

TOWN OF MCBEE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012 – 5:45 PM

Present: John Campolong Jr., Tony Floyd (Town Attorney), Marilyn Fields, Shilon Green, A. C. McLeod Jr., & Charlie Sutton

Note to Minutes: Latondra Johnson, Interim Town Clerk, was not present and typed minutes.

Mayor Campolong called meeting to order.

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code FOIA 30-4-70 (a) (1) (2) to discuss employee matters, and legal matters for contractual matters made by Mayor Campolong; seconded by Councilman Sutton. All were in favor.

Motion to verify that only the items stated in the motion to enter Executive Session were discussed during Executive Session made by Councilman Green; seconded by Councilwoman Fields. All were in favor.

Invocation made by Councilwoman Fields; pledge immediately followed.

Motion to approve minutes from May 1 and May 9, 2012 as written made by Councilman Green; seconded by Councilwoman Fields. All were in favor.

Mayor Campolong stated that the Chesterfield Economic Alliance is working to bring industries to Chesterfield County; the towns in Chesterfield County are asked to contribute monies. He stated the town needs amenities such as grocery stores and other services. He reported that the larger towns have contributed from \$2 to \$3 per capita.

Motion to approve commitment of \$1 per capita to Chesterfield Economic Alliance made by Councilman Green; seconded by Mayor Campolong. Discussion: It is a pledge for one year. Councilman McLeod abstained. Mayor Campolong, Councilwoman Fields, Councilman Green, and Councilman Sutton were in favor.

Mayor Campolong stated that the Hospitality Tax will be used for the maintenance and building of the Recreation Park. He stated that it could be used on anything that can be tied with tourism. Town Attorney Floyd read aloud part of South Carolina Code of Law Section 6-1-730, Sub-section A.

Mayor Campolong brought before Council the Walk-a-Thon for Hope Roscoe Melton Fund at the walk trail. He mentioned the sponsors of this event were invited to come to the meeting but they did not attend.

Motion not to use municipal facilities at this time made by Councilman McLeod; seconded by Councilman Green. All were in favor.

Motion to put Ordinance 2012-2 "Hospitality Tax" back on the table made by Councilman Green; seconded by Mayor Campolong. Mayor Campolong, Councilwoman Fields, Councilman Green, and Councilman Sutton were in favor. Councilman McLeod voted against it.

Motion to accept Ordinance 2012-2 "Hospitality Tax" made by Councilman Sutton; seconded by Mayor Campolong. Discussion: Councilman McLeod stated that he had mixed emotions and this could cause complications with some businesses in town. Councilman McLeod abstained. Mayor Campolong, Councilwoman Fields, Councilman Green, and Councilman Sutton were in favor.

Reports from Council

Councilwoman Fields stated that the second graders from McBee Elementary visited the Town Hall to get an understanding of town government. She stated that Police Department showed them how police equipment is used.

Councilman McLeod stated that the Recreation Park has received the 6 bleachers for \$8000. He stated that the concession stand along with restrooms needs to be built, but the right-of-way needs to be released by Rural Development. Town Attorney Floyd is to contact Stuart Hucks from Rural Development to ask for the release the 15 foot right-of-way for the Recreation Park.

Councilman Green stated that it is time for election; the Mayor and two Council seats are open. He stated that sign-ups will begin at noon on June 22, 2012 and close at noon on July 6, 2012; the papers have been notified and it will be posted.

Town Attorney Floyd stated that a couple years ago, Everett Kendall, was hired by the town to litigate a case dealing with Alligator's attempt to increase water rates. The town prevailed; Alligator withdrew request to raise the rates. He stated after the court case, bills kept coming with a drawn amount on them. He stated, in August 2010, he asked Billy Spencer in a letter requesting Mr. Bobby and Mr. Odom to resolve the billing. He requested from Council to give him authority to engage Alligator in discussion to remove the charges before next meeting; if not, authorize him to bring a ruler ship cause before the Circuit Court and allow them to address this matter.

Motion to give Town Attorney Floyd permission to move forward made by seconded by Councilman McLeod; Councilwoman Fields. All were in favor.

Town Attorney Floyd stated that Alligator is sending requests to sign people up to get sewer. He stated, in February 2009, the town was granted 208 Plan; Alligator is asking people within town's territory to purchase easements for sewer. He also requested authority to stop this injunction by bringing this before the Circuit Court.

Motion to for Town Attorney Floyd to send a letter of intention, give Alligator a week to respond; if not, take the matter before court made by Councilman McLeod; seconded by Councilman Green. All were in favor.

Mayor Campolong stated that County Councilman Frank Plyler brought some Animal Intake Forms that need to be filled out before animals are picked up and taken to shelter.

Mayor Campolong stated that the July's Regular Meeting will be June 25, 2012; there will be Public Hearing on the Budget also.

Councilman Green read aloud Ordinance 2012-4 "Ordinance to set Municipal Budget for 2012-13." The total income for the General Fund is \$429,366; the total income for the Utility Fund is \$345,950.

Motion to accept Ordinance 2012-4 "Budget" made by Councilman Green; seconded by Mayor Campolong. All were favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Fields; seconded by Councilman Green. All were in favor.