

Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Aberdeen Town Board

February 10, 2014  
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building  
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Robert A. Farrell, Mayor Pro-tem Jim Thomas, and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Joe Dannelley, Elease Goodwin, and Buck Mims. Staff members in attendance were Planning Director Pam Graham, Community Development Planner Jae Kim, Assistant Public Works Director Harold Watts, Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs, Town Manager Bill Zell, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Wilma Laney, Laura Farrell, Marva Gillis, Tim Marcham, Maurice Holland, Jr., Maurice Holland, Sr., Kenneth Byrd, and Reporter for the Pilot Ted Natt were also in attendance for the meeting.

Mayor Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

1. Call to Order

a. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

b. Swearing in of Commissioner Elease Goodwin.

Town Clerk Regina Rosy swore in new Commissioner Elease Goodwin.

2. Setting of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Dannelley, to approve the setting of the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

3. 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 January 13, 2014 and Work Session on February 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

#### 4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

Wilma Laney, stated she would like to speak about the January Town Board Meeting. Ms. Laney felt that no citizen should have to repeatedly call the Town for assistance for yard debris pickup, which is what happened at the January Board Meeting. Ms. Laney stated she was concerned if other Aberdeen citizens may be experiencing the same treatment. Ms. Laney stated she also was concerned about the appointment of the recent vacancy on the Town Board. Ms. Laney stated she was upset regarding the procedure for filling the vacancy. Ms. Laney stated no consideration was shown for other interested candidates in the vacant Commissioner seat and procedure was not followed since this item took place at the end of the agenda and was not listed on the agenda.

Mayor Farrell stated there were several citizens interested in serving on the Town Board and filling the Commissioner vacancy. Mayor Farrell stated he did not publicly thank all of those who expressed interest, but he really does appreciate their interest. Mayor Farrell stated the Board asked for that item to be added under Other Business, and that is when the business took place.

#### 5. Financial Report

Manager Zell stated the financial report was made available for each of the Board members. Manager Zell stated the General Fund is \$428,468 to the good and the Water and Sewer Fund is \$148,582 in the red. Commissioner Dannelley asked if the expectation will be that the Water & Sewer Fund will always be in the red. Manager Zell stated yes, until the end of the fiscal year, numbers will be in the red for the Water & Sewer Fund.

Manager Zell stated there was a suggestion by a Board member to move the Financial Report to the Work Session agenda instead. Commissioner Dannelley stated now that the financial report is provided in advance in the electronic agenda packet, he feels comfortable leaving this item on the Regular Board Meeting agenda.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Lease Agreement with Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad.

Manager Zell stated each Board member has a copy of the new lease with Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad. The new lease would be for a 5-year period. The lease will be for \$1200 each year for 5 years. A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Lease Agreement with Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad. Motion unanimously carried.

## 7. New Business

- a. Resolution Approving Financing Terms for Police In-Car Cameras.

Manager Zell stated this is the Resolution needed to finance the police in-car cameras. Manager Zell stated one budgeted vehicle was eliminated, in exchange for installation of in-car cameras in all police vehicles. Manager Zell stated these cameras have already proven to be very useful. Commissioner Mims asked how many cameras this financing is for. Manager Zell stated this financing is for 10 in-car cameras. A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Dannelley, to approve the Resolution Approving Financing Terms for Police In-Car Cameras. Motion unanimously carried. Mayor Farrell asked how long these cameras will last. Commissioner Mims stated the cameras will last 5-7 years.

- b. Resolution Approving Financing Terms for Police Fingerprint Machine.

Manager Zell stated this resolution is for the new digital fingerprint machine. Manager Zell stated this resolution is financing for \$38,900 to pay for the fingerprint machine. Commissioner Dannelley stated in the past weekly report, there was an update on the operation of this new fingerprint machine. A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Resolution Approving Financing Terms for Police Fingerprint Machine. Motion unanimously carried.

- c. Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Southwest Interceptor Sewer Project.

Manager Zell stated this ordinance is for the new Southwest Interceptor project to provide sewer all the way up to Shepherd's Trail. This budget ordinance is needed so that the Finance Director can record

dollars spent on the project. Assistant Public Works Director Harold Watts stated this line will run from the county outfall along the southwest portion of the Town. Assistance Public Works Director Watts stated this will eliminate 2 pump stations. Assistant Public Works Director Watts stated this will allow the Town to serve land that currently has no infrastructure. Assistant Public Works Director Watts stated this sewer project allows the Town to plan for the future. Mayor Farrell asked about a timeline for this project. Assistant Public Works Director Watts stated materials have been delivered, and mobilizing equipment should begin next week. Assistant Public Works Director Watts stated 180 days from February 3, the project will be complete. A motion was made by Commissioner Dannelley, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve the Capital Project Budget Ordinance for the Southwest Interceptor Sewer Project. Motion unanimously carried.

d. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Appointments.

Parks & Recreation Director Baggs stated she currently has two vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and she would like to recommend Betsy Mofield and Kenneth Byrd for those vacancies. Director Baggs stated the terms for the 2 candidates, Betsy Mofield and Kenneth Byrd, will run through December 2015. Mayor Farrell asked how many people are currently serving on this Board. Director Baggs stated 4 others are currently serving on this committee. Mayor Farrell asked how citizens would learn of how to serve on this Board. Director Baggs stated an application is available on the Town website. A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, to appoint Betsy Mofield and Kenneth Byrd to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee with terms to expire December 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Other Business

- a. Marva Gillis stated she would like to speak on a couple of issues. Ms. Gillis stated her grandmother, Lucy Utley, has been a part of this community all of her life, and has recently had a negative experience with the Aberdeen Police Department. Ms. Gillis stated she filed a complaint with the Chief of Police. Ms. Gillis stated on Dec. 12, 2013 her grandmother had just been released from the hospital and the Aberdeen Police Department removed her grandmother from her legal custody. Ms. Gillis stated she was arrested, and excessive force was used and her finger was broken. Ms. Gillis asked the Town Board to do a thorough investigation of the situation. Mayor Farrell asked who initiated this incident – Ms. Gillis

stated DSS was involved, but no paperwork was signed from DSS to remove her grandmother from her custody. Ms. Gillis stated she would also like to see some research on human trafficking in Moore County and how to be proactive towards that issue. Mayor Farrell asked Ms. Gillis to schedule an appointment to meet with the Town Manager and Police Chief to discuss this item in more detail.

b. CDBG Monthly Status Updates.

(1) Midway Gardens Grant - #10-C-2207

Planner Kim stated all activities are on schedule.

(2) 2011 SBEA Grant #11-C-2331

Planner Kim stated all activities are on schedule.

(3) Berkley Phase 3 Sewer Grant - #12-C-2510

Planner Kim stated DCA claimed they did not receive the "release of funds paperwork", therefore the paperwork had to be resubmitted. Manager Zell stated one of the problems is that when DCA misplaces paperwork, we have to resend the paperwork, and then it is placed at the bottom of the stack again. Planner Kim stated other than that item, all activities are on schedule.

c. Schedule Land Use Plan Steering Committee Joint Meeting with Town Board.

Planning Director Graham stated staff is trying to schedule a date for a joint meeting with the Land Use Plan Steering Committee and the Town Board. The Board agreed on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall for the joint meeting. Mayor Farrell asked who will run the meeting. Director Graham stated Johnny Ransdell will run the meeting. Mayor Farrell asked if there will be an agenda for the meeting. Director Graham stated yes, there will be an agenda for the meeting. Mayor Farrell asked how long this committee will last. Director Graham stated this project should be complete by the end of June 2014. Director Graham asked the Board how they would like to handle additional folks that are coming forward wanting to serve on this committee. The decision was made to continue accepting participation and input from the citizens.

d. Budget Work Sessions.

Commissioner Dannelley stated regarding the Budget Work Sessions, he would like to recommend 6 meetings be condensed to 2 meetings. Commissioner Dannelley recommended combining the 3 March meetings to a Saturday meeting, and the 3 May meetings to a Saturday meeting. The Board scheduled March 8, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for a budget retreat.

9. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

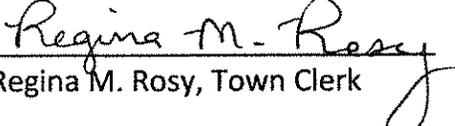
A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Dannelley, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board returned from Closed Session.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to open the regular session. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Dannelley, to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

  
Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in  
Draft form on February 10, 2014

  
Robert A. Farrell, Mayor

Minutes were approved  
on March 10, 2014