

TOWN OF MCBEE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2009– 5:45 PM

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

Tardy: A. C. McLeod Jr. (6:29 PM)

Left early: Shilon Green (6:54 PM)

Note to Minutes: Latondra Johnson, Interim Town Clerk, was present and typed minutes.

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code FOIA 30-4-70 (a) (1) (2) to discuss employee matters and legal matters made by Mayor Campolong; seconded by Councilwoman Fields. 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 Rev. Allen; the Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Motion to approve minutes from Regular Town Council Meeting on November 3, 2009 made by Councilman Green; seconded by Councilman Sutton. All were in favor

Milton Smalls from US Census 2010 explained that because of the Census more that 400 billion dollars had been put back in the communities. He stated that 49% of Chesterfield County did not respond to the 2000 Census. This could affect the revenue in this county. He also stated that the census form is shorter. He asked the Council to allow the Town to become a partner in the census.

Nola Alford announced the Senior Dinner on December 10 at 6 PM. She also announced the Angel Tree Dinner on December 16 at 5:30 PM. She asked Council to attend these events.

Mayor Campolong stated that the town has no town police coverage due to fact of the resignation of the Police Chief. He made known that Councilman Green asked to be relieved of duties over the Police Department. He will be placed on Special Projects.

Councilman Green stated that grant for the sidewalks were awarded to C. Ray Miles Construction. This company will be doing sidewalks in Chesterfield and Lancaster counties. The date of intent to begin on the sidewalks is in December. He asked Council for permission to allow him to sign the maintenance agreement on behalf of the town. It is a requirement from SC DHEC for Storm Water Permit approval for Walnut Avenue. He announced that Pee Dee COG

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would put an advertisement in the Florence Morning News and the Link for bids on the paving of Walnut Ave. which will run on December 6. He also stated that a pre-bid conference will be at Town Hall on December 17 at 10:30 AM and the bid opening will be on January 5, 2009 at 10:30 AM at McBee Town Hall. This project will run around \$206,000 and the last road to be paved in McBee.

Motion to allow Councilman Green to sign maintenance agreement made by Mayor Campolong; seconded by Councilwoman Fields. All were in favor.

Town Attorney Tony Floyd explained a commercial business was coming to McBee and the space that the business needs goes over into an alleyway. The retail facility has to have title insurance; therefore, a quit-claim deed is needed. He also stated the retail business will help provide jobs and revenue for the town. He read aloud the first reading of Ordinance 2009-3 to convey alleyway for business.

Motion to accept Ordinance 2009-3 to convey alleyway for business made by Councilman McLeod; seconded by Councilman Green. All were in favor.

Mayor Campolong announced that there will be a Special Meeting on December 14, 2009 for the second reading of Ordinance 2009-3.

Councilwoman Fields commended the Depot Museum/ Library Committee on the Tea drop-in; more than 100 people attended. She applauded the Busy Bees for the Tour of Homes that rose near \$2000 toward American Cancer Society. She encouraged the public to support the Senior Dinner and Angel Tree. She announced the Christmas Parade will be December 5 at 4 PM; Rick Henry would be the Grand Marshall. She also stated the Chesterfield County is providing coverage until a new police officer is hired.

Councilman McLeod spoke on the Recreation Department. He stated that a letter of intent was submitted before the deadline on December 7 to PRT for a grant. Another letter of intent was submitted for a different grant for a walking trail. He also stated that COG would complete the environmental study by end of this month. He confirmed that everything is falling into place. He stated that Florence Engineering Consultants credentials were great. He acknowledged that a separate fund has been set up for the Recreation Park through the town. He also spoke on an accident where someone hit a fence at a ball field. He received a bid from the man from Henderson Construction who built it. The bid is for \$1775 to repair. He will also get another estimate. He is working to get the fence repaired.

Mayor Campolong reiterated that the amount of money that is being requested from PRT is \$250,000. When \$250,000 for the Recreation Park is met, PRT will pay back dollar for dollar. The walk trail will be 80/20 participation. He stated that by next year all Christmas lights would be on timers. He announced that someone donated over \$6,000 in Christmas lights to the town. He stated that a Work Session was held with the auditors. This year the audit was much better

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than last year. He spoke on documenting procedures and job descriptions. He also would like for Council to consider amending the business license ordinance to require those with 3 or more rental units to have a business license. This would be discussed at a later date.

Mayor Campolong announced that the Town Hall will be closed in observance of holidays on December 24-25 and January 1, 2010.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Fields; seconded by Mayor Campolong. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:18 PM.

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