

**TOWN OF McBEE**  
**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015  
4:00 PM

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

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

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

**Invocation:** Councilman Shilon Green

**Mayor Campolong:**

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss and accept the bid for the Recreation Complex, consisting of two more baseball fields and irrigation.

**Discussion:**

**Mayor Campolong**

A review of the original layout of the Recreation Complex consists of Phase I and Phase II plans. Phase I included four baseball fields, a walk trail, and a parking area. At this point we have completed the walk trail, the parking area, two baseball fields and a building for concessions/restrooms/press box – score keeper area. The only thing we need to do to complete Phase I is the constructing of two additional baseball fields, the irrigation, and install the lights for a baseball field. All of Phase I construction has been paid for and the Town owes nothing and will be able to complete Phase I through the LWCF Grant funding.

We have received bids for the construction of the two remaining baseball fields and the irrigation of all four fields. Each of you have a bid tabulation of the bids received for this project. The first bid is from Southland Landscaping, who constructed the two existing fields at the Complex. The next bid came from Kit-Kat Construction, but he withdrew his bid the day after the bid opening. The next bid is from Guardian Fencing, in Columbia and the next bid is from Henley Construction from Cheraw. As you can see, Henley Construction was the low bidder. Under state regulations, unless there is justification as to the contrary, we are to go with the lowest bidder.

I have researched Henley Construction to make sure that we could accept their bid. We have had various meetings and I have checked their references and have received good reports on their work. I have met with Phil Gardner, of Hartsville, and with the Henley Construction to go over everything to make sure we were going to get everything that we needed to complete this construction.

The big question was about the irrigation. I have an irrigation diagram drawn up by Smith from Columbia. This firm has experience in athletic field irrigation. This diagram gives us the specifications we will need to irrigate these four fields. Phil reviewed this diagram and agreed with it.

**Councilman A C McLeod, Jr.**

Let's review the plan that was actually submitted with the LWCF Grant application. We re-designed the walking trail after we submitted the LWCF Grant application and then discussed installing football fields within the baseball fields. I would like to propose that we have combination fields, so that we can play football at the Complex.

**Councilman Charlie Sutton**

My concern, is this the plan that was approved by LWCF?

**Councilman AC McLeod, Jr.**

I have met with Phil Gardner, and he agrees that the LWCF Grant will agree to pay for a combination sports field. The plans that were originally submitted does not show the altered walking trail. The walking trail prevents the fields from being constructed as originally proposed. The football fields will need to be placed differently than originally shown.

My proposal is that we table this until we vote on a plan that includes multi-sports and then we request new bids based on the new plans.

I do not agree with the proposed irrigation diagram. I feel that it will create more maintenance and will not meet our needs.

I recommend that we table this motion and look at newer plans and then re-bid the project.

**Mayor John Campolong**

I do not believe we have enough time to have new plans drawn and to put the project out for bids before we would lose the LWCF Grant.

**Motion to Accept the bid from Henley Construction** for the two baseball fields and the irrigation of four baseball fields made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Charlie Sutton. Three in favor, one abstained, one against.

**Mayor John Campolong**

At our Regular Council meeting we approved the purchase of the Zero Turn mower from ACE Hardware. We purchased the mower and had a problem with this particular style mower. It was not a commercial mower and we went back and exchanged it for a commercial mower. The commercial mower is approximately \$3,500 more than we approved in our Regular meeting.

**Motion to spend the additional funds for the commercial grade mower** made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Council Woman Marilyn Fields. All were in favor.

**Motion to Enter into Executive Session** to discuss legal matters pertaining to the water account of AO Smith was made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Shilon Green. All were in favor.

**Motion to come out of Executive Session** to verify that only the item stated in the motion to enter into executive session was discussed during the executive session was made by Mayor John Campolong and seconded by Councilman Shilon Green. All were in favor.

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Councilman Shilon Green and seconded by Mayor John Campolong. All were in favor.