

**Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2016**

Council Members Present:

Mayor A.D. (Zander) Guy, Jr
Mayor Pro-Tem Douglas Medlin
Michael Curley
Don Helms
W.J. (Buddy) Fowler

Town of Surf City Staff:

Larry Bergman- Town Manager
Ashley Lofits- Finance Director
Stephanie Hobbs- Town Clerk
Charles Lanier – Town Attorney
Todd Rademacher- Planning Director
Ron Shanahan- Police Chief
Joey Rivenbark- Fire Chief
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Recreation
Linda Carleson- Wellness

Members of Public Present:

Ashley Miller- Heart Association
Jean Beasley- Turtle Hospital
Martin Erwin
Rick Biberstien
Douglas Hardison
Dr. Terry Cobb
Loray Shepard
Charles Daily
Ameila Shepard
Woody Atkinson
Andrea Inman
Lori Wolfe
Noell Novaich
Dawn Dillon

A. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order 12:00pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave the invocation.

D. Special Presentation

1. Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital

Ms. Beasley stated she had some concerns with the road leading to the turtle hospital current state of the road. She had asked for the town to repair the road and pave the road leading to the turtle hospital.

Mr. Bergman stated he has been looking into a Tortuga Lane paving project. This project entails more than just the paving, the town is looking into cost for utilities and the paving. It is a costly undertaking; we are currently comparing estimates for the project and permit applications. We are hoping to go out to bid for the utilities section of this project.

2. Heart Association

Ashley Miller with the Heart Association accepted a \$500 check on part of the Heart Association.

E. Beautification & Appearance Committee

Home of the Month- Kevin & Pairs Laliberte at 1201 S Shore Drive
Business of the Month- Ward Realty at 202 S. Topsail Drive

F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes March 1, 2016 & Special Meeting Minutes March 5, 2016
2. Audit Contract
3. Delinquent Tax Advertisement Notice
4. Tax Releases

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

G. Public Hearing

1. Annexation- Shepard's Road/89.33 Acres/Pender County Board of Education

Open Public Hearing 11:20am

Mr. Biberstein stated he is representing the Board of Education, the Pender County School system is locating a school in the Edgecombe community off of Shepard's road. The school system is requesting annexation into Surf City for the purpose of utilities and road maintenance.

Mr. Douglas Hardison with the Edgecombe community stated the community has a lot of questions in regards to the school. He stated he is concerned about the modifications that the school will make on the community.

Dr. Terry Cobb stated if there is a community meeting the school board would love to be involved and share any information they have.

Mrs. Loray Shepard at 421 Shepard's Road stated she has concerns with the location of the entrance to the school. She has many concerns with the traffic because the road will be so close to her house.

Mr. Bibiertein stated the school system does not have any other access options off Shepard's road. There is a 60 foot right of way which all the road will be located in. This was a pre-existing road way to the Jacobs family.

Charles Daily on Sandy Road questioned the zoning classification on the new school system.

Mrs. Ameila Shepard stated she has health concerns in regards to the smog and dust and how it will affect people's health.

Mr. Woody Atkinson he lives off Atkinson Loop road and there will be hunting on his property that backs up to the new school property.

Mrs. Andrea Inman 1000 Hwy17 questioned the wetlands and the endangered species in that area.

Public Hearing was Closed at 1:00pm

Mr. Fowler made a motion to annex the property as submitted and set the zoning as R-15 and approve the consistency resolution. Also to have the Town Manager send out notice to the other properties that they will not be affected. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

2. Zoning Text Amendment- Section 3.4/6.19 Signs Containing LED's

Open Public Hearing 1:07pm

Mr. Bergman stated this zoning change has come fourth due to request from business owners to all them the use of LED signage. This would allow for the use of LED signs but yet still preserving the small town feel of our town.

Mrs. Lori Wolfe asked questions about the brightness of the lights.

Mr. Medlin stated there are specific specifications and they will not be bright.

Closed Public Hearing at 1:14pm

Mr. Medlin made a motion to add the amendment to section 3.4 and 6.19. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

H. Public Hearing

Mrs. Noell Novaich stated she was asking about the progress at Tide Water Landing. There was construction underway and now for three weeks there has been no work.

Mr. Bergman stated that the contractor is stalled at an area downhill, they are looking into different ideas which entails more design work.

Mrs. Lori Wolfe on Kingfisher Lane stated that in front of her house is the cross connections for the intersection. The ditch in front of her house is deep and what is the construction standard and who would be liable if a child fell in the ditch.

Mr. Bergman stated he would look into the construction standards and see what the plans for that section are.

Mrs. Dawn Dillon 209 S Kingfisher Lane asked if there would be another meeting letting everyone know what the plans are.

Mr. Bergman stated he has been in contact with the HOA via email.

Mr. Marty Martin at 1825 N New River Drive stated he thanked everyone for cleaning up at Canal Street, he requested keep off the dunes sign, and the parking area fixed back up along the right of way.

Mr. Bergman stated we have got some pricing on rock, it is in our summer cleanup plan.

I. Public Forum

J. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated he thanked everyone for coming out and he appreciated all the input.

Mr. Medlin stated he thanked everyone for coming out and all the volunteers that help us make Surf City great.

Mr. Fowler stated it was good to see all the people and hear all the dialogue.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked everyone for coming out, and the comments are appreciated. We try to help the best we can.

Mayor stated there has been a request from Chief Shanahan to put a three way stop at the interstation of Roland and North Shore. The police department is now

using Narcan for those citizens who are in need. He thanked everyone for coming out and their ideas.

K. Manager Reports

1. Three way stop on JH Batts road at the intersection of Community Center Drive and JH Batts Road. There have been complaints of speeding and that is a busy area during athletic events. This should help to stop and slow down traffic in this area.
2. The 9th St beach access has not been replaced at this time. This is the location where there are two accesses really close to each other. We are replacing the stair access first with a platform at the top. Then we plan to make repairs to the ADA ramp. There will be signage posted at this location at this time.
3. The Nelva Albury Park lost some playground equipment in the past due to rust and safety issues. We have been looking at replacing the equipment and adding an adult exercise station. These items should be ordered soon.
4. We have had some citizens come to us about an idea called Bridge Day 2020. They are looking into different ideas that will serve as a way to preserve the memory of the bridge.
5. The interlocal agreement with N. Topsail Beach and the Town of Surf City has been requested to be a formal agreement that would divided up the monetary needs during the federal beach project. The agreement would also entail that if one municipality spent less in a specific location that proposed that specific municipality would reap the benefit.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

6. The DOT is using Barnhill contracting locally for a current contract they have. This would allow the town to use the same contractor for a cheaper price to pave some areas throughout the town.
7. Ashley Loftis has been with the town for six months now as the Finance Director. Mrs. Loftis filled the shoes of Mrs. Jane Kirk who also served as Assistant Town Manager. Mrs. Loftis is a great asset to the town and would be a big help to the manager as well.

Mr. Medlin mad a motion to approve Mrs. Loftis as Assistant Town Manager. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

L. Town Attorney Reports

K. Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk