

TOWN OF MCBEE
REGULAR TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008
6:00 PM

Present: John Campolong, Tony Floyd (Town Attorney), Shilon Green, & Charlie Sutton
Absent: Mayor Eddie Kirkley

Welcome and call meeting to order: Councilman Green

Motion made by Councilman Sutton to approve minutes from regular meeting, February 12, 2008; seconded by Councilman Green with the exception of adding the law # pertaining to election committee members. All were in favor.

Motion to go into executive session made by Councilman Green; seconded by Councilman Campolong. All were in favor.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilman Green; seconded by Councilman Campolong. Council discussed employee matters and contractual matters. All were in favor.

Councilman Green stated that Mayor Kirkley spoke with County Code Inspector about building a handicap ramp at the Depot Library. The person(s) who builds the ramp does not have to be licensed but the building codes have to be followed. Robert Sambor and County Councilman Frank Plyler volunteered to build it.

The selling of the old Sandhills Medical building will be tabled until next month.

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, March 21, 2008, due to holiday. Therefore, water cut-off day will be extended until Monday, March 24, 2008.

Councilman Green stated that Mayor Kirkley asked him to read aloud the letter of resignation from Councilman Dusty Rhoad. He also read aloud from the Handbook for Municipal Officials in SC that states:

“A mayor or council vacancy must be filled by election. It cannot be filled by appointment. If a vacancy occurs 180 days or more before the next municipal general election, council must order a special election to fill the unexpired term Section 5-7-200(b). The time for holding a special election to fill a vacancy is prescribed by Section 7-13-190. Clearance by the Department Justice is not required prior to implementation.”

Councilman Green stated that based on the Handbook and a telephone call to Columbia that the Town does not need to have a special election. Therefore, the resignation was on

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March 7, 2008 and there is 177 days left until next election in September. He also stated that Mayor Pro-Tempore would not be decided at this meeting.

Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Councilman Dusty Rhoad made by Councilman Green; seconded by Councilman Sutton. All were in favor.

Councilman Campolong stated that almost 6 – 8 months ago, Council was presented with notion to expend around \$20,000 for engineers to come and do an analysis of the water system. Motion to expend monies for engineer's fees made by Councilman Campolong; seconded by Councilman Sutton. All were in favor.

Councilman Campolong gave an update on the renovations of the Town Hall and Police Department. He also stated by following week Council should be able to begin to solicit bids.

Councilman Campolong also spoke about applying for grants and receiving endorsements for the recreation department ball fields.

Kemp McLeod stated that more land could be donated to the recreation department, if necessary. He also gave an update on the plans for the recreation department ball fields.

Jamie Wayne formally thanked the McLeod Family and everyone for all they are doing to help the recreation department.

Town Attorney Tony Floyd discussed issues with abandon and depilated houses.

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

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