

Minutes
The Regular Meeting of the
Aberdeen Board of Commissioners

May 11, 2009
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Aberdeen Town Hall
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Board of Commissioners met Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for their regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Betsy Mofield and Commissioners Robbie Farrell, Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon, Walter Wright and Jim Thomas. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Public Works Director Rickie Monroe and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. John Manieri with All American Associates, Laura Eddy with the Pilot, Elease Goodwin, Owen & Charlotte Gallagher, and Joel Stancil were also in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mofield called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Budget Ordinance for the 2008 CDBG Community Revitalization Grant.

Mayor Mofield opened the Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance for the 2008 CDBG Community Revitalization Grant. Manager Zell stated this is just part of the process for the Bethune Street CDBG Grant. John Manieri with All American Associates stated he had a progress report for each Board member to show the timeline for this project. John Manieri stated the overall budget is \$850,000 supplied by the CDBG Grant and the Town will provide \$90,000 for the project which will mainly be for the sewer phase. Mayor Mofield questioned how we would spend the \$940,000. Manager Zell stated it will be straight out cash. John Manieri stated this is the last step of the budget process – and once the budget ordinance is approved the project can move forward.

With no additional public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield closed the public hearing for the Budget ordinance for the 2008 CDBG Community Revitalization Grant.

b. Curbside One-day per Week Garbage Pick-up.

Mayor Mofield opened the Public Hearing for Curbside One-Day per Week Garbage Pick-up. Manager Zell stated the purpose of this public hearing is to let citizens understand why the Town is looking at curbside one-day per week garbage pick-up. Manager Zell stated the Town had received a phone call from Aldena Frye, owner of Aldena's Floral Design, regarding her

opposition to curbside one-day per week garbage pick-up. Manager Zell stated a business is allowed pick-up of four 32-gallon containers twice per week and anything over that requires a dumpster. Public Works Director Rickie Monroe stated Aldena Frye has a bad spot for a dumpster. Public Works Director Rickie Monroe stated the Town would work with her in any way possible to accommodate her needs.

Mayor Mofield stated this endeavor is a cost savings measure for the Town of Aberdeen. Public Works Director Rickie Monroe stated currently 61.55 tons of garbage is picked up on Monday/Tuesday routes and 38.47 tons of garbage is picked up on Thursday/Friday routes. Public Works Director Rickie Monroe stated 38% less garbage is picked up on the Thursday/Friday routes than the Monday/Tuesday routes. He stated by going to curbside one-day per week garbage pick-up there would be a \$5000 per year fuel savings, less maintenance on vehicles, and longer period before truck replacement would be required. He also stated by having six men, two days per week, garbage pick-up for two days would be the equivalent of hiring 2.4 men without any additional cost to the Town. Public Works Director Rickie Monroe stated the extra manpower is greatly needed. He stated there would no longer be any reason for the Public Works Dept. to be in anyone's yard, unless there is a special pick-up arranged. He stated any citizen that is handicapped, disabled, or elderly and cannot place their garbage container at the curb, arrangements will be made for a special pick-up. Commissioner Wright stated he believes this concept will save the Town a considerable more amount of money than preliminary numbers are showing.

Mayor Mofield stated the two problems she sees are accommodating the business needs and garbage cans staying out at the curb rather than being pulled back to the house. Mayor Mofield stated she wanted the garbage cans stenciled that they must be pulled back to the yard within 24 hours after pick-up.

Joel Stancil asked if it was required to have these new containers. Joel Stancil thought it might be nice to have twice per week pick-up for businesses. He stated he would like to see more people recycling. He stated overall he was in favor of curbside one-day per week garbage pick-up.

Charlotte Gallagher wanted to know if the household garbage and recyclable materials are separated. Mrs. Gallagher stated she figures only 1/3 of the citizens are recycling.

Commissioner Farrell stated he was asked by a citizen why we don't recycle. Mayor Mofield stated she recycles everything she possibly can. Public Works Director Rickie Monroe stated the recyclables are being picked

up more frequently now, and he thinks it is because Southern Pines closed down their recycling center.

With no additional public comments or Board discussion, Mayor Mofield closed the public hearing for curbside one-day per week garbage pick-up.

2. Setting of the Agenda

Manager Zell stated Item #9 Closed Session needs to be removed from the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, to approve the agenda as amended. 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 April 13, 2009, Work Session on April 30, 2009, Closed Session on April 30, 2009, and Special Called Meeting on May 4, 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve the consent agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

Manager Zell reminded the Board there is a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. and there is also a Special Called Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to adopt the annexation ordinance.

5. Financial Report

Manager Zell stated at the end of April the General Fund was \$701,135.86 in the black. Manager Zell pointed out the revenues and stated 100.39% of the revenues have been received. For the Water/Sewer Fund, Manager Zell stated the balance is \$63,791 in the red even though revenues exceeded expenses during the month of April.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

- a. Approve Budget Ordinance for CDBG Grant.

Mayor Mofield questioned if the Town would still be obligated to spend \$90,000 even if bids came in lower than anticipated. John stated yes, it would just enable the Town to do more with the money but we would still have to pay \$90,000 no matter what.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve the Budget Ordinance for the CDBG Grant. Motion unanimously carried.

- b. Award the grant administrative contract and approve the contract.

Manager Zell stated a public hearing was held on this item at last month's meeting and this was just another stage in the process of the CDBG Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to award the grant administrative contract to All American Associates and approve the contract. Motion unanimously carried.

- c. Agreement for the Provision of Architectural Design Services for the Aberdeen Fire Dept.

Manager Zell stated this agreement will help develop a plan to expand the Aberdeen Fire Dept. to the growth of the Fire Dept. He stated the contract will not exceed \$4,000. Manager Zell stated this contract is with John Heckethorn out of Southern Pines. Manager Zell stated John Heckethorn will advise the Town on how to expand the Aberdeen Fire Dept. in the most efficient manner. Commissioner Shannon stated she does not feel comfortable voting on this issue since no bids have been received. Manager Zell stated this was an informal bid. Manager Zell stated there is no requirement for the Town to receive bids on this contract. Commissioner Farrell agreed with Commissioner Shannon since neither of them know of this firm. Mayor Mofield stated she finds it strange that nobody else was interested in this project with the state of the economy. The Board requested Manager Zell to obtain some references for John Heckethorn.

Item was tabled until more information is received.

- d. Resolution to Exempt the Fire Dept. Expansion Project from the RFQ Process.

Item was tabled until more information is received.

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

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

8. Other Business

None

9. Closed Session - Land Acquisition

Item removed from agenda.

10. Adjourn

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

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on May 12, 2009

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

Minutes were approved
on June 8, 2009