

Belhaven Town Council Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2009

Regular Session - Minutes

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Belhaven Town Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 P.M at the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street. In the absence of Mayor Adam W. O'Neal and Mayor Pro-Tem J. Nelson Guy; Councilman McKee "Mac" Pigott called the meeting to order. Councilmen Steve W. Carawan, Howard D. Moore and Robert Stanley were present. Finance Officer Kyle J. DeHaven and Town Clerk Marie J. Adams were also present.

Councilman Pigott introduced and recognized Mr. Johnny Donnell Clark, Deacon with Hoggard's Temple Church of God in Christ who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Pigott stated that the Council agreed that he would preside over the meeting and wanted to make it official by motion. Councilman Carawan made the motion that Councilman Pigott preside over the meeting due to the absence of Mayor O'Neal and Mayor Pro-Tem Guy. Councilman Pigott stated that Mayor O'Neal had a business meeting that had been rescheduled and that Councilman Guy had a church affiliated meeting out of town.

Councilman Pigott stated that he would not be voting on any issue due to his presiding over the meeting. (Town Clerk's Note: as a Councilman presiding over the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem, the Councilman retains his rights to vote, therefore all motions in this meeting will be counted to included Councilman Pigott as voting, as a not voting is considered "yes".)

Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2009 Regular Session

Councilman Pigott stated that the minutes of the September 14, 2009 regular session meeting were open for review and adoption. There being no corrections to the minutes, Councilman Carawan made the motion to adopt the September 14, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

Public Comments

Councilman Pigott recognized Mr. Walt Allen, resident of 519 Water Street who made the following comments: Battalina Creek Subdivision had formed a Home Owners Association and they have a concern with the mowing of their properties as the infrastructure is not complete. Mr. Allen asked that the Council consider the precedence that they have set with the town mowing some twenty-one lots and asked that all citizens be treated equally. Councilman Pigott stated that this would be looked into and brought up at the next Council meeting.

Request for Sewer Connection – Delta City

Councilman Pigott stated that Ms. Lateshia Byrd had requested sewer at lot #98 located in the Delta City area of Pantego and was told by Town Officials there was a moratorium on sewer connections out of the town limits. Ms. Byrd has since sent a letter to the town requested sewer at the lot for the operation of a barber shop. Ms. Byrd stated in her letter that she had paid the fee requested to have the sewer stub-out put on the property at the

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time the sewer was being provided. Councilman Pigott asked if anyone was present representing this issue. Councilman Pigott recognized Mr. James Whitney who was in attendance on behalf of Ms. Byrd. Mr. Whitney stated that a barber shop was to be the user for the sewer not a whole household and that the initial fees had been paid at the time of the sewer line/tap being installed. Councilman Carawan stated that the Town Council had set the moratorium for sewer connections, but after reviewing the request from Ms. Byrd she should be allowed to connect if all fees are paid.

Councilman Carawan made the motion that the sewer tap for the barber shop be installed after the following: a) that the Town Manager verify that a permit is obtained and paid for; b) the necessary fees are collected; c) verify the presence of a stub-out and d) allow sewer tap should all items be verified. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

Belhaven Police Department – Mutual Aid Agreements with Beaufort County Sheriff's Department and the City of Washington Police Department

Councilman Pigott stated that Chief Fred Clingenpeel had submitted Mutual Aid Agreements for Beaufort County and City of Washington law enforcement agencies on behalf of the Town of Belhaven. Chief Clingenpeel asked for Council approval of these mutual aid agreements and stated that these agencies could be utilized for large crowd activities such as the July 4th celebration and in case these agencies were needed for a natural disaster such as a hurricane. Chief Clingenpeel stated that the officers if used for mutual aid would be paid from their hiring agency. Councilman Carawan asked if the Belhaven Police Department would reciprocate the same mutual aid to both of these agencies. Chief Clingenpeel stated yes and that when those agreements are completed they will be brought to the Town Council for approval.

Councilman Moore made the motion to accept the Mutual Aid Agreements with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department and the City of Washington Police Department. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

County of Beaufort – Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan – Reimbursement

Councilman Pigott stated that Beaufort County had a countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan which is mandated by the State. Councilman Pigott stated that the Town's portion of this plan was \$1,800 and a motion was needed to approve this expenditure. Councilman Pigott stated that cost of the plan was split between Beaufort County, City of Washington, Town of Belhaven, Town of Aurora, Town of Bath, Town of Chocowinity, and the Town of Pantego. Town Clerk Adams stated that the exact figure for the Town portion of the plan was \$1,867 not \$1,800. Councilman Carawan made the motion to reimburse Beaufort County \$1,867 for the Town of Belhaven's portion of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

Disposal and Mandatory Recycling

Councilman Pigott asked if Mr. Rob Cuthrell with David's Trash was present. He was not in attendance. Councilman Pigott stated that the Town Manager needed to request

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that Mr. Cuthrell be in attendance at the next Council meeting to further explain the recycling procedures for the Town since David's Trash was the Town's refuse removal company. Councilman Moore concurred with Councilman Pigott. Councilman Carawan stated that he had some concerns with 900 citizens traveling to the Public Works Compound to recycle items. Councilman Pigott stated that there were a lot of questions that needed to be answered. Councilman Carawan made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting when Mr. Rob Cuthrell could be present. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

Town Manager's Report

In the absence of Town Manager Leverett, due to sickness, Mr. Kyle DeHaven, Finance Officer gave the following report: a) the breakwater project is to be funded with federal monies as per Mr. John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army, and civilian head of the Army Corps of Engineers, and therefore will be at no cost to the Town; b) the North Carolina League of Municipalities will hold their annual convention in Greenville, NC this year – October 25 – 27, at a cost of \$275.00 per person.

Councilman Carawan stated that the breakwater repair will give a boost to the economy in Belhaven as one of the bidders is looking for prospective rental properties.

Councilman Pigott stated that the monthly reports were included in the Council packet and thanked the department heads for the detailed information.

Councilman Carawan stated that there was "a skeleton crew" in attendance tonight and thanked Town Clerk Adams and Finance Officer DeHaven for their assistance.

Councilman Stanley thanked Councilman Pigott for presiding over the meeting

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Carawan made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. Adams, CMC
Town Clerk