

TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2015

Present: Shilon Green, A.C. McLeod Jr., Charlie Sutton, Martin Driggers - Town Attorney, and Terri King (Administrator)

Absent: Mayor John Campolong, Marilyn Fields

Note to Minutes: Terri King, Administrator, typed minutes.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Shilon Green called meeting to order.

Invocation: Mayor Pro-Tem Shilon Green

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve Minutes: Motion to approve minutes, as written, from the March 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, March 16, 2015 Special Meeting, and the March 27, 2015 Emergency Meeting was made by Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Policy: Leak Adjustment

Councilman A.C. McLeod made a motion to table the acceptance of the “Leak Adjustment” Policy so that the public would have a “Public Comment” period. The policy is to be posted on the Town’s website with a comment option. Seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Nestle Waters North America – Lance Tully

Lance Tully presented an update on the progress of the plant construction. Construction began in January with a focus on site preparation. The laying of concrete began this week. Over the next several weeks the building will begin to be constructed. The plant should be up and running early 2016, barring any unforeseen delays.

The other important part of the construction is the laying of the pipeline. Construction has been completed on the pipeline from the Swift Springs site and work has begun on the factory side of the pipeline. Construction through town has not begun as we continue to work with the Town to address some concerns that have been brought up. We have reached out to property owners along the pipeline and communicated with them as to what Nestle is doing and what the property owner can expect. Nestle will work hard to minimize the impact to property owners.

Nestle is currently taking applications through their website and will be holding a job fair later in the summer. Handouts are available with information on how to apply to Nestle for the McBee location. The Town Hall will have handouts available for interested individuals.

Nestle will continue to work closely with the Town to keep the Town informed of the progress of the project.

Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. inquired about how the town would be marked for underground utilities and how citizens would know where the pipeline would be located in front of their property. The Nestle Engineer responded that the line will be, at a minimum, 5 feet below ground. The areas will be clearly marked during the laying of the pipeline. The line will be, at a minimum, of 2 feet from the Town's water line and will be deeper than the water lines. Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. requested that a Town representative be present as the line is being laid in order to be available to shut the water off in the event of a water line being damaged.

Lance Tully will provide the town a map showing the path of the pipeline through town.

Concerned Citizen: Judy Dugan

Scout Hut Concerns – The citizens that live in the area of the Scout Hut are concerned about the rental policy of the Scout Hut. What are the rules for late night activity? Who do we call with concerns, besides the police? The noise level has increased and the activities are going well beyond midnight. I have spoken with Mrs. Defee and they were not aware of the type of activities that have been going on. Can anyone use the outside area without renting it? The current rental agreement does not state a “closing” time, and we feel that it should. We would like to see the Scout Hut regulated a little bit more.

Reports:

Police Department – Officer Tim Kemp

Scout Hut Concerns: The department was not aware that there would be a “after prom” party at the Scout Hut. I had contacted the principle of the high school and had been told that the prom would be held in Hartsville. Therefore, the department was not aware of any prom activity within the Town.

I spoke with Mr. DeFee today, and have asked that the department be given a schedule for Scout Hut rental. This will allow the department to plan and have a presence in the community during the activities being held. This will help keep any issues down within the community. Mr. DeFee has updated the rental agreement rules to address loud noises. I will recommend that the agreement have set hours and what can and cannot be done.

Traffic: There has been an increase in traffic, especially large trucks. I have spoken with Highway Patrol and Transport Police so that we will have a presence to discourage speeding through Town.

Dogs: I contacted Chesterfield County Animal Control to come to Town and we rode around the Town where we receive the most complaints and talked with the individuals and discussed the issues and what could be done. A lot of the issues we have are that we do not know who the dogs belong to. If we know the owner, we can write a report and write a ticket, if required.

Recreation Complex: We have received calls from citizens with concerns about people hanging out at the complex, parking there late at night, individuals showing up intoxicated. We ride through there to show a presence and we do approach individuals that we feel is just hanging out there. My recommendation is that some type of security system be installed. If something was to happen, we would be liable for not having a protected location.

Administrator: Terri King

We will have the first reading of our budget at the next Council meeting. The second reading will be at our June Council meeting. This will allow the budget to be passed and approved by the beginning of the new fiscal year.

We will open the restrooms at the concession building at the Recreation Complex during baseball practice and games. I have spoken with DHEC to find out what we could legally do for concessions. We can sell any pre-packaged food items; we cannot sell any meat products.

We are still getting calls about the limb situation. The maintenance department is chipping daily and we ask that the Town bear with us during this time.

We will be getting bid packages for the parking lot and access road at the Recreation Complex.

Recreation: Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr.

We met today with Phil Gardner work on the budget for the LWCF Grant. We hope to get this advertised by the middle of May and get the project going by June. The parking lot is coming from Rural Development and will not be part of the LWCF Grant. We also need to put the tennis courts in the budget, because we are obligated for life to keep them up. We may ask Phil Gardner if he can help write up the specific needs of the tennis courts for us to submit to the National Tennis Association; which has indicated they may be able to help fund toward the repairs.

Maintenance: Councilman Charlie Sutton

The limbs are piling up all over town. We may rent another chipper for about a month to help out. The department works every morning on limbs and leaves.

Mayor Pro-Tem Shilon Green:

We have started baseball season, a little late, but we have gotten started. We are excited and the kids are excited.

I have spoken with property owners concerning dilapidated housing and have received positive feedback. We hope to see some activity over the next several months toward tearing down some of these houses.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the 2015-2016 proposed budget, Recreation Department, and legal matters of the Town, made by Councilman Charlie Sutton and seconded by A.C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session to verify that only the items stated in the motion to enter into Executive Session were discussed during the Executive Session was made by Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Charlie Sutton and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shilon Green. All were in favor.