

TOWN OF MCBEE
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2009 5:45 P.M.

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

Note to Minutes: No clerk present. Minutes typed by Teresa Gardner, interim Town Clerk.

Mayor Campolong called the 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 made Councilman Green; 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 Councilman Sutton. All were in favor.

Invocation made by Rev. Crofton; pledge immediately followed.

Motion made by Councilman Green to approve minutes from the Regular Town Council Meeting on June 2 and the Special Town Council Meeting on June 18; seconded by Councilwoman Fields. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Fields stated that plans were being made to form a committee to get the Christmas parade lined up. Mrs. Fields received a phone call from The Busy Bees stating that they wanted to join with the Town in planning a celebration at Christmas. Mrs. Fields will be meeting with The Busy Bees soon. Mrs. Fields stated that Mr. Campolong had been in touch with CSX about the problem with the railroad that was discussed in the Special Meeting on June 18. Mr. Campolong received a letter from CSX informing us what to do in case of an emergency. Mrs. Field read the letter. She announced that the Town Hall would be closed for the July 4 holiday on Friday, July 3.

Councilman Sutton stated that all of the paperwork was in place for the project on Walnut St. It should be about three months before they start on the road. Mr. Sutton stated that it should be done by Christmas.

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Councilman Green stated that the Town had previously talked about the Statewide Sidewalk Enhancement program that we had applied for under the Stimulus Package. There were approximately eighty request received from each entity. Seven counties make up our district, which is District 4. The engineers from the State Transportation Department went around to every location from which an application was received. The estimated amount was 6.3 million, but District 4 was only awarded 2 million. Mr. Green stated that he was happy to announce that out of the three areas that was requested for McBee, we were approved for two. They are going to put sidewalk from Union Church Road on Eleventh Street to Holt Street connecting back up to Highway 151. There will be sidewalk on all of Eleventh Street. In addition, we are going to put a sidewalk from Mr. McCoy's house down past the Doctor's office and it will connect to Union Church Road. We also put in a request for US 1 East, which is going toward The Company Store. We were told that it did meet eligibility requirements, but because of the funds, they could not fund that at this time, but they would keep it on file and maybe go back to it later. Mr. Green announced that he and Councilwoman Fields attended a meeting on June 29 in regards to ways you can save for engineers a grant. Many people are going after the Stimulus money, so hopefully we can get some more things done. Mrs. Fields stated that there was only \$709,000 for the whole Pee Dee.

Mr. Campolong announced that they have been working on the budget for the last few weeks. He stated that the budget is pretty well moving along. He also stated that this is the first time that he knew of that the budget was done in a timely manner and the first one he has seen that was done accurately and you can see exactly what was going on. We can have a clear picture of what money we are going to get and where we will not be getting money and what we need to do about it. We can do many things when you have the facts in front of you. We do have a couple of problems within our budget that we need to address and how we can make changes in order to have the Town run on a more balanced method as well as provide more for the citizens. In addition, in our budgeting and cost cutting, we are not taking away anything from the citizens. We are taking away some of the waste and adding that to the benefit of the citizens. We are headed in the right direction. The woman that was hired to do the books is very knowledgeable and has been a great help and stays on top of things. Subsequently, we do have a very decent budget to show this year. We have some things to iron out, but we are in the right direction.

Mr. Campolong announced that under new business, he would like to enter the first hearing for the budget of the fiscal year of 2009-2010. Everyone has a copy that they can look at. Mr. Campolong stated that the Town does not have the revenue coming in as they did in the past. Mr. Campolong made a motion to get approval for the first reading of the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010; seconded by Councilwoman Fields. All were in favor.

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

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