

TOWN OF NAVASSA  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2011  
7:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eulis Willis, Mayor

Councilman Craig Suggs  
Councilman Milton Burns  
Councilman Jerry Merrick  
Councilman Antonio Burgess

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Ballard, Mayor Pro-Tem

**STAFF PRESENT**

Claudia Bray, Town Administrator  
Charlena Alston, Town Clerk  
Travis Barnes, Town Planner  
Town Attorney

**CITIZENS & VISITORS**

Jeff Hollis, Jesse Gidley, Harry Dorsey, William McDowell, Gregory Westfield, Patricia Green  
Marie Davis and Barbara Thomas

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR EULIS WILLIS

**Councilman Craig Suggs made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman Jerry Merrick seconded the motion and the vote was all for and motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barbara Thomas - inform the board of her findings after researching other towns on the placement of public comments on the agenda. She also stated that the mayor was misinformed, that after checking her water bills back to July, the emergency number did not appear on water bills until January. She also stated that she was please to see one council at the MLK program, and that the others should try to attend.

Bunn inform the board of the Rig on Cedar Hill Road. He also stated that the Rig has been there for more than two months. He informed the board that this can be very dangerous. He also stated that he had inform the councilman in that from that area before.

Westfield informs the board that on Beulah Lane whoever scrape the road has made the road worst. Also he stated that at the end of Dorsey there's a ditch blocked that need to be addressed.

Marie Davis stated that she has not seen a police officer patrol her street since before Thanksgiving.

### **VENDORS DOING BUSINESS WITH THE TOWN**

William McDowell, MPO staff engineer briefed the council on the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan. Mayor Willis requested that they look into Saturday services, and get back with the board.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Amend Mutual Aid Agreement between Northwest & Navassa removing the word emergency.
- Lena Springs Road Adoption
- Town Administrator to attend City & County Management Seminar
- Resolution Adopting Cape Fear Commutes Transportation Plan
- Resolution Supporting Encouraging NCDOT to seek additional funding for 1140 Bypass

**Councilman Jerry Merrick made a Motion to adopt the consent agenda with the exception of Lena Springs Road Adoption. Councilman Antonio Burgess seconded the motion and the vote was all for and motion carried.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE)**

- CDBG Projects – Once the weather permits, will began paving on M Brown Lane. Construction has begun on Phoenix water.
- Phoenix Sewer – Waiting on soft copy of easements from Randy Rhodes. Meeting is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, engineer will be present and easements will be available for signatures.
- Davis Creek Phase II – Waiting on applications approval, once approved , will began construction
- Audit – Field work completed, Draft should be finish by next week. Then draft will be sent to LGC.
- Phoenix Park – Members were chosen at last meeting, Recommendation was made to add Carol Moore.

Travis Barnes, town planner gave a back ground report on the Old Mill Forestry, LLC rezoning request.

**Councilman Craig Suggs made a Motion to close the regular meeting, and open the Public Hearing. Councilman Antonio Burgess seconded the motion, and the vote was all for and motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Councilman Antonio Burgess **Motion** to table the recommendation for rezoning Old Mill Forestry until next regular town council meeting. Councilman Milton Burns seconded the motion and the vote was all for and motion carried.
- Shasta Lane Finance Option – Tabled until next council meeting.
- Brunswick Family Assistance – Councilman Suggs made a **Motion** to make a donation of \$500.00 to Brunswick Family Assistance Councilman Jerry Merrick seconded the motion, and the vote was all for and motion carried.
- Right Angle Engineering Payment – **Motion** was made by councilman Milton Burns to pay Right Angle Engineering the amount of #39,000.00 for services rendered, councilman Craig Suggs seconded the motion and vote was all for and motion carried.
- Date for budget workshop to review budget amendments and corrections – The board agreed that the administrator will get the board together for the budget workshop.
- Departmental Reports – Travis updated the council on the Cama Land Use Plan, the Park and Rec surveys and the public input meeting scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

- Amend previous vote to proceed with condemnation – Mayor Willis requested that an offer be made. **Motion** by Councilman Jerry Merrick to tabled. Councilman Craig Suggs seconded the motion, and the vote was all for and motion carried.
- Rezoning of Old Mill Forestry, LLC – tabled until next meeting.
- Hire another planning intern – **Motion** was made by Councilman Jerry Merrick to allow the planner to look into hiring another intern. Councilman Antonio Burgess seconded the motion, and the vote was all for and motion carried.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Antonio Burgess reminded the board on the invitation to tour the new Fire Station On the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **EMPLOYEE REPORT**

The town attorney updated the board on the Hinnant hearing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Park and Recreation surveys and public input meetings at 7:00 pm at Town Hall on January 24, 26.
- Phoenix Sewer Extension Community Meeting: Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Motion was made by councilman Craig Suggs and seconded by councilman Jerry Merrick to go into executive session to discuss personnel, the vote was all for and motion carried.

Motion was made by councilman Craig Suggs and seconded by councilman Milton Burns to return form executive session. Let the records reflect that no action was taken in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

**MAYOR-PRO TEM**

**TOWN CLERK**

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