

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2016**

Council Members Present:

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

Town of Surf City Staff:

Larry Bergman- Town Manager
Ashley Loftis- Finance Director
Stephanie Hobbs- Town Clerk
Gus Simmons- Engineer
Todd Rademacher- Planning Director
Samantha Bradshaw- Human Resources
Steve Smith- Public Works
Ron Shanahan- Police Chief
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Recreation

Members of Public Present:

A. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order 9:00am.

B. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Financial Condition Overview

Mrs. Loftis gave a financial update and impact overview of the general fund. The overview included that the town expenditures exceeded their revenues. Approximately ten percent of the expenditures are committed to debt service. There was a rise in the last budget year of the general fund. It was recommend that the town keep a close look at water and sewer fees to ensure they are covering all expenses.

D. Utility Infrastructure Overview & Planning

Mr. Simmons gave an update on the water and sewer system. The next step is to expand the spray fields at Juniper Swamp on Hwy 50. Planning for the next phase of Juniper Swamp irrigation and for the Water Treatment Plant expansion was suggested to start this year. Juniper Swamp is approved for

wetland augmentation by NC Environmental resources. The permitting process for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion takes about a year and a half. The projected cost is about \$10 million and projected to last till 2022.

G. Future Council Discussion Topics

1. Moving the Pender County line to include all Onslow County citizens.

The Council came to a consensus to allow the manager to investigate the topic.

1. To put into place voting districts within city limits.

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H. Town Hall Renovations

Mr. Bergman stated that the contractor came back with recommendations that all the stucco on the top floor needs to be replaced.

The consensus of the town council was to move forward with the planning of the new town hall.

I. Legislative Agenda

1. Federal mandates to require bank holding foreclosed property to keep taxes and fees paid.
2. Support of beach nourishment.

Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(6) in regards to personnel.

Mr. Medlin made a motion to go into closed session. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the closed session minutes. Mr. Fowler seconded and it was carried.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the contract for Police Chief Ron Shanahan. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

K. Adjournment

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

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

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk

February 2, 2016