

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Aberdeen Town Board

March 12, 2012
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth B. Mofield and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Alan Parker, Jim Thomas, and Walter Wright. Mayor Pro-tem Robbie Farrell was not in attendance for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Senior Planner Pam Graham, Finance Officer Beth Wentland, Parks and Recreation Director Leigh Baggs, Recreation Program Coordinator Carrie Council, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Reporter for the Pilot Tom Embrey, Reporter for Aberdeen Times Billy Marts, and approximately 50 citizens were also in attendance for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mofield called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

a. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mofield asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Hearings

None

3. Setting of the Agenda

Town Clerk Regina Rosy stated the following items needed to be added to the agenda:

5c. 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation

9a. Surety for Bonnie Brook

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, 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 Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2012, Work Session on March 1, 2012, Closed Session on March 1, 2012, Special Called Meeting on March 6, 2012, and Special Called Meeting on March 8, 2012.

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

5. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

- a. Proclamation Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting.

Mayor Mofield recognized Daisy Troop #1944 which was in attendance for the meeting. Troop Leader Ashley Baker stated there are 12 scouts in her group. Mayor Mofield read the Proclamation Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting and proclaimed March 11-17, 2012 as Girl Scout Week in Aberdeen.

- b. Introduction of New Town Employees.

Parks & Recreation Director Baggs introduced Recreation Program Coordinator Carrie Council, and stated she is starting her third week with Aberdeen Parks & Recreation. Parks & Recreation Director Baggs stated Carrie Council will be responsible for youth programs, senior programs, and more. Parks & Recreation Director Baggs gave a brief history of Carrie's past experience in local government and different activities Carrie will be involved with at Aberdeen Parks & Recreation.

- c. 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation.

Mayor Mofield read the 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation. Commissioner McMurray asked when Aberdeen would observe Arbor Day. Parks & Recreation Director Baggs stated the ceremony will be held on Friday, March 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Aberdeen Lake Park.

6. Financial Report

Finance Officer Beth Wentland presented the financial report. Finance Officer Wentland stated the February numbers were as follows: reported revenue at \$472,840.87, reported expenses of \$481,899.52, and a total year-to-date gain of \$894,486.59.

Finance Officer Wentland stated for the Water & Sewer Fund the February numbers were as follows: reported revenue at \$355,165.41, reported expenses of \$220,981.82, and a total year-to-date gain of \$334,967.78.

Mayor Mofield pointed out the expenses were a little higher than normal for the month of February. Finance Officer Wentland stated that increase in expenses was due primarily to street resurfacing expenses for South Street and Peach Street.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

- a. Ordinance to Regulate Chickens Within the Town of Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Jurisdiction.

Senior Planner Graham stated the Planning Board unanimously recommends this item for approval. Commissioner Parker stated he would like to table this item until we can have the full Board, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Planning Director in attendance due to the wording under the nonconforming section of the ordinance. A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to table this item until the following Work Session. Motion unanimously carried.

- b. Resolution Regarding Plan Consistency for Zoning Code Text Amendment UDO #12-01 to Regulate the Keeping of Chickens.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to table this item until the following Work Session. Motion unanimously carried.

- c. Conditional Use Permit CU#12-01 submitted by Janet Kenworthy and Priscilla Johnson to allow an entertainment use known as The Rooster's Wife at 114 Knight Street in Poplar Knight Spot.

Senior Planner Graham stated the public hearing has been held, and the Planning Board unanimously recommends this item for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve Conditional Use Permit CU#12-01 submitted by Janet Kenworthy and Priscilla Johnson to allow an entertainment use known as The Rooster's Wife at 114 Knight Street in Poplar Knight Spot. Motion unanimously carried.

- d. An Ordinance to Amend the Aberdeen Code of Ordinances to Adopt the Gross Receipts Method of Privilege License Taxation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to table this item until the Work Session. Motion unanimously carried.

- e. Appointments for Appearance and Beautification Commission.

Senior Planner Graham stated there are some very dedicated volunteers currently serving on this commission, and everyone who currently serves wishes to continue to serve. Commissioner McMurray asked if all of these participants currently attend the meetings. Elease Goodwin stated all but one, and she believes

it was a timing conflict, which has been corrected. Mayor Mofield read the names of the members being considered for appointment to the Appearance and Beautification Commission:

Elise Goodwin – term expires March 1, 2015
Dene Moon – term expires March 1, 2015
Dale Streicker – term expires March 1, 2014
Wayne Clay – term expires March 1, 2013
Gail Clay – term expires March 1, 2013
Janet Peele – term expires March 1, 2014
Eldiweiss Locky – term expires March 1, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the appointments to the Appearance and Beautification Commission as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

f. Budget Amendments.

Finance Officer Wentland stated she has three budget amendments she would like to recommend for approval. The first is for the purchase of a new garbage truck, and the amount of \$126,791 needs to be appropriated for in the general fund. Finance Officer Wentland stated the second budget amendment is to appropriate \$40,000 in the budget for grant training expenses and reimbursement anticipated thru grant proceeds. Finance Officer Wentland stated the third amendment is to appropriate \$50,000 to cover the purchase of two new Ford pickup trucks for use in the water production department. There was some slight confusion since the Board received the incorrect amendment for the Ford trucks, and Finance Officer Wentland distributed a corrected budget amendment for the Board's review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the budget amendments as corrected. Motion unanimously carried.

9. Other Business

a. Surety for Bonnie Brook.

Mayor Mofield read the memo from Planning Director Kathy Liles. Mayor Mofield clarified that the developer has completed their work. Senior Planner Graham stated the bank needs a letter from Town staff, stating the Town Board has authorized the release of the Certificate of Deposit. A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the release of the surety for Bonnie Brook. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner McMurray invited everyone to the Fire Department's grand opening on March 25th. Mayor Mofield stated a peach tree needs to be placed somewhere on the Fire Department property since it is located on Peach Street.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
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Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

Minutes were approved
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