

Minutes
Work Session
Aberdeen Town Board

September 2, 2010
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 5:39 p.m. for their regular Work Session. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor Pro-tem Robbie Farrell, and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Jim Thomas, and Walter Wright. Commissioner Alan Parker was not in attendance for the meeting. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Regina Rosy, Planning Director Kathy Liles, Planner Pam Graham, Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Others in attendance were Reporter for the Pilot Tom Embrey and Jerry Vaughn.

Mayor Mofield called the Work Session to order.

1. 2010 Fall Litter Sweep Proclamation.

Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs stated she would like to request the Town Board proclaim September 18 – October 2, 2010 as Litter Sweep time by approving the 2010 Fall Litter Sweep Proclamation either tonight at the Work Session or on September 13, 2010 for New Business. Agenda Item as New Business.

2. Voluntary Annexation #45-110 submitted by Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road.

- a. Accept Petition for Voluntary Annexation #45-110 submitted by Quality Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road.
- b. Accept Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency.
- c. Consideration of approval of Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31.

Planning Director Liles stated this property fills in one of those doughnut holes identified in the Resolution of Consideration and is already located within the Aberdeen's Fire District. Planning Director Liles stated these three items need consideration for approval tonight. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell asked who is responsible for doing the tax record searches for annexations. Planning Director Liles stated the Planning Department completes tax record searches and then sends the information to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to accept the petition for voluntary annexation #45-110 submitted by Quality

Built Homes for property located at 618 Longleaf Road, Accept the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency, and approve the Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing on Question of Annexation Pursuant to G.S. 160A-31. Motion unanimously carried. Agenda Item as Public Hearing and New Business.

3. 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.

Planning Director Liles stated this application for rezoning was discussed during the last work session. Commissioner McMurray clarified the property was parallel to the railroad tracks. Planning Director Liles confirmed the property is parallel to the railroad tracks. Agenda Item as Public Hearing.

4. Update on NC DOT Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Planning Director Liles stated Moore County and NC DOT called for a committee to do this plan. Planning Director Liles stated about a week ago a meeting was held to jumpstart the plan and the process. The goal is to determine long-term needs. Planning Director Liles stated there are four outstanding issues for southern Moore County, and before moving forward, the committee felt there needed to be some resolution for these four items.

Those four outstanding issues are a Highway 1 Bypass, the western connector, Area A planning area (West End, Seven Lakes area), and Highway 24/27 bypass around Carthage. Planning Director Liles stated Andrew Garner with Moore County had said the four previously appointed committees would be reconsolidated to just 3 committees, which will put Aberdeen representatives on two of these sub-committees.

Mayor Mofield questioned the Highway 1 Bypass, and stated she did not realize that issue was still on the table. Commissioner McMurray explained what the barriers are to doing the Highway 1 Bypass. Mayor Mofield stated she would not be in favor of a Highway 1 Bypass, because of the commercial businesses in Aberdeen on Highway 1. Commissioner Wright stated those living 15 years from now will wish there was a Highway 1 Bypass in Aberdeen. Planning Director Liles stated the traffic is very congested on Highway 1 with 32,000 vehicle trips per day. Mayor Mofield suggested making Highway 1 a divided highway which might help with some of the congestion.

Planning Director Liles stated representatives will be needed to serve on these different committees, and those representatives could be Town employees, Board members, and/or citizens. Commissioner McMurray suggested having some citizens with transportation background participate in this planning discussion.

Mayor Mofield suggested Commissioner McMurray serve on one of these committees because of her background with the Board and with this subject. Manager Zell stated a notice could be put on the website and TV station looking for volunteers to assist with this matter. Ray Sproles, a retired engineer with NC DOT, was suggested by Commissioner Wright. Jerry Vaughn suggested Joe Clendenin as a possible candidate.

5. Update on Bethune Street CDBG Project.

Manager Zell stated the project is doing well, and several rehabs are taking place and nearing completion. Manager Zell stated Ray Manieri with All American Associates has hit a wall physically and is not able to continue working on this project. Manager Zell stated he will meet with Ron Niland with All American Associates tomorrow to discuss how to move forward. The Town is looking at subcontracting the administrative work with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates.

Mayor Mofield asked Manager Zell to tell Ray Manieri thank you for his work on this project.

6. Water Task Force Draft Resolution on Water/Sewer Partnership.

Manager Zell stated this issue came out of the Moore Summit. Manager Zell stated this Water Task Force Draft Resolution is a resolution looking for support from municipalities to see if there is an interest in studying the water issue.

Mayor Mofield suggested Manager Zell mention the names John McCrummen and Art Parker to be included in this planning process.

Mayor Mofield asked why Aberdeen would support this study if Aberdeen is not interested in a regional water system. Commissioner Wright stated he did not have a problem with Aberdeen supporting this study. Mayor Mofield stated the only way this idea could really work is if no one municipality owned a water system, and it all fell under the County's operation. Commissioner Wright stated he would not want Aberdeen to be portrayed as a non-team player by not supporting this study. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell stated he doesn't want a finger pointed at Aberdeen because Aberdeen does not support this study. Mayor Mofield just warned the Board members that it would not be good for Aberdeen to lose control of its water system.

Manager Zell gave the example of the system that Kinston participates in with their County. Manager Zell stated it has been made clear that Aberdeen does not intend to give up its water system. Commissioner Wright asked what the potential cost could be to complete the study. Manager Zell stated at this time a cost is not known. Manager Zell stated he could get some additional information from Patrick Coughlin and bring the information back to the Board.

Mayor Mofield stated she is not opposed to sharing the water system – what she’s afraid of is losing control of the system. Manager Zell stated five other municipalities have already approved the support of this study including Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage, and Vass.

Commissioner Thomas suggested perhaps the votes on a Board could be based on the percentage of water they contribute to the system. Commissioner Thomas stated there is nothing wrong with the study – and by participating, it will allow Aberdeen some input.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve Aberdeen’s participation in a regional study for a Water and Sewer Partnership, pending cost and additional information. After some further discussion, motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Thomas stated he felt this was just a feasibility study, and nothing more. Manager Zell stated this resolution is not final, it is only a draft and Aberdeen could recommend changes.

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

Manager Zell stated anything less than \$30,000 has to always be brought to the Board for approval. Manager Zell stated this resolution would allow anything under \$7,500 to be declared surplus without Board approval. This will allow the Police Department to trade equipment more easily. Manager Zell stated this ordinance was written by Attorney Morphis.

Mayor Pro-tem Farrell asked what the current procedure is. Manager Zell stated everything has to come through the Board for approval. Manager Zell reiterated that if the Board approves this ordinance then anything under \$7,500 would not need Board approval any longer, but anything above \$7,500 would still come to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Wright stated he would still like for the Board to have knowledge of those items under \$7,500 in value that are being declared surplus. Agenda Item as New Business.

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

Manager Zell stated the Board is required to adopt a Code of Ethics prior to January 1, 2011 and this Code of Ethics was drafted by Attorney Morphis for the Board’s review. Agenda Item as New Business.

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

Manager Zell stated there will be a presentation of certificate to the Town Board from the Moore County Board of Health at the Board Meeting on September 13, 2010 for fluoridating water in Aberdeen for 50 years. Agenda Item as Informal Discussion.

10. Personnel Policy.

Agenda Item as New Business.

11. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement.

Manager Zell stated the date is scheduled for November 13th at Pinecrest High School for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. Manager Zell stated volunteers are welcome. Commissioner Thomas asked if unlabeled chemicals could be brought to this event. Commissioner Wright stated he wished there was a separate day for shredding paper. Manager Zell explained the setup of the event at Pinecrest High School and how the event would operate.

Manager Zell stated he will bring back the original contract for approval at the Board Meeting. Agenda Item as New Business.

12. Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids for the Sale of Certain Property.

Manager Zell stated this resolution is for an old truck from Public Works. Agenda Item as New Business.

13. Other Business.

- a. School of Government Webinar: The Arc of Economic Recovery.

Manager Zell stated this webinar is being hosted by the School of Government. The Board decided to not attend this event.

- b. Chamber of Commerce Community and Military Series Program.

Manager Zell stated the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Community and Military Series Program on Thursday, September 23rd at 11:45 a.m. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell, Commissioner McMurray and Commissioner Wright expressed interest in attending this program.

c. Citizen's Academy Program.

Manager Zell stated there are 11 participants signed up so far for the Citizen's Academy Program. Manager Zell stated the program will begin on Tuesday, September 14th and will run for 7 weeks.

d. iWorQ Program.

Manager Zell stated the iWorQ Program is citizen participation software. and October 1st will be the rollout date for Aberdeen. Manager Zell stated citizens will be able to go online and make requests or complaints. Manager Zell stated each Board member will have a username and password to be able to access this site and view the requests and complaints received from citizens.

Commissioner Thomas stated at the corner of Pee Dee and Bethesda there appears to be a sign that has been knocked down.

e. Letter to Tim Lea.

Manager Zell stated he would like to get approval to send out a letter to Tim Lea expressing concern regarding the proposed radio system. Manager Zell stated this Viper radio system will not communicate if you are inside of a building. Manager Zell stated this could be a real problem. Manager Zell stated Police Chief Mike Connor could not even radio to Fire Chief Phillip Richardson between their offices. Manager Zell stated he wants Aberdeen to have a seat at the table with this issue. The Board gave Manager Zell the okay to send the letter to Tim Lea.

f. Paving at Colonial Heights.

Manager Zell stated the cost to pave the parking lot at Colonial Heights would be \$36,235. The entry in (if named as a street) could be charged to Powell Bill money and would cost \$11,678. Manager Zell stated it would cost \$9,899 to put in parking spaces at the front of the field. Manager Zell stated these bids are from Riley Paving, which is also the contractor doing Poplar Street. Mayor Protem Farrell asked how much of this could be paid for with Powell Bill. Manager Zell stated only the one area for \$11,678 could be charged to Powell Bill money. Manager Zell stated the balance of \$46,000 would have to come from General Fund Balance. Manager Zell asked how the Board wants to proceed. Mayor Mofield asked if there was any problem with drainage or would there be a problem once paved. Manager Zell stated the drainage would be handled before doing the paving. Manager Zell stated parking spaces would be marked.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Farrell, to approve bids for the parking at Colonial Heights for \$36,235 plus \$9,899 coming from General Fund Balance and the remainder of \$11,678 being paid for by Powell Bill money. Motion unanimously carried.

g. Request from Lion's Club.

Mayor Mofield stated there was a request from the Lion's Club to receive \$2,000 of funding from the Town. Mayor Mofield stated apparently one year the Lion's Club failed to request their budget appropriation and didn't receive any funding from the Town. Mayor Mofield asked if the Town cut the Lion's Club funding this year. Manager Zell stated the Lion's Club contribution was cut in half during the budget process. Mayor Mofield asked if the Lion's Club could receive the full \$2,000 amount this year rather than only the \$1,000 that was budgeted. Mayor Mofield stated it costs a lot of money to replace the flags. Agenda Item as New Business.

h. Concern from Jerry Vaughn.

Jerry Vaughn stated he wanted to come to the Board about the excessive break-ins in his neighborhood. Mr. Vaughn stated he just heard that Scotland County made an arrest regarding the break-ins. Manager Zell clarified how the arrest transpired. Mr. Vaughn stated he was concerned because of the magnitude of this situation. Manager Zell stated Town staff staked out and kept an eye on this guy. Mr. Vaughn stated the Aberdeen Police Department has been very diligent with this matter, but he's just worried someone is going to get hurt.

Mr. Vaughn stated some of the Moore County Transportation drivers that are bringing people to the group home are coming down Devonshire at a high rate of speed.

Mr. Vaughn also expressed concern about Murray's construction crew. Mr. Vaughn stated Murray had previously told the Board he would put up a gate to protect nearby residents. Mr. Vaughn stated work began 6 months ago, and a gate has still not been put up yet. Mr. Vaughn stated Planning Director Liles sent a reminder to Murray. Manager Zell stated Ron Atkinson had put in ditches to run sewer lines, and he was under the impression people couldn't drive over the ditches. Mr. Vaughn stated the ditches are now filled in, and traffic is coming through. Manager Zell stated he will get with Murray tomorrow and have him put the gate up.

Mayor Mofield stated perhaps Police Chief Mike Connor could work on getting together active community watch groups in each neighborhood. Mayor Mofield suggested information be put in the newsletter about community watch programs.

- i. Concern from Mayor Pro-tem Farrell.

Mayor Pro-tem Farrell stated he was at the Town Hall today in the Water Department, and there were horror stories about customers with large bills for watering their grass, and these customers did not have water only meters. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell stated one resident's bill was for \$1,000. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell suggested getting more information out to the public such as the Bon Accord about water only meters, which will save citizens money.

- j. Concern from Commissioner McMurray.

Commissioner McMurray brought it to Manager Zell's attention about a white van selling cleaning products to local residents, which was a scam. Mayor Mofield suggested setting up an article for the Bon Accord incorporating all of this information.

14. Closed Session – Personnel

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Farrell, to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board returned from Closed Session with no action taken.

15. Adjournment.

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

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on September 9, 2010

Minutes were adopted
September 13, 2010