TOWN OF McBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016

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

Absent:

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

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

Invocation: Rev. Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 2, 2016 made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to Approve Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on February 23, 2016 made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn Fields. All were in favor.

Reports
Administrator: Terri King
2016-2017

The schedule for the 2016 – 2017 Budget should be finalized. Look at your calendar to determine when we can hold the first budget work session.

- Work Session: April 5 at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- First Reading: May 3, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting
- Public Hearing / Approval: June 7, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting

Police Department Body Wear Camera Policy
The federal government has made it mandatory that every police department purchase and use body wear cameras. Funding is available to purchase the cameras for the department.

Regulations to qualify for the federal funding of body wear cameras required that the department have a policy in place for the use of the body wear cameras. We submitted our policy to the SCCJA for review and they have approved the policy.

In order to receive funding to purchase the cameras, we are required to submit an application by the end of April detailing how many cameras the department wishes to purchase and the long range cost of the cameras for the department.

The cameras we are currently looking at are from L3 Communications, which is the company that provided our police car video systems. Our current software is compatible with the body wear cameras they offer. We will contact L3Commincations for current quotes.

State Ethics Economic Reports are due by the end of March.

Recreation Department – Director Shilon Green
Baseball fields have been marked to get ready for the first game. The first game will be April 11th. A Family Day is being planned with a tournament of area teams. Registration is continuing.

Mayor Campolong
We submitted our "Notice to Bid" on SCBO for the lighting of the two baseball fields. We will have our bid opening at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 8th.

Police Department – Chief Tim Kemp
February was a busy month with more accidents and various other issues taking place during the month. We experienced trees down during the storm a couple of weeks ago, the railroad is working on a couple of areas, which has caused a couple of detours.

Councilman Marion Stephens
Shilon and I have talked in regards to the dilapidated housing issue and we have put our sites on one area of concern. I am working to find out who owns the property in order to contact them about our concerns. I hope to have more information at the next meeting.

Mayor Campolong
Our USDA loan on the water system requires that we pay into an account called a "Cushion Fund". Once you reach the stipulated balance in the fund, you are eligible to stop making the payment into the fund. The Town reached the required balance of $92,652 with the January 2016 payment and will no longer be required to make the monthly payment into the account. This is an annual savings of $9,265.20to the Utility Fund.

The Town Hall will be closed on March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.

Motion to Amend Agenda made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. All were in favor

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee matters of the Police Department, made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. 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 Councilwoman Marilyn Fields and seconded by Councilman Marion Stephens. All were in favor.

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