

TOWN OF McBEE
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 3, 2015 – 5:45 PM

Present: John Campolong, Jr., Shilon Green, A.C. McLeod Jr., Richard McLawhorn
(Representing Martin Driggers - Town Attorney), and Terri King (Administrator)

Absent: Marilyn Fields and Charlie Sutton

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

Mayor Campolong opened the Public Hearing. Floor was opened to the public for discussion of Ordinance 2015-1 “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Article IV, and Section 8.401 – 8.411 Procurement Procedures”.

There was no discussion.

Motion to “Close Floor to the Public” was made by Councilman Shilon Green; seconded by Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015 – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

Present: John Campolong, Jr., Shilon Green, A.C. McLeod Jr., Richard McLawhorn
(Representing Martin Driggers - Town Attorney), and Terri King (Administrator)

Absent: Marilyn Fields and Charlie Sutton

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

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Campolong called meeting to order.

Invocation: Reverend Mark Dickinson

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve Minutes: Motion to approve minutes, as written, from the February 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting was made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Shilon Green. All were in favor.

Motion to Accept Second Reading: Motion to accept second reading of Ordinance 2015-1, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Article IV, and Section 8.401 – 8.411 Procurement Procedures”, made by Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. and seconded by Mayor John Campolong. All were in favor.

Motion to confirm Engineer Firm of “Record” for Town of McBee: Motion to accept MBD Consulting Engineering PA of Conway, SC as “Engineer of Record” for the Town of McBee Recreation Complex construction.

Motion to accept MBD Consulting Engineering PA of Conway, SC as Engineer of Record made by Mayor Campolong and seconded by A.C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

Reports

Administrator:

Economic Interest Filing is due by noon on March, 30, 2015.

Business Breakfast should be scheduled with the local businesses and the Council. We are working to schedule a speaker for this event. The Council will move forward with scheduling this event.

Councilman Shilon Green had requested that I verify when the property, where the tennis courts are located, was acquired by the Town. This property is under a LWCF Grant program, which requires that the area be kept in an operational condition. Currently the tennis courts are not usable and require extensive work. The Town did purchase the property from an individual on March 24, 1977. This does make the Town responsible for the tennis courts. The LWCF representative has stated that the Town could convert the area to an outdoor recreation area, example: basketball court, if the tennis courts are no longer needed. The Town would be responsible to file the appropriate documents with the LWCF office for any conversion of property.

LWCF has requested that the Town begin to repair the tennis courts or convert the area to a usable outdoor recreation area. The LWCF has the authority to fine the town if the area is not kept in a usable condition.

Mayor John Campolong responded: The Town has received quotes to restore the courts and the National Tennis Association has been contacted requesting aid to go toward the repair. Currently the cost estimate is somewhere around \$80,000 to put the courts back in shape. The most the National Tennis Association will offer is \$15,000, which would not give the Town much to work with. I have asked the public school system to aid the Town in putting the courts back into shape, since they were the ones who use the courts. The school system has indicated that they would be willing to give funds toward the repairs. This is the status currently.

The Utility Clerk will be going on sick leave effective March 12, 2015 for surgery. She will be out for six weeks.

We need to schedule an April Budget Workshop. Calendars reviewed and workshop is scheduled for March 25, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

The Town does not have a "Leak Adjustment Policy" for water. Please review this draft and choose from the various options noted. Mayor Campolong agreed that a policy is needed; a policy that is fair to the customer and benefits the Town.

Council

Councilman A.C. McLeod:

Recreation Department: We are talking with some people in regards to the Recreation Department. Neil Gainey has resigned from the committee. We have talked with various people about working on this committee.

Limbs: We ask that everyone please be patient with the picking up of the limbs. William and Lee are working hard to get all the limbs picked up, so please be patient.

Railroad: We have the detours in town because of the work on the railroad. Asked Officer Tim Kemp what the status of the detour will be. Detour should last less than a week. Town has not experienced any problems with the detour so far.

Councilman Shilon Green:

Dilapidated Housing: I have been talking with Martin Driggers, Attorney, and we have sent some letters and made a lot of phone calls. People are very interested in cleaning up their property and they want to know what the Town could do versus what they could do. We asked Martin to get some information for us.

Richard McLawhon responded that he does not have the information, but spoke with Martin Driggers about the issue. Towns do this differently, normally the owners are responsible for a portion of the cost and the Town will pay for the remainder of the cost for the demolition.

Councilman Green would like to present the information at the April 2015 Council Meeting so that an ordinance could be passed in the near future.

Mayor Campolong asked, if the state had a program that helped towns with this situation.

Mayor John Campolong:

We will begin the planning of our Business Breakfast.

Motion to Enter Into Executive Session: Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code FOIA 30-4-70 (A)(1)(2) to discuss a water employee management discussion as well as other legal matters. Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by A.C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

Motion to Verify that only the items stated in the motion to enter into Executive Session was discussed during the Executive Session made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. and seconded by Mayor John Campolong, Jr. All were in favor.