

Minutes
Work Session
Aberdeen Town Board

September 2, 2014
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session. Members present were Mayor Robert A. Farrell, Mayor Pro-tem Jim Thomas, and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Joe Dannelley, and Elease Goodwin. Commissioner Buck Mims was not in attendance for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Fire Chief Phillip Richardson, Police Chief Tim Wenzel, Deputy Police Chief Todd Weaver, Planning Director Pam Graham, Town Manager Bill Zell, Planner Daniel Martin, Planner Jae Kim, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Marybeth Sandell, Pat Corso, Richard Gergle, Betsy Mofield, Satish Sharma, 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.

1. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

The Board returned from Closed Session.

2. Presentation by Marybeth Sandell regarding Moore Forward.

Marybeth Sandell stated she is here to give an update on what Moore Forward is doing. Ms. Sandell gave some brief history about Moore Forward. Ms. Sandell stated the idea is to create a Moore Innovation Lab in Aberdeen. Ms. Sandell stated the next step in the project is to fix up Pat Ann's work space that Moore Forward will be using, jazz up the space, and begin a series titled "lessons learned".

Betsy Mofield asked what the budget is for the project. Ms. Sandell stated she would really like to raise about \$150,000 to get through the first year. Commissioner McMurray stated the location is on Main Street, next to Kee's Appliance, on the 2nd floor. The Board members thanked Ms. Sandell for the information.

3. Architect Proposals for the Aberdeen Police Department.

Chief Wenzel stated he was tasked with sending out an RFQ for the Aberdeen Police Department construction project. Chief Wenzel stated there were two submittals and those two were compared. Chief Wenzel reviewed the pros and cons of Anderson Architecture and Heckethorn Architecture.

Chief Wenzel stated Anderson Architecture has a bigger office which means more resources, there are two primary architects on staff, they have prior police station designs experience, the proposal was more detailed, Robert designed the current Police Department building, and input would be received from the Police Department and onsite weekly visits would be held. Chief Wenzel stated the references were all good for Anderson Architecture. Anderson had an A- from the business bureau, and Heckethorn had an A+. Cons for Anderson include fees would have to be negotiated, there are problems with the Pinehurst Police Department (which Anderson designed), and they have quoted a higher initial estimate.

Chief Wenzel stated Heckethorn Architecture pros include prior construction project with the Fire Department, recommendation from Fire Chief Phillip Richardson, local ties to Moore County, good references, fee is more reasonable, and availability is also better. Heckethorn has completed only one other police department for experience which was in Whispering Pines. Chief Wenzel stated Heckethorn Architecture is a one man operation, which could be a good thing. Chief Wenzel stated he does not think we can go wrong with either choice. Chief Wenzel stated he would suggest that he and a committee of Board members negotiate the best deal possible.

Commissioner Dannelley asked if Chief Wenzel has toured the Whispering Pines Police Department yet. Deputy Chief Weaver stated he has toured the Whispering Pines Police Department, and it definitely needs updating, and due to some initial cuts in the budget for the project, there were some shortcuts.

Commissioner Dannelley stated he and Commissioner Mims have met with the Police Chief – he would like to work with Commissioner Mims, Manager Zell, and

Chief Wenzel as early as this Friday afternoon to determine where we think we are headed with this project.

4. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with Moore County, North Carolina to Provide Municipal E-911 Address Services.

Director Graham stated the County has asked for this resolution to be approved to formalize a process for municipal E-911 address services. Commissioner Dannelley questioned why this item was coming back to the Board when it was considered at the last Work Session. Clerk Regina Rosy stated the Moore County GIS Department contacted Town staff and requested that not only the agreement itself be approved, but also a resolution. Therefore, a resolution is now being presented for approval in order to meet the needs of the Moore County GIS Department. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner McMurray, to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with Moore County, North Carolina to Provide Municipal E-911 Address Services. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

5. Conditional Use Permit #14-04 for Reliance Packaging.

Director Graham stated Satish Sharma is here this evening to answer any questions from the Board, since he will not be available to be in attendance for the public hearing. Mayor Farrell questioned if another representative from Reliance Packaging will be present for the public hearing, and Mr. Sharma confirmed there would be a representative at the public hearing. Director Graham requested this item be scheduled for public hearing on 9/15/14. Agenda Item scheduled for Public Hearing on 9/15/14.

6. Rezoning Request #14-03 submitted by James R. Kirkpatrick Revocable Family Trust.

Director Graham stated this is a rezoning request for lots that have already been plotted out, and streets have already been installed. Director Graham stated the lots are proposed to be recombined, and additional lots will not be created. Director Graham stated the rezoning request is to consider changing the zoning from Highway Commercial to R18-14. Director Graham requested this item be scheduled for public hearing on 9/15/14. Agenda Item scheduled for Public Hearing on 9/15/14.

7. Street Closing Order to close a portion of Morehead Avenue.

Director Graham stated staff recommended this public hearing be continued to the next Board Meeting, due to another adjoining property owner needing to be notified. Agenda Item scheduled for Public Hearing on 9/15/14.

8. Volunteer Board Re-appointments.

Director Graham stated there is an opening on the Planning Board, since Sarah Ahmad has completed 2 terms. Director Graham stated it was discovered that Richard Gergle does not live in Aberdeen, and now there are two opportunities to fill the vacancy including Bill Prevatte and Stephen Battle. Director Graham also stated Mr. Gergle has secured a lease for a residence that is within Aberdeen's jurisdiction, and he is now eligible once again. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Dannelley, the previous vote stand for Richard Gergle to serve on the Planning Board based on his confirmed eligibility to serve in the position. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

9. Other Business.

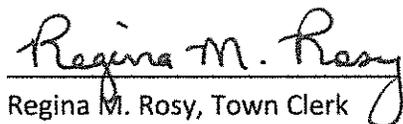
- a. Malcolm Blue Farm School Day – Ellen Marcus contacted Adam Crocker, and using volunteers, the School Day is being planned for September 26th.
- b. Mayor Farrell suggested saving the house at Ray's Mill Pond and eliminating the two wings on the home that have the bedrooms, and keep the remaining structure in the center. Mayor Farrell stated the Town paid to replace the roof 2 years ago. Richard Gergle explained his ideas of what could be done with the home. Commissioner Goodwin stated she would like to explore the options, and not burn the house in 2 seconds, and regret the decision later. Commissioner McMurray stated she would like to save the center section of the house if possible. Commissioner Dannelley asked Chief Richardson what direct and indirect costs have been incurred preparing for this burn. Chief Richardson stated the roof has been cut, in preparations for this evening's live burn. Chief Richardson stated if the house is not burned in the next week, then the whole process has to begin again, and it will take several weeks.

Mayor Pro-tem Thomas stated nobody wants to see the house burned, but it was determined by the Board that the house could not be moved, sold, etc. Mayor Pro-tem Thomas stated there is nothing historical about that house, and if trying to save the house stops progress for the park,

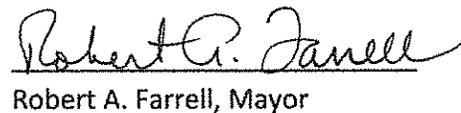
then he would vote no. Betsy Mofield stated the house is architecturally significant because it is the only house standing in Moore County that is entirely heart pine. Ms. Mofield stated the entire structure is built out of heart pine, and no more heart pine is being produced. Manager Zell stated the home is a residential structure, and can not be used for public gathering space because it does not meet ADA requirements. Manager Zell stated he will find out if leaving the home on the property is an option for the PARTF Grant, or if it will not be allowed. Mayor Pro-tem Thomas stated it appears by executive order of the Mayor, the heat is off for Chief Richardson to burn the structure. Commissioner Dannelley stated it appears that the Town Manager now needs to determine if the house can stay and not impact the grant dollars. The decision was made for a couple commissioners, the building inspector, and planning director to visit the home and determine what could be done to save the center section of the home, and Manager Zell will contact Vonda with the PARTF grant to determine if the house can remain, and not impact the park opening and the grant dollars being used.

10. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Dannelley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.


Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on September 2, 2014


Robert A. Farrell, Mayor

Minutes were approved
on September 15, 2014

