

NAVASSA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 2009

7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eulis Willis, Mayor
Jerry Merrick, Councilman

Melvin Walker, Councilman
Michael Ballard, Councilman
Craig Suggs, Councilman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Milton Burns, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT

Claudia Bray, Town Administrator
Charlena Alston, Town Clerk

Al Beatty, Zoning Administrator
Travis Barnes, Planner
Officer Scott Monzon

CITIZENS & VISITORS PRESENT

Darlene Jones
Dorsey Jones, Jr
Bunn Bethel
B. M. Thomas
Ella Beatty
Willa Bessant
Clifton Ballard

Josie Lewis
Marie Davis
Bill White
Mildred Beatty
Michael Hill
Nehemiah Holliday

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERRICK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS ACCEPT AND ADOPTED WITH THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

GOVERNANCE

Town Planner highlighted the following points and passed out handouts from the Rural Center Workshop he attended August 18th.

- Contracting make sure its clear
- Do reference checks this is public information

VENDORS AND VISITORS WITH TOWN BUSINESS

Michael Hill from Word of Life Outreach in Leland who operates a day treatment place for children with anger problems distributed pamphlets to the public and gave a brief description of services that are available. Encourage the public to support the facility.

FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

Mike Kozlosky spoke with citizens last month regarding the funding for 17 Bypass even though there was no quorum. Councilman Ballard distributed the contact information for public comment on the I-140 Bypass. He also stated that comments could be brought to Town Planner or Town Administrator and they would forward to Wilmington MPO by August 31st.

REOLUTIONS

Councilman Suggs gave a brief about the Tax Task Force Resolutions and informed the public that the resolutions would be sent to the Legislator requesting that it to be put in the next session to be a State Law.

COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD TO ACCEPT THE TAX TASK FORCE RESOLUTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. (R-2009-08 LOCATED IN THE RESOLUTION BOOK IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.)

Mayor briefs the public about the surplus property of automobiles and land that would be auctioned.

COUNCILMAN BALLARD MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALKER TO ACCEPT THE DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTIN WITH THE NECESSARY PAPERS ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTIONS AND THE PROPER PARCEL NUMBER DEALING WITH THE SURPLUS PROPERTY WHICH REQUIRE A DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC AUCTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. (R-2009-09 LOCATED IN THE RESOLUTION BOOK IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.)

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Zoning Administrator gave the following report:

- On August 12, 2009 the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of Antonio Hooper's Rezoning Case Z-2009-001, which is an application to rezone 124 North Navassa Road from R-10 to R-MF. The Planning Board requests that the Town Councilmen set a date for a public hearing to review this rezoning case in order to make a final determination.

- On July 29, the Planning Department received a complete application for a variance for the right side property setback for a new residential single-family home located on Parcel ID#017000762 which is adjacent to 2317 Cedar Hill Road. The Planning Board requests that the Board of Adjustment set a date for the quasi-judicial hearing of this variance case number BOA-2009-03. Staff will then notify the applicant and adjacent property owners of the date and time of hearing.
- The Planning Board has been working on text amendments to the new Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The majority of the text amendments are designed to correct typos within the ordinances, however the Planning Board is also working on adding language to the Zoning Ordinance that will allow the town to better address group homes and telecommunication towers.
- The Planning Board has started the process of drafting a noise/nuisance ordinance that will eventually be sent to the town council for review.

Town Planner gave the following brief:

- Staff met with Town of Leland, the Cape Fear River Watch, and a graduate student from UNCW's Environmental Program to discuss completing a feasibility study for a regional paddle trail system. Also, continuing working with Brunswick County in the creation of a disaster recovery plan for the county and the 5 year update to our existing Hazard Mitigation Plan.

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERRICK TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANTONIO HOOPER'S REZONING CASE ON SEPT 17, 2009. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Board of Adjustment hearing will be August 27th at 4:30 p.m. for adjacent 2317 Cedar Hill Road.

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERRICK TO HAVE MICHELYN BE THE ALTERNATE PERSON FOR THAT PARTICULAR VARIANCE HEARING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor gave the following reports:

- In the process of acquiring land to place the pump station for the Phoenix Sewer.
- In process of acquiring right of way easement for Phoenix Water. Also, while waiting on permits will go forth with placing project out for bid.
- The CDBG is awaiting paperwork.
- The board will travel to Holden Beach on Sept 4th at 4:30 to view their community center gathering information to use for Navassa community center.
- The board name the following people to the Storm Water Advisory Panel; Glen Dowe, Dorsey Jones, and Gregory Westfield.
- Councilman Ballard will work this Alonza Davis regarding truck replacement.

The Town Administrator briefed the board and public about the Local Government Service Corps. The funding is from SOG and Golden Leaf Organization who have chosen Elton Daniels who will start Sept 1st to services Navassa, Bolton, and Northwest. The program is for two years and his focus is to look for economical development for all three municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town is in conjunction with the Fire Department to acquire a Fire Station Grant to replace existing Fire Station.

Councilman Suggs brief the board and public about the need for 8 speed bumps on Church Street. He asked Councilman Ballard to investigate the cost factor since that is his department. Councilman Ballard reported the cost for 3ft \$48.85 each.

COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD TO PROCEED WITH (2) SETS OF SPEED BUMPS FOR TRAIL TEST ON CHURCH STREET. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

A workshop for employee's benefits will be held on August 27th.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Councilman Ballard passed out contact information to the citizen who wish to make comments regarding the on the I-140 Bypass.

Councilman Walker reported that the stimulus money that Brunswick County was anticipated regarding the home repair fail through. The only program is the FHA \$8000 program that would only bring citizens home up to code.

CITIZENS

Dorsey Jones would like a follow regarding the situation on the Mayor's right to vote. Also, would like to know what portion of Cedar Hill Road would the pump station serve?

- ✓ Mayor answered that the Mayor's right to vote is still being investigate and Jerry Pierce will be attending the Utility Board Meeting to discuss the sewer situation on Cedar Hill. An estimate fourteen houses that currently is being served by the county with water would be served by them with sewer.

William White had the following questions and concerns:

- Request that employees face the public when giving reports.
- What's the status of hiring a Police Chief?
- The incidents that occurred with the Police Officer he felt was wrong and did not wish to give details in public.
- Is the town still working on the Community Center?

- Don't feel its right that council miss scheduled meetings and wanted to know how many meetings can council miss without getting paid?
- Ask if Council was keeping up the current Police Chief Timesheet because he doesn't feel he is serving the town.
- ✓ Councilman Walker responded that he didn't feel it was a fair assessment regarding council missing meetings. If they were missing consecutive meeting then he could see where it would be a concern but they are not. And Council has put it in the budget about hiring a Police Chief.
- ✓ Councilman Suggs stated if a citizen witness something they feel is not right regarding the Police Department they have the right to file a grievance complaint. And Councilman Merrick stated he would check on the Police Chief Timesheet.

Willa Bessant concern about the Police speeding on Cedar Hill Road and was hurt about the letterhead that was used to send her letter regarding her sewer tap. Also, informed board she appreciate the new 45 mph speed limit sign.

- ✓ Officer Monzon replied he would forward her concerns and increase patrolling on Cedar Hill Road and Mayor directed her to address the issue about the sewer tap with the Utility Operation Board.

Barbara Thomas stated they needed a speed bump on Main Street and Pine Valley Drive because of the speeding and she sees no police patrolling.

Marie Davis stated she has been requesting a speed bump on Plum Street for 8 years and don't understand why she is not included in the test street.

A citizen stated the marking on the corner of Cedar Hill Road and Mt. Misery Road needs to be replaced. Councilman Ballard will investigate.

Dorsey Jones announced the Navassa Concern Citizen Group will hold a meeting on Sept 12th at the IB Station.

Ella Beatty asks for a follow up regarding the mosquito control and Fire Station Grant. She express appreciation for the road being cut and would like to reminded everyone that Phoenix is apart of the community and we should operate as one community all with the same vision.

ADJOURN

COUNCILMAN BALLARD MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUGGS ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

ATTEST:

Approval Date: September 17, 2009