

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2014**

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:

Charles Lanier- Town Attorney
Larry Bergman- Interim Town Manager
Jane Kirk- Assistant Town Manager
Stephanie Hobbs- Town Clerk
Todd Rademacher- Town Planner
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Recreation Director
Allan Libby- Tourism Director
Barry Newsome- Tourism
Joey Rivenbark-Fire Chief
David Price- Public Works
Phillip Voorhees- Police Sergeant
Donna Reece- Administrative Assistant
Greg Prather- Parks & Recreation

Members of Public Present:

Bobby Owings
Mike Gallant
Julie Vorehees
Ann Vause
Tim Thomas

A. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order 7:00pm.

B. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Recognition

The Mayor recognized Boy Scout Troops 235 and 937:

Dylan Burney, Jarek Metro, James Mongeau, Zane Qasem, Tyler Smith, Gregg Tobin, and Nathan Trout.

E. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lanier recommend approval of the July 1st Regular Minutes. Mr. Helms made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Fowler. The motion was carried.

F. Beautification & Appearance Recognition

Home of the Month – Sandcastles by the Sea at 710 N Topsail Drive
Business of the Month – The Bumblebee Market at 513 Roland Ave.

G. Public Hearing

J. New Business

1. Request for NCDOT Dedicate Bridge

Mayor stated this is a request for the NCDOT to dedicate the new bridge, expect to start construction in 2017, from Mr. Tim Thomas. This is a request to name the bridge after Mr. George Thomas the Town's youngest mayor in Surf City.

Mr. Fowler stated he is thankful for the presentation from Mr. Thomas, but this process is currently premature for the stage we are in. Considering all the applications we have had, it is a little early in the game to not have all of our information gathered. Mr. Fowler made the motion to temporarily hold the request until closer to the start of the project. Mr. Helms seconded the motion.

Mr. Thomas of 774 Driftwood Drive stated his father was the youngest mayor of the town. He was also instrumental in starting streetlights and other important projects within the town. He stated he wanted the bridge currently in place named the George Thomas Bridge currently and to not wait.

The motion was carried.

2. Life Walk Church Site Plan

Mr. Rademacher stated The owners and engineers have been working diligently on a site plan for the past year for the Lifewalk Church located east of the Tritons Village apartments. The property consists of 5.11 acres and is zoned C3 Commercial. Adjoining properties are zoned PUD, C# and RA. All adjoining properties allow for Religious institutions as a use by right. The front portion of the lot currently has 4 manufactured homes that will remain in the short term. The Church, stormwater pond and parking area will all utilize the rear portion of

the property. A state storm water pond has been designed to accommodate this building as well as potential future expansion. Sidewalks along the main street were recently completed as part of a Town improvement project. A parking lot has been constructed to meet the minimum requirements of the local ordinance as well as to be ADA compliant. Landscaping is shown to meet the requirements of the ordinance. Water lines are shown to be stubbed to the adjoining properties for possible future connections and for water looping purposes. Sewer will be pumped to the existing line on highway 50/210. An architectural plan has been submitted and it too is in compliance with the minimum requirements of the ordinance. The fire department has reviewed the plan for compliance with the ordinance and is satisfied with the design of the project as shown. NCDOT has reviewed the plan for compliance and is requiring a standard driveway improvement plan with no offsite improvements to be done as part of this project. The Planning Board recommends approval of the site plan as the developers design meets the requirements of the Town's development standards.

Mr. Helms asked if the hydrants would loop the water system.

Mr. Rademacher stated not currently but will be available for later looping.

Mr. Medlin made a motion to approve the site plan as submitted. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

3. Mountains-to-Sea Trail Designation Request

Mr. Bergman stated this is a resolution supporting a state wide effort to encourage the path continue into Pender County and Surf City. There is no monetary commitment just a suggestion.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Medlin seconded it and the motion was carried.

4. Debris Contract Approval

Mr. Bergman stated we have been working on getting debris contracts into place by consulting with Johnson Environmental. There are three classifications of contracts, these contracts will be in place ahead of time and save us time in case of an emergency. Of the two qualified candidates, we have chosen to have a primary and secondary contractor in place. The primary contractor is DRC Emergency Service and the second is TR Enterprises.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the contracts. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

5. Tax Settlement Statement

Mrs. Kirk stated she is presenting this statement in order to proceed with this year's taxes.

6. Charge to Tax Collector

Mrs. Kirk stated she needed authorization to collect the taxes on file with the Town of Surf City.

Mr. Medlin made the motion to give Mrs. Kirk permission to collect the taxes. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

K. Public Forum

L. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated he thanked everyone for being here tonight. Thank you to the boy scouts for attending tonight and we appreciate what you are doing.

Mr. Medlin stated he appreciated everyone coming tonight especially the boy scouts. It is a wonderful origination, as I previously was one.

Mr. Fowler stated he thanked everyone for coming tonight and their input. We have a lot of activity at the Community Center. We encourage you to come get involved. He also thanked the boy scouts.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked the boy scouts, it is along process but well worth it. Don't forget we are having our fireworks on August 29th.

The Mayor stated due to hurricane Arthur we are now celebrating on August 29th at 6pm with a wonderful band and fireworks display. He thanked Mr. Thomas for coming and his presentation tonight. He stated he was very proud of our young people and thank you to mentors and scout leaders.

M. Manager Report

Mr. Bergman stated he we are preparing for a staff appreciation dinner in September which they are well deserving of. We have been working on our water system violation and the focus right now is changing the type of disinfectant to a chlorine based. We are still in tight communication with the state and our town engineer. All the equipment has arrived and our staff should be making the installation by mid-August. We have delayed our pilot study till we see how our new equipment works. Our emergency preparedness plans have been under update with staff. Pender EMS and Fire are interested in building a fire training facility on a portion of our Town property. I have been in previous meetings with our fire chief, Mr. Helms, Wood Sullivan, and Planning Director. They outlined the benefits such as, by improving our ISO rating, and having a local training

facility will allow for training during shift hours and reducing overtime training hours. I am proposing to give this to the Planning Board to give their thoughts and comments. This gives a mitigation for any issues or comments. This will go to the Planning Board on August 14th along with Mr. Woody Sullivan and our Fire Chief.

Mr. Medlin made a motion to pass the request along to the Planning Board for their comments and reviews. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Kirk stated she had no reports.

N. Town Attorney Reports

Mr. Lanier stated he had no reports.

O. Adjournment

Mr. Medlin made the motion to recess the meeting until August 29th at 10am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and it was carried.

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

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk