

TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2015

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

Absent:

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

Pee Dee Coalition Representative Levorn Mack

Mr. Levorn Mack shared with those present the work of Pee Dee Coalition over the past year within Chesterfield County. Appreciative of the Town's continued support of this organization.

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

Invocation: Rev. Charlie Short

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve Minutes: Motion to approve minutes, as written, from the April 14, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Councilman A. C. McLeod, Jr. All were in favor.

Motion to approve minutes, as written, from the April 21, 2015, Special Council Meeting, made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Fields. All were in favor.

Policy: Leak Adjustment

Administrator Terri King: The "Leak Adjustment" policy was posted on the Town's website for "Public Comment" during the month of April. No comments were received by the citizens. Due to not currently having a written "Leak Adjustment" policy, this will give the Town a written policy to follow.

Comments by Council:

Councilman Shilon Green: The policy has been written to be very customer friendly.

Motion to adopt the “Leak Adjustment” policy made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Mayor John Campolong. All were in favor.

Ordinance: First Reading 2015 – 2016 Budget

Proposed budgets presented as being balanced and including the grants that will close during this fiscal year.

- General Fund: LWCF Grant of \$250,000
- Utility Fund: RIA Grant of \$350,000

The total budget for

- General Fund = \$707,203
- Utility Fund = \$837,800

Comments:

Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. questioned the inclusion of the grant from CCTC for the Recreation Complex’s parking lot and access road. Bids are being received, yet this is not included in the budget.

Mayor John Campolong responded that the funds have not been awarded at this time and may not be awarded prior to the end of this fiscal year.

Administrator Terri King responded that the budget would be adjusted for the receipt and the expenditure of those funds at the time of being awarded.

Councilman Shilon Green requested that funds be designated in the budget for the repair of the tennis courts.

Motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2015-2 the 2015 – 2016 General Fund Budget and the Utility Fund Budget made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Fields. In favor: 4 Abstained: 1

Reports:

Police Department – Officer Tim Kemp

The Sheriff's office will hold an auction in August for equipment. The Town currently has two vehicles that were impounded years ago, which can be sent to the auction. I am working with the Sheriff's office in properly securing the paperwork in order for these vehicles to be auctioned. We can also send any unused equipment the Town may have, and no longer needs, to be auctioned.

Comments:

Councilman A.C. McLeod inquired as to who would receive the revenue from the auctioned items.

Office Tim Kemp responded that the Town would receive the revenue after a small auction fee has been deducted by the County.

At the last meeting we discussed some issues with the Scout Hut. Since that meeting, I have talked with some of the committee members of the Scout Hut and they have amended the rental agreement to note the purpose and function of the rental and a "midnight" time to close the Scout Hut. The Police Department will receive a fax detailing when the Scout Hut is rented and for what function. This will allow the department to schedule a presence, if needed.

I have been working closely with Animal Control and he has spoken with various individuals about the process of their department. This has helped cut down the number of calls being received with complaints on animals.

Activity at the Recreation Complex has picked up tremendously. Councilman Green has been working diligently out at the ball fields. The issue of security is still a concern and I will be meeting with a couple of companies on the installation of security cameras.

The amount of traffic has increased and we have had a few accidents reported. This is to be expected for this time of year.

Administrator: Terri King

The restrooms at the Recreation Complex have been opened and have presented a big challenge for the maintenance department. The restrooms have been trashed with toilet paper; the soap dispenser in the men's restroom has been torn off the wall and broken. We are one week into the baseball season and 20 rolls of toilet paper have been used, the trash cans on the fields were being tipped over, so we have secured the cans to the fencing with a chain and lock. We are working to keep the area clean and presentable. The Maintenance Department has been dragging the baseball fields and helping with the marking of the fields. This has taken time away from their normal maintenance duties and has caused a backlog of picking up the limbs in the Town. William Boykin has asked if the Council would consider allowing them to work 4 12's in order to catch up on the limbs.

Comments:

Council general discussion: Decision was to not approve the 4 12's. The maintenance department is to work their normal schedule.

Councilman Green and I have been talking with some volunteers about hosting a "Family Day" at the end of the baseball season. I would ask that Council consider approving this activity for the community. The Town is not permitted to cook at the concession stand, so we would need to get permitted or to find someone who is permitted to cook for the function.

The banners for the sponsors were picked up and hung on the fencing today. We have had a well received sponsorship this year. We are providing banners for all sponsors of \$250 or more.

We are having a problem with landscapers working within the town and not coming in to purchase a business license, and leaving the yard debris at the road for the maintenance department to pickup. We are getting calls from the homeowner complaining that we are not picking up the debris. Our ordinance stipulates that the Town is not responsible for yard debris of a landscaper. I need some guidance on handling this type of situation.

Comments:

Councilman A.C. McLeod asked if there is a fine for not complying with an ordinance. Officer Tim Kemp responded that there is and that the maximum fine is \$500. Councilman McLeod recommended that a ticket be written for violators and we charge them for moving the debris. Mayor Campolong stated that the ordinance is to be enforced.

Councilman A.C. McLeod, Jr. – Recreation

Mayor John Campolong asked that Councilman McLeod approach the Scout Hut committee and request that they become responsible for the utility fees of the Scout Hut. This will create a savings for the Town as we begin to incur electrical costs for the Recreation Complex. The Scout Hut generates revenue from rental activities and none of this revenue is passed to the Town. The Town also pays for the liability insurance of the Scout Hut and any major maintenance that is needed.

Appreciate all the work that Councilman Shilon Green, Terri King, and the Recreation Committee has done to pull this together in order to have a baseball season.

We do need to ask the coaches and parents to be attentive to the children and to help keep the property to be taken care of. Councilman McLeod suggested that we post on the website that we would appreciate help in taking care of the Recreation Complex. We need to take pride in our facilities and we need the help of the citizens. We need to have the security cameras and we should pursue what the costs will be.

Councilman Shilon Green shared that the problems that have been experienced in the past between coaches and families has not been an issue this year. There are 95 children playing ball this season and coaches are already asking about football. We will work hard to gain back the children that left to play at other locations and are looking forward to what we can accomplish in our Recreation Department.

Maintenance: Councilman Charlie Sutton

The limbs are piling up all over town. The department works every morning on limbs and leaves. Could the Town look at any individuals who require community service? Officer Kemp responded that would require full supervision and would not be beneficial.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Fields. All were in favor.