

**Town of Surf City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2011**

Mayor Guy called the regular monthly meeting of the Surf City Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Medlin gave the invocation, and Councilman Curley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present for the meeting were Councilwoman Albury, Councilmen Fowler & Helms, Town Manager Michael Moore, Attorney Trey Carter, Finance Director Jane Kirk and Town Clerk Patricia Arnold.

BEAUTIFICATION & APPEARANCE RECOGNITION

Mayor Guy presented the Proclamations for the Home of the Month for September to Renee Rhodes & Clark Sneed for their property located at 7019 7th Street and the Business of the Month for September to McDonalds located at 13481 NC Hwy 50.

PROCLAMATION

Remembrance of Sacrifices Proclamation
Sickle Cell Awareness Month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting were recommended for approval by Town Attorney Trey Carter. Motion was made by Councilwoman Albury and seconded by Councilman Helms to approve as presented and was carried unanimously.

Minutes of the August 24, 2011 Emergency Meeting were recommended for approval by Town Attorney Trey Carter. Motion was made by Councilwoman Albury and seconded by Councilman Helms to approve as presented and was carried unanimously.

Minutes of the August 25, 2011 Emergency Meeting were recommended for approval by Town Attorney Trey Carter. Motion was made by Councilwoman Albury and seconded by Councilman Helms to approve as presented and was carried unanimously.

Minutes of the August 26, 2011 Emergency Meeting were recommended for approval by Town Attorney Trey Carter. Motion was made by Councilwoman Albury and seconded by Councilman Helms to approve as presented and was carried unanimously.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Medlin made the motion to reappoint Bill Feige to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board. Councilman Fowler seconded motion and motion was carried unanimously.

E-VERIFY

The General Assembly enacted legislation requiring counties, municipalities and business that employ 25 or more workers to use the Federal E-Verify program to verify the work authorization of new hires.

Councilwoman Albury made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the E-Verify Program for Employment Verification with Homeland Security. Councilman Helms seconded motion and motion was carried unanimously.

ENGINEERS PROJECT UPDATES, Gus Simmons, Cavanaugh & Associates.

Surf City Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Juniper Swamp Phase 2 Disposal Design: Subsequent to Bid Opening, and the Council voting to move forward with the project at the bid amount, Cavanaugh worked with Construction Grants & Loans to revise the loan application and supporting documents for review by the Local Government Commission (LGC). The LGC meets today, and will vote on the approval of the Town's revised loan application. The Town should learn, tomorrow, the outcome of this vote. It is anticipated that a favorable vote will be cast, which will enable the Town to contract with L.M. McLamb in the coming days, and the project may begin in the next couple of weeks. Should an unfavorable vote occur, the Town will be required to meet with the LGC staff in an effort to more thoroughly review the Town's financials and projections, and hope for the item to be replaced on the October LGC agenda; however, this could delay start of the project by as much as 60 to 70 days.

Juniper Swamp Infiltration Basin: No further progress since the last report.

Tortuga Lane Street & Utilities Design

The project is under construction. The base grade has been established, and the Contractor is nearly complete with the installation of the stormwater collection system. Once the stormwater system is in place, the road will be ready for final placement of subgrade and paving.

Little Kinston Forcemain Re-route

The project has been design and the final permits are pending in the next 2 weeks, and is ready to proceed at the Town's chosen schedule.

Hwy 50 Sidewalk Improvements

Cavanaugh has completed design of the sidewalk project and is awaiting final approval by NCDOT. We understand that the Town was successful in its efforts to acquire funding support from NCDOT for this project, and Cavanaugh will work closely with NCDOT staff in an effort to move this project to construction as quickly as possible.

2011 Powell Bill Map Complete and submitted.

PUBLIC FORUM

Serena Hibbard, Surf City Creations, will be having community outreach, workshop, and parents' night out. There will be a soft open September 18, and will let everyone know when Grand Opening will be held.

Frank Camps-Campins, 101 S. Oak Drive, Council was proactive and reassuring by sending updates on the storm buy way of phone call which were a great breath of fresh air and wanted to give his heartfelt thanks. Key to being calm, we are blessed with the leadership we have with careful management every day. Please put Resolution on website.

COUNCIL FORUM

Councilman Curley thanked everyone for coming and efforts. The Town is only as wonderful as our citizens are.

Mayor Pro Tem Medlin thanked everyone and stated what makes the community great is the citizens.

Councilwoman Albury thanked everyone for coming and stated she had received a lot of calls thanking the Town for the phone calls updates.

Councilman Fowler stated that people called him thankful for the calls and stated that they felt more relaxed after phone calls. He appreciates what Mayor and Board has done in leadership in following our Master plan.

Parks & Recreation Director Grubb

- BBQ Chicken Cook off September 9, 2011
- Soccer League starting soon. Thanked Councilman Helms for his help on getting the field prepared.

Councilman Helms thanked everyone for coming. Thanked Mayor and staff for keeping up with the storm and providing the necessary information.

Mayor Guy thanked Council for all their hard work and for the fine job that was done by Mr. Moore and staff.

MANAGER REPORT

- Councilwoman Albury made the motion to change the November Council Meeting back to November 1, 2011. Mayor Pro Tem Medlin seconded motion and motion was carried unanimously.
- Yard Debris clean up started today.
- Mayor Guy has been working hard with NCDOT and has received a commitment for \$50,000 to help complete a sidewalk from Faith Harbor Methodist Church to JH Batts Road.
- Beach gained some and lost some sand in places. Thoughts of pushing to be discussed after first of year.
- 9th Street access was damaged. Waiting on insurance company to fix.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

No report at this time.

CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL

In accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), at 7:29 p.m. Councilman Helms moved to go into closed session following a short recess, to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medlin and unanimously carried.

Upon the motion of Councilman Helms, and the second of Mayor Pro Tem Medlin, Council returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. Mayor Guy reported that the discussion was on Reduction in Force by Volunteer Retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. upon the motion by Councilman Helms and seconded by Councilwoman Albury. The Council unanimously approved motion.

Patricia E. Arnold, Town Clerk

A. D. (Zander) Guy, Jr., Mayor