

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Kenny Allen
Ronnie Lieupo
Edwin Smith
Julian Copeland
Anita Armstrong

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Allen. Councilman Copeland gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 4 citizens who attended this meeting. Mayor Allen asked for corrections or additions to the minutes. There being no corrections, Councilman Smith made motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report from City Attorney – Mr. Turner stated this year was the last payment for the Jamie Wisenbaker property.

Citizen Concerns – Sherry Davidson from RDC presented the plat of the Copeland property. Steve Copeland owns 51 acres and is wanting to divide into four lots. Dasher adopted subdivision regulation 12/03. Mr. Copeland loses his grandfather status by subdividing. Ms. Davidson recommended that the dedicated roads remain private so the city won't be obligated to maintain. After much discussion Mayor Allen stated he had two problems the council needed to think about; 1) deed restrictions to prevent anyone from blocking off a road or easement and 2) different landowners will be inevitable. He stated Dasher needed to prevent future problems like the one we have continued to deal with in TLS. This is for all Dasher property not just the Steve Copeland property. Ms. Davidson stated safety is our first concern. Safety vehicles will not be able to get through at the egress/ingress at Melinda Lane. Councilman Smith asked if easements could have stipulations if property is sold to non-family then all easements be brought to code. Ms. Davidson said you could not discriminate. She stated even if we relax the subdivision we would still have to do a text amendment. There was more lengthy discussion. Ms. Davidson will provide us with information from Lowndes County regulations that are pertinent to our situation. We will discuss this at our January workshop meeting.

Mayor's Comments – The re-delegation of council duties is tabled until the January workshop. Mayor then stated he would like to have an open house of the Community Center with coffee and snacks if possible this year. Councilman Armstrong stated she would check with school to see if the chorus could provide entertainment. There was discussion about shortness of time to pull this together so it will be discussed for next year. The golf cart ordinance was discussed at the workshop meeting to be tabled at this time. Mayor also discussed the assessment of penalties to be imposed regarding training for council with 18 month timetable from the swearing in for completion, lose pay or resignation of councilmember. Discussion. Mr. Turner will prepare a resolution to handle training. Chronic absenteeism of council was also discussed and will be revisited at January workshop meeting.

Council Concerns – Councilman Lieupo suggested a port-a-potty be placed at the park and we could provide this for \$60 per month with service once a week. He would like a slab to put it on. Councilman Smith made a motion to provide this service without a slab, Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Lieupo also announced that the signs are installed at Carroll Ulmer, Dasher and Johnston Roads. Additional 35 mph signs will also be installed. He stated that on December 16 at the KOA campground a meeting to discuss President Obama's health plan will be held. Councilman Copeland received bids for remaining fencing at the park. Todd Sadler was \$6285 for 4 ft fencing, Sims was \$8718 for aluminum fencing. Councilman Copeland and Mr. Zipperer could provide material for hitching post for ~\$1500.00. Councilman Lieupo made a motion to have the hitching post installed, Councilman Smith seconded the motion

and it carried unanimously. Councilman Copeland also discussed with Mr. Zipperer about installing the map holder. Councilman Armstrong received an estimate on the refurbishing of the Dasher signs which include repainting the wrought iron frames at \$1300 per sign and a time frame of 1 month to start at first of year. If paid all up front he'll give a 10% discount. Councilman Armstrong made a motion to accept his price. Councilmembers Smith and Copeland agreed with his pricing but not paying up front. With the motion amended to that affect, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith then made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion. The public portion of this meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m. Councilman Smith made a motion to reopen the public meeting at 7:45 with Councilman Lieupo seconding the motion. Councilman Smith made a motion to provide the Clerk with a one time Christmas bonus of \$250 and Code Enforcement Officer with \$100. Councilman Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. There was more discussion regarding subdivision regulations. Councilman Copeland stated the council had no say or responsibility in the TLS fiasco when the subdivision was created.

There being nothing else to discuss, Mayor Allen made motion to adjourn this meeting, Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion and this meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk