorrow night with 14 participants signed up.

5. Financial Report

Manager Zell stated because the audit is this week, Finance Officer Beth Wentland was very busy and did not have time to do the report for this month. Manager Zell stated it might be better to wait until next month anyway when the financials look better.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

- a. Annexation Ordinance #45-110 to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Aberdeen, North Carolina submitted by Ron Jackson with Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road.

Planning Director Liles stated this is Ron's second annexation this year. A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve Annexation Ordinance #45-110 to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Aberdeen, North Carolina submitted by Ron Jackson with Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road. Motion unanimously carried.

- b. 2010 Fall Litter Sweep Proclamation.

Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs stated this is the annual fall litter sweep that Aberdeen Parks & Recreation sponsors every year. Aberdeen Parks and Recreation partners with some classes at Pinecrest High School, local boy scouts and girl scouts, and youth church groups to help clean up downtown Aberdeen, Poplar Street, Aberdeen Lake Park, etc. This year the Aberdeen Business Guild is interested in cleaning up the downtown area. Parks & Recreation Director Baggs stated this year the other groups can focus on Poplar Street and Aberdeen Lake Park.

Mayor Mofield proclaimed Saturday, September 25, 2010 as Litter Sweep Day in Aberdeen and encouraged all citizens to take an active role in making Aberdeen a cleaner community.

- c. An Ordinance To Adopt Rules Governing the Sale and Exchange of Town Owned Personal Property.

Manager Zell stated this ordinance changes the current process for items under \$30,000. This will allow the Town Manager to declare items surplus that are under \$7,500 without needing Board approval. Manager Zell stated this ordinance will also simplify the process for the Police Department to exchange items. Manager Zell stated items between \$7,500 and \$30,000 would still go before the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Ordinance to Adopt Rules Governing the Sale and Exchange of Town Owned Personal Property. Motion unanimously carried.

- d. Resolution Adopting a Code of Ethics for the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Aberdeen.

Manager Zell stated this item came about because of the General Assembly. Manager Zell stated the Board has until January 1, 2011 to adopt this policy. Commissioner Parker made a motion to table this item and bring it back to the next work session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Farrell. Commissioner Thomas asked why it needs to be tabled. Manager Zell stated there is no rush to approve this item and it might be helpful to make sure each Board member understands what they are approving prior to approval. Motion unanimously carried to table the Resolution Adopting a Code of Ethics.

- e. Personnel Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the updated Town of Aberdeen Personnel Policy. Commissioner McMurray stated there is a lot of information in the Personnel Policy and she believes the updates that have been made are good updates. Motion unanimously carried.

- f. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement.

Manager Zell stated there will be one contract to be signed by all participating municipalities. Manager Zell stated it is the same contract as last year. Manager Zell stated an additional \$3,000 has been budgeted for this year's collection event.

Manager Zell stated chemicals would have to be labeled and identified in order to be dropped off for this event. Mayor Mofield stated she hoped there would be representation from Aberdeen at the collection event. Commissioner Wright asked how much Aberdeen paid last year for this collection event. Manager Zell stated \$5,069 was paid last year by Aberdeen, but the total amount from all municipalities for the whole event was about \$33,000. Manager Zell stated the collection date will be November 13th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

- g. Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the Sale of Certain Property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the Sale of Certain Property. Motion unanimously carried.

- h. Contribution to Aberdeen Lion's Club.

Manager Zell stated he got a call from Frank McNeill, Jr. who represents the Lion's Club. The Lion's Club forgot to invoice the Town last year. Commissioner Wright requested the Board consider working with the Lion's Club to have the flags set up on US 1 all year long, rather than just holidays.

Mayor Mofield stated the real issue is if the Town is willing to increase the allotment for the Lion's Club this fiscal year since the Lion's Club failed to request their \$2,000 contribution from the Town the past fiscal year. A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to increase the current fiscal year's contribution by \$1,000 to the Aberdeen's Lion Club. Commissioner Parker suggested perhaps the Lion's Club should get \$3,000 instead of only \$2,000 to make up for what they lost this past fiscal year. Commissioner McMurray stated the problem is the past fiscal year is already over and their delay is unfortunately going to cost the Lion's Club some money. Motion unanimously carried.

- i. Memo from T.C. Morphis.

Manager Zell explained the memo to the Board from Attorney T.C. Morphis. Manager Zell stated Attorney Morphis would like the Board to acknowledge acceptance of the direction the Town is headed with these two properties. Zell asked for a vote from the Board about the White Property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to accept the findings of Attorney Morphis in the memo dated September 13, 2010. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Town of Aberdeen Brand Options.

Planning Director Liles explained to the Board where the process is at with the Town Brand. She stated "Aberdeen" was preferred over the letter "A", but with a different font. Planning Director Liles stated another decision that

needs to be made is whether the background will be green or blue. Planning Director Liles stated one option is with a train, and one is without. One of the options is with the railroad tracks, and one is with the cross bars.

Four designs from Nocik Designs were displayed with additional tag lines. The additional tag lines included Shop the Crossroads, Next Stop Aberdeen, Small Town Prime Retail, Destination Aberdeen, in addition to past tag lines discussed.

Planning Director Liles asked for feedback from the Board on how they would like to proceed. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell stated he is a modest railroad historian – and the engine on two of the shields is not an American locomotive, but rather they are English locomotives. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell stated these engines would have nothing to do with Aberdeen or the United States of America and he would prefer they be American locomotives.

The Board agreed to go ahead and post these designs for the public's opinions once the changes are made.

b. Thank You Notes

Mayor Mofield read a note card received from Tommy on South Street, and he was thanking the Board for the book for his son. Manager Zell stated the thank you note is for the books the Town of Aberdeen sends to Aberdeen Primary School about lessons of life.

Mayor Mofield read a thank you letter from the family of Georgie Thomas for the donation to Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church in her memory.

c. Commissioner Wright asked for an update on the radios with Moore County. Manager Zell stated he had no new information, but would contact Tim Lea tomorrow.

9. Adjournment

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Farrell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on September 14, 2010

Minutes were approved
on October 11, 2010