

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2014**

Council Members Present:

Mayor A.D. (Zander) Guy, Jr
Mayor Pro-Tem Douglas Medlin
Nelva Albury
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
Joseph Rivenbark- Fire Chief
Barry Newsome- Tourism
Mike Halstead- Police Chief
Ron Shanahan- Police Major
Phillip Vorhees- Police Sergeant
Greg Prather- Parks & Recreation

Members of Public Present:

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 Councilwoman Nelva Albury for her birthday.

E. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lanier recommend approval of the May 6th Regular Minutes and May 16th Reconvened Minutes. Mrs. Albury made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Helms. The motion was carried.

F. Beautification & Appearance Recognition

Home of the Month – Delmar & Shelia Pollert at 4066 4th St.
Business of the Month – Walmart at 420 Fun Center Dr.

G. Public Hearing

1. 2014-2015 FY Proposed Budget

Open Public Hearing at 7:10pm

Mr. Bergman stated the budget process began even before his arrival and he commends all departments and aspects for their input. This is a yearlong process and he looks forward to future development over the next budget years. The tax rate will stay the same, a new human resources position is entailed in the new budget, the accommodation tax fund will stay the same, and the utility fund does have some adjustments such as tap fees. Overall the need of each department has been tried to be met to best of our ability.

7:14 Public Hearing Closed

Mrs. Albury stated she thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication, she made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and it was carried.

J. New Business

1. Popular Branch Site Plan

Mr. Rademacher stated The applicant, Raeford Trask, seeking final approval of a 35-lot residential subdivision. The property is located off of Mill Creek Road on the mainland. The property is zoned PUD or Planned Unit Development which allows for the development of single family homes. Lot sizes vary in size with the smallest lot at 8040 square feet and the largest lot at 14,131 sq. ft. Open space areas have also been reserved in compliance with the town ordinances. The developers have installed the sewer and water lines, including a new lift station. Hydrants have been installed, in accordance with the preliminary plan and have been inspected by our Town Fire Marshall. Water and sewer as-builts have been submitted to the Public Works Department. The developer is awaiting final state certification on this system as it is to be turned over to the town. Paving has been completed in compliance with the ordinance. Stormwater retention has been provided through the use of two large ponds on

the site in compliance with the developers state stormwater permit. The sidewalks, street trees and lighting will be installed per the Town subdivision ordinance and the developer has provided a engineers cost estimate for the improvements to provide for a letter of credit to ensure that all improvements are made prior to completion of the subdivision and turning said improvements over to the Town.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the submitted final site plan. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion, and it was carried.

K. Public Forum

Peter Herman of 102 Leyland Way stated his concern was with the newest contamination letter, the water violation letter that was most recently mailed out. He has previously spoken with Mr. Wise and he stated that the Town was working with the state to resolve the issues. The letter sent out plays down the harm that could potentially be done. There is research out there that concludes that both the acids mentioned do cause cancer. Notification is not on the website as stated in the letter. There are a lot of families, and growing families, families with young kids and these young developing kids, these acids could be detrimental to their health. We are assisting in introducing a cancer causing agent into their systems. How quality is the Town's service, if we as citizens are continually getting violation letters. In March we found out our daughter has kidney cancer, and both of these contaminations do cause cancer. The importance of the water quality should be of the utmost concern of the Council and the Town. Even if someone is not drinking the water, they can be introduced to the potential toxins via the skin as in showering and washing.

Mr. Bergman stated that these are concerns of his as well. We have been working diligently with the state to eliminate or lower these levels. We have been working just this week with 4 state regulators and our engineer. We are looking at changing the Ph levels to lower bacteria. We are proposing changing our chemical and Ph levels. The removal of the disinfection by-product is currently being worked on and this could take some time. The same mailing is available on the website listed on "News." We can take a look at it and make it more easily available.

Elizabeth Henry at 105 E Stockton Place stated when she received the letter it was 5 months after the violation. And again about 6 months later I received another notice. The letter of violation plays down the chemicals in the water. After some research I noticed that these agents do cause cancer. These letters are not date or time stamped and leave one not knowing.

Mr. Bergman stated there is a delay in the notification from the state. These are running averages so even today if we removed all of these toxins we would still months later receive letters of violation. We have mentioned to the state to

electronically notify the Town to quicken the notice time from state to town to citizens.

Mr. Herman asked if the monitoring and testing was done on a regular basis.

Mr. Bergman stated it is taken from multiple sites as coordinated by the state. Reports are turned in monthly and quarterly to the state. We are looking at filtering at a higher level to stop the problem at the start. The pilot study is slated to begin the 23rd of June.

L. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated he would like to make sure that everyone is aware that the WRDA has now passed the House and the Senate. We are preparing ourselves for the final assistance portion of the Beach Re-Nourishment Program. Our trip to Washington DC was very welcome but we are facing tough times for financial assistance.

Mr. Medlin stated he thanked everyone for coming, and we are appreciative of the comments and questions. The weather has been wonderful, and happy birthday to Mrs. Albury.

Mrs. Albury stated she did not know the water situation was as bad as it is. She wants the water quality put as top priority

Mr. Fowler stated he echoed the same thoughts about the water activity. The parks and recreation department is very busy this summer. We are currently offering free Zumba on Thursday mornings. We are very proud of their success.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked everyone for coming and stating their comments and concerns. The police and fire department loads are increasing with the summer season.

The Mayor stated he thanked everyone for their comments, we too feel the same concern of the water as the public does. We have spent many hours with our town engineers and the state. We all have children and grandchildren and we want to make the buck stops here.

M. Manager Report

Mr. Bergman stated he had no particular new items. With the end of the budget season Mrs. Kirk has some additional final details with the budget. He recommended recessing the meeting till June 27th at 10:00am.

Mrs. Kirk stated she had no reports.

N. Town Attorney Reports

Mr. Lanier stated he had an issue to discuss in closed session.

In accordance with NC GS 143-318.11(3) Mr. Medlin made the motion to go into closed session. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Albury made the motion to approve the closed session minutes. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried

O. Adjournment

Mr. Fowler made a motion to recess the regular scheduled meeting till June 27th at 10:00am. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and it was carried.

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

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk