

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Aberdeen Town Board

March 20, 2012
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for a Special Called Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to budget presentations from the Police Department and Administration Department. 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 Police Chief Mike Connor, Town Manager Bill Zell, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy.

Mayor Mofield called the Special Called Meeting to order.

Manager Zell stated he needed to get approval from the Board for the Resolution for the Fire Department closing. A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Financing Contract in the Amount of \$1,144,900.00 with USDA to Finance the Construction of an Expansion to the Fire Department. Motion unanimously carried.

Police Chief Connor displayed photos from different events the Police Department participated in over the past year.

Police Chief Connor discussed the capital improvement plan and the FCC mandate that was hopefully going to be funded mostly by the County of Moore. Mayor Mofield asked for clarification on what the Town would have to pay. Police Chief Connor stated the Town will probably still have to pay for installation, but the other expenses would be paid by Moore County. Police Chief Connor stated \$6,100 is needed to replace the Police Department server, due to it crashing recently.

Police Chief Connor stated the goals for the Police Department for 2012-2013 are to:

- Update standard operating procedures
- Market police department (seek additional ways of being involved in the community)
- Update web page/ facebook friend

- Train officers in gang awareness, narcotics recognition, and drug diversion
- Migration to VIPER radio system (create a law enforcement frequency template, testing, installation and training). Coverage area and building penetration is still a big concern.

Police Chief Connor discussed the Police Department 2011 attributes, notable occurrences in 2011, training accomplishments in 2011, problems facing law enforcement in Aberdeen, and the communication needs for FCC compliance by January 1, 2013. Police Chief Connor also discussed the VIPER migration cost in detail.

Police Chief Connor expressed the need for an additional investigator for the department. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve one additional sworn officer to the Aberdeen Police Department, for a total of 27 sworn positions. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Wright stated he thinks the Town needs to start planning and developing a site for a new police station. Mayor Mofield asked Police Chief Connor to develop a potential list of sites to build a new police station on and bring back to the Board for further discussion.

Manager Zell stated he will contact Richard Hancock with NCDOT about the Academy of Moore school traffic issue.

The Board asked Police Chief Connor for an update on the internet cafes. Police Chief Connor provided an update. Commissioner Parker suggested making the rates higher for internet cafes. Commissioner Parker suggested making the fee around \$5,000 instead of \$2,500. Manager Zell stated he will research and see what others are charging and bring back to the Board.

For the Administration Department discussion, Manager Zell first discussed the IT projects to be considered which include a wireless networking project, software selection, IT maintenance agreement, and capital improvement plan. Manager Zell explained the importance of IT and how much progress the Town has made over the last several months, by working with Davenport Lawrence.

Manager Zell next discussed the Safety and Wellness line items and programs to be considered for the upcoming budget year. After some discussion, the Board members seemed in agreement to spend money budgeted for the Town-wide Employee Christmas Party on health screenings, since that would provide a greater benefit to Town employees. Town Clerk Regina Rosy will research the cost for the lifeline screenings that are now offered through First Health to see if the Town can receive a discounted rate.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

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Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

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