

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
February 4, 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- Planner
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Rec. Director
Allan Libby- Tourism Director
Joseph Rivenbark- Fire Chief
Barry Newsome- Tourism
Mike Halstead- Police Chief
Ron Shanahan- Police Major

Members of Public Present:

Abraham Schoolfield
Scarlet Schoolfield
Robin Schoolfield
Mark Waltermier
Dan Waltermier
Charles Riggs
Barbara Matthews
Clark Harvey

A. Call to Order

Mayor called meeting to order 7:00pm.

B. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Proclamations

Multiple Sclerosis Week, March 3-9, 2014
Arbor Day, March 21, 2014

E. Special Recognition

Troop 937 in Sneads Ferry and Troop 234 Scotts Hill

Recognition of Jane B. Kirk and Joseph Rivenbark for their service and dedication as Interim Town Managers.

F. Beautification & Appearance Recognition

Home of the Month – Donnie & Judy Pollard at 9082 9th St
Business of the Month – Tiffany’s Hotel at 1502 N New River Dr.

G. Approval of Minutes

Approval of February 4, 2014 Regular Minutes Mr. Lanier recommend approval. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Helms. The motion was carried.

H. New Business

1. Final Plat Approval- The Peninsula

Mr. Rademacher stated the applicants are seeking final approval of a 24-lot residential subdivision. The property is located on Atkinson Road along Topsail Sound. The property is zoned R5 residential which requires minimum 5,000 square foot lots. All development has taken place under the issuance of a valid Major CAMA permit. All aspects of the Major CAMA permit have been found to be in compliance with the various State and Federal agencies responsible in issuing this permit. The developers have installed the sewer and water lines, including hydrants, in accordance with the preliminary plan. 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. A deceleration lane has been installed at the intersection of South Shore Dr. and Atkinson Rd per NCDOT. The streets, sidewalks, street trees and lighting have been installed per the Town subdivision ordinance. Planning Board is recommending to approve the final plat with the understanding that the signature of the Public Works Director cannot go on the plat until final water and sewer certification has been received from the State.

Mr. Curley asked if the road going in to this area is not a dedicated road.

Mr. Rademacher stated all these roads are private roads.

Mr. Curley asked what would happen if our utilities would be involved in the repair of the roads.

Mr. Rademacher stated that the road would be the responsibility of the HOA and the utilities would be the Towns.

Mr. Helms made the motion to approve the plat as presented. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

2. Mutual Aid Agreement- North Topsail Beach

Mr. Rivenbark stated the wording is all that is changing in the detail that it is changing from mutual aid to automatic aid.

Mr. Helms made the motion to approve the aid agreement. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Mr. Medlin asked if these are being done with neighboring towns as well.

Mr. Rivenbark stated yes we are in that process now.

The motion was carried.

J. Public Forum

Barbara Matthews, 302 N. Shore Dr- stated she was wanting to get hold of Mr. Fowler but she had trouble getting contact information on Mr. Fowler. The website stated no contact information for an individual council member.

Mayor stated that all of our interactions are handled through the clerk's office. All of the correspondence will be handled through the clerk's office in a timely manner.

Mrs. Matthews stated that in other towns they use square footage as the means of measuring impact fees for restaurants.

Mayor stated that about 5 years ago we built a new water treatment plant. The new plant produces 1.2 million gallons day with room for growth up to 8-10 million gallons a day. We as a town are prepared for growth and as part of that the state mandated the impact fee schedule on the town, for our rate model.

Debra Purdue, 1419 N Shore Dr- stated she has requested an AED for the Community Center.

Mayor stated it is already been ordered and is here. It will soon be installed.

K. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated that he thanked everyone for being here. He once too was a scout and he is very appreciative of their hard work. The beach is in fairly difficult shape at the present moment. It has taken 3-4 months to get to the situation we are in now. About 1/3 of the entire beach had a serious escarpment north of the pier mostly. About January just north of the pier there was some serious escarpment were presented. The elevation of the beach itself has changed. The decision has been made to renourishment our beach to build up the dunes and the beach. This renourishment is very important to us, citizens, visitors, and business owners.

Mr. Medlin stated he was also in the Boy Scouts and he sent his best wishes to them in the scout program. He thanked everyone for the coordination of the beach pushing.

Mr. Fowler stated last month we granted approval for a farmers market on Tuesdays at the Nelva Albury Park. Currently we are working on guidelines for the market. He thanked the scouts for being here tonight and congratulated them on their hard work. The Women's Expo is this Saturday March 8th.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked everyone for coming. He stated the scout's programs makes for dedicated good citizens. He praised them on their motivation. He personally thanked Mrs. Kirk and Mr. Rivenbark for their hard work and dedication. The fire department is moving right along on the Deer Run station and hoping to move in soon.

Mayor stated we have spent this week working with DOT involving public safety. Once again thanks to Mrs. Rivenbark and Mrs. Kirk. Mr. Julian Bone's mother passed and his family has sent thank you for the flowers sent. He thanked everyone for coming tonight.

L. Manager Report

Mr. Bergman stated he thanked the board for the opportunity to work with the town. Mrs. Jane Kirk has been designated as assistant town manager. The sand push was scheduled to start this week and we are in compliance with all regulations. We are being mindful of turtle season. After the push we are hopefully looking into some sea grass plantings to fortify the dunes. The annual debris pickup is scheduled for May 12th for a week long pickup for an entire town pickup. This will be done in coordination with our weekly trash schedule. The

NCDOT has been working with the town to provide a signal at the Foodlion entrance. The traffic study warranted an all access traffic signal at the western entrance. At the same area a median would be provided. The project was estimated at \$160,000 and \$120,000 should be state funded. The water system flushing and testing has been ongoing to eliminate the violations. We have been testing and flushing to keep in compliance. The latest testing still shows levels are not as low as we need to be, and next is some maintenance to our water tanks. We are currently underway for budget preparation and we are looking into times with council. The Rex and Sons has asked to hold their annual display at Harris Teeter. The RV salesman has requested use of a portion of the Harris Teeter parking lot for their annual RV Showcase.

The census was to let them hold the annual RV show.

Mrs. Kirk stated that ONWASA will now bill for the sewer with their water portion for all Onslow County residences. The town will still have control of all the lines and all problems will be handled with the town. This will go into effect April 1, 2014. Within a years time about \$30,000 will be saved by the town. There is a one time charge of \$1,000 for setup. Until now there was no way to disconnect the sewer if there was no payment, as long as their water bill was paid. This new way both portion of the bill will be paid and keep the town from having large past due sewer bills in Onslow County.

M. Town Attorney Reports

N. Adjournment

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

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

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk