

**Surf City Town Council
Regular Minutes
November 6, 2013**

Council Members Present:

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

Charles Lanier- Town Attorney

Town of Surf City Staff:

Jane Kirk-Interim Town Manager
Joseph K Rivenbark- Interim Town Manager
Todd Rademacher- Planning Director
Stephanie E. Hobbs- Town Clerk

Members of Public Present:

Anita Afify
Michael Afify
Harry Smith- Onslow County Tax Office
Mo Afify
Peter Sloan- Gallagher's Bar & Grill
Mark Townsend- Prudential
Thomas Hodell
Paul Broadway St
Brenda Golder
Mickey Tucker
Mary-Beth McKeiver

A. Call to Order

The Mayor call meeting to order 7:00pm.

B. Invocation

Given by Mr. Medlin

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Proclamation

Custodial Month-Proclamation custodial month in honor of Earlene Graham for her service and assistance.

E. Beautification & Appearance Recognition

Home of the Month- Russell and Luann Holt 5009 5th St
Business of the Month- Sears Landing 806 Roland Ave

- Recognition of Gallagher's Bar and Grill for the contribution to the Town of Surf City Fire Department.
Peter Sloan stated fireman came in and weighted tables, participated in the live music, and dancing. Donations would be made to Surf City Auxiliary fire department in the amount of \$200.00

F. Approval of October 1, 2013 Minutes

Lanier recommend approval. Mrs. Albury made the motion and Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

G. Public Hearing

1. 100 Deer Run Rd

7:10 Open

Mr. Rademacher stated this is a voluntary annexation request from Pender EMS from Wood Sullivan. Certificate Sufficiency on Oct. 8. This found by the planning board to be consistency with all Town ordinances.

7:13 Closed

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

2. 122 N Shore Dr.

7:14 Open

Mr. Rademacher stated the rezoning request was from Wally Diehl to rezone his property at 122 N. Shore Dr. from C-1 to R-5. The Planning board finds this zoning consistent with all Town ordinances.

7: 18 Closed.

Mr. Helms made the motion to approve the rezoning to R-5. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried. 121 Charlie Medlin Dr.

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7:19 Open

Mr. Rademacher stated the applicant Mr. David Ward requested a rezoning from MFC to C3. The adjacent properties are zoned C3 or MFC. This would allow for commercial uses. The planning board has reviewed and recommend zoning property to C3.

7:21 Closed

Mrs. Albury made the motion to approve the rezoning. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

H. New Business

4. Calendar

Mr. Helms made motion to approve the proposed 2014 calendar. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

5. Onslow County Tax Revaluation Presentation

Mr. Smith stated there will be a 2014 tax revaluation. All projects subject to taxation are subject to appraisal. This mass appraisal will insure that all citizens are back at current market value. The state of NC requires revaluation every eight years but the county can pass ordinance, the current resolution in Onslow County is every four years. This process will include appraising the property characteristics, and analyzing sale data, and this how the values will be computed. Statistically testing will reflect current sales rates. The adoption of the schedules will be available at public hearing by Onslow County Commissioners. These values should be mailed out around January 2014. This information is available on the County website and the local government television channel. The effective date will be January 1, 2014 and will be effective for next years tax billing.

6. Walmart Real Estate Business

Mr. Rademacher stated site plan request by Walmart Real Estate Business for a 4,900 square foot building for grocery and deli. This was previously for Fun Center that is now not applicable due to economy. This is a 4.1 Acre site plan currently zoned C-3. All the plans have been reviewed by the Town and found to be in compliance with all codes and ordinances. The Planning Board is recommending approval of this site plan.

Mrs. Golder at 1313 N New river Dr
Is there a beachy look to this building?

Mr. Rademacher stated the required tree list comes from the NC Cooperative Tree list for those plants indigenous to this area. Architectural code has not been around that long and unfortunately lots of business did not have to meet these requirement. The architectural code gives guidelines and we encourage more of a

nautical feel. This Walmart will take the color pallet and feel from the CVS and McDonalds that is currently on this site.

Mrs. Golder recommended the Town come up with a stricter facade ordinance.

Mrs. Angela Socks at 2725 S. Shore Dr

I have not heard a lot of support for Walmart, the Walmart will spoil the image for our Town and this will run out local merchants. All this is doing offering the same product will there is already so much out here.

Joeph Sox at 2725 S. Shore

Is there a traffic study.

Mr. Rademacher there is currently one under way.

Mr. Lanier stated that this plan is consistent with the current zoning. The site plan meets all technical requirements, and therefore must be treated as any other business no matter the name.

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

7. Handicap Beach Driving Permits

Mrs. Albury made the motion to approve free handicap passes for beach access. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

8. Reappointment

Mr. Fowler made motion to re-appoint the advisory board members. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

9. Powell Bill Resolution

Mr. Medlin made motion to adopt the Powell Bill Resolution. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

10. Reimbursement agreement with DOT

Mrs. Albury made the motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

11. NC457 Prudential

Mr. Townsend stated that now two voluntary compensation plans are offered for town employees. A few years ago the NC 457 came about to those municipalities

and county's that wished to adopt it. It is very similar to 401K this plan however to allow all employees who receive a w2 to participate in retirement savings. Another feature is a person can take money out penalty free whenever they stop working for the Town of Surf City.

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

12. Surplus Vehicles/Boats

Mrs. Kirk stated all of the vehicles that have become obsolete to the Town. Sealed bids can be given to Town Clerk. A list of these vehicles will be listed in the newspaper and out front of Town Hall.

Mrs. Albury made the motion to approve the sale of the surplus vehicles. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

13. Topsail Beach Park

The Mayor stated that Mayor Braxton sent a signed request for us to offer the resolution for their grant application to strengthen application.

Mr. Medlin made the motion to adopt resolution. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

I. Public Forum

Mrs. Mickey Tucker at 1222 S. Shore Dr

Mrs. Tucker stated congratulations on re-election and everyone who has served the community. She had a concern in September about a sign put up across from her property, she stated she could not get any information. She then received a letter and then again came and had a hard time getting information. The material she asked for would not have been obtained without arbitrary conversation. She also wanted to ensure that there would be more control the façade and plantings on new construction in the Town.

Larry Hobbs at 278 Anderson Dr.

Mr. Hobbs stated thank you for the handicap ramps and for your job well done.

J. Council Forum

Mr. Curley state he wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the election yesterday.

Mr. Medlin stated thank you for your votes in this election, and we thank you for participation.

Mrs. Albury stated that she is concerned for everyone's desires and wishes and thank you for coming and voicing your opinions.

Mr. Fowler said thank you for the turn out tonight. Veterans day is coming up and make sure you appreciate all of those in the armed forces. Don't forget our Christmas tree lighting in November.

Mr. Helms stated thank you for your comments and be safe out there.

The Mayor stated thank you for coming and your comments. We appreciate you participation. We are a changing community and we encourage you to use our wonderful facilities.

K. Manager Report

Mr. Rivenbark stated we are currently looking for another spot on the south end of town for handicap access. We have reviewed the golf cart ordinance and after future review we have changed the age from 16 to 18 for minimum driving age.

Mrs. Albury stated she is opposed to golf cart ordinance.

Mrs. Albury made a motion to not approve the golf cart ordinance. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. He stated that safety is the top priority of this Board and at this time his concern is with the citizens and visitors, and due to the narrow streets it does not get his approval.

Mr. Helms stated he was in law enforcement for thirty-one years, golf carts were not going to be anymore problem than those people on bicycles. Surf side beach allows for golf carts and they have no problems with golf carts or traffic.

Mr. Rivenbark stated that the savings on street legal verse a local ordinance about \$1,500.00 overall.

Motion is on the table to be denied as presented and seconded. The motion was denied to not pass.

Mr. Helms made the motion to approve the golf cart ordinance with the correction of the minimum age of 18. Mr. Curley seconded the motion.

Mr. Medlin asked if Hwy 50 was taken into consideration.

The motion was carried. By a margin of 3 to 2.

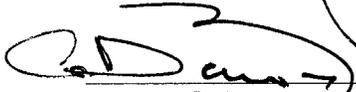
Mrs. Kirk stated the Town is working on bicycle paths with the state.

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

K. Town Attorney Reports

M. Adjournment

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



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



Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk