

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Aberdeen Town Board

April 27, 2015
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Robert A. Farrell, Mayor Pro-tem Jim Thomas, and Commissioners Joe Dannelley, Elise Goodwin, and Buck Mims. Commissioner Pat Ann McMurray was not in attendance for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Planning Director Pam Graham, Building Inspector Rodney Childress, Public Works Director Rickie Monroe, Planner Jae Kim, Town Manager Bill Zell, Attorney T.C. Morphis, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Johnny Ransdell, Reporter for the Pilot Ted Natt, Tim Marcham, and Kenneth Byrd were also in attendance for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Setting of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the setting of the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

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.

Minutes of Board Meeting on March 23, 2015 and Work Session on April 13, 2015.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

a. Aberdeen Library.

Kenneth Byrd updated the Board on progress with the Aberdeen Library. Mr. Byrd provided an architectural rendering of the proposed Aberdeen Library. Mr. Byrd stated the rendering will be onsite during Spring Spree. Commissioner Dannelley asked how many square feet is projected for the new library. Mr. Byrd stated the proposal includes 12,000 square feet.

b. Spring Spree

Manager Zell reminded the Board that Spring Spree will be on Saturday, May 16th.

5. Financial Report

Manager Zell stated thru the end of March, the General Fund is at \$746,785.44. Manager Zell stated the Water & Sewer Fund is at \$50,145.98, since March was a billing month. Commissioner Dannelley asked if the software glitches were all taken care of. Manager Zell stated the software glitch has been resolved.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Consider action on Separate Audit Engagement Letter.

Manager Zell stated this is an additional \$12,000 that the Town will be required to spend this upcoming fiscal year for the pension audit. Manager Zell stated Aberdeen was 1 out of 40 local entities in the State of NC that was selected for this audit. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Mims to approve the separate audit engagement letter for the pension audit in the amount of \$12,000. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

b. **Petition for Annexation Submitted by Columbus Midtown Properties.**

- (1) **Accept the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to accept the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

- (2) **Approve the Resolution Fixing the Date of the Public Hearing on the Question of Annexation.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the Resolution Fixing the Date of the Public Hearing on the Question of Annexation. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

- c. **Consider action on an Ordinance Amending the Town of Aberdeen Fee Schedule with Regard to Water & Sewer Rates and Garbage Collection Fees.**

Manager Zell stated at the last Work Session this item was discussed. Manager Zell stated the Town Engineer prepared a study on what it costs the Town to provide water and sewer, and these rates reflect what is needed to maintain the water and sewer system. Manager Zell stated these rates would be effective July 1, 2015 and would first show up in the September bill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, to approve an Ordinance Amending the Town of Aberdeen Fee Schedule with Regard to Water & Sewer Rates and Garbage Collection Fees. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

- d. **Consider action on Economic Development Incentive Plans.**

Manager Zell stated at the last Work Session Pat Corso discussed the incentive plans either being discussed locally, or have already been adopted. Manager Zell stated the plan that we have drafted is a combination from the plans of Moore County and Southern Pines. Mayor Farrell stated to stay in the game, you have to play the game. Commissioner Dannelley stated this item fully supports one of the goals from the Strategic Plan. Manager Zell stated this plan will also save a considerable amount of time as projects come along.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mims, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the Economic Development Incentive Plan. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

- e. Consider action on contribution to Moore Alive Project.

Manager Zell stated Moore Alive is the website that went live in March 2014 that markets Moore County. Manager Zell stated if the Board is interested in supporting this project, then he will need approval so it can be incorporated in the budget. Commissioner Dannelley stated he would like to see the budget completed first, and incorporate it into the budget, before considering action.

8. Other Business

- a. Update on PARTF Grant for Ray's Mill Pond.

Manager Zell stated the stone for the road into the park has been put in place. The stone on the walking trail should be completed by tomorrow. The contractor has picked up the permit application for the shelter and will apply for the building permit on Wednesday, April 29th. The contractors are on schedule to pour the footing for the shelter the first of next week. They also plan on pouring the remaining slabs and sidewalks the first of next week as well.

Manager Zell stated Director Rickie Monroe is working with Duke Power on all the electrical applications, which will be completed in the next two weeks. Conduit under the road and trail has already been put in place.

Manager Zell stated Director Adam Crocker is working with NCDOT on a location for the new sign. The contractor has scheduled Horner Paving for May 6-8 to do all the paving. The building will arrive on Monday, May 11th and installation is scheduled to start that day. The install on the building will take 3 days. They plan on wrapping up by May 15th.

- b. Police Dispatch.

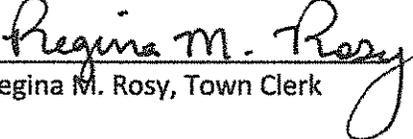
Commissioner Mims stated a meeting was set up for this upcoming Friday to discuss dispatch with Director of Public Safety, Brian Phillips. Commissioner Mims stated he feels there is a lot of improvement that can take place by collaborating on this issue.

9. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body.

A motion was made by Mims, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body. Motion unanimously carried 4-0.

10. Adjournment

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


Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on April 27, 2015


Robert A. Farrell, Mayor

Minutes were approved
on May 26, 2015

