

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

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 was 1 citizen who attended this meeting. Mayor asked for amendments or approval of the December 7, 2009 and January 4, 2010 minutes. There being no corrections or amendments both minutes were approved unanimously.

Amanda Peacock from Georgia Regional Commission presented the 2009 updates to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. A Resolution to adopt the 2009 Updates to the Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan was read in its entirety by Mayor Allen. Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt this resolution, Councilman Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Al Turner had nothing to report tonight.

There were no citizen concerns.

Mayor Comments – Mayor asked the council if they would like to change their council duties. Councilman Armstrong will resume her duties regarding the community center. Councilman Smith stated he would like to be the one who checks the debris since he coordinates the mowing. Councilman Armstrong will take over the flower bed maintenance of Dasher properties. Councilman Copeland stated he needed a pathway so he can have access to the flagpole. Mayor Allen then addressed the council regarding chronic absenteeism and penalty. Mr. Turner states we can impose penalties. Councilman Lieupo asked for this issue to be addressed and feels each meeting, regular council meeting and workshop meeting, is equally important and should be attended. He would like to impose a \$100 fine for each meeting not being attended. Councilman Copeland stated since the council cannot impose decision of the workshop meetings they are not as important. Councilman Armstrong stated we already discussed this as accumulative. She feels that situations occur that are more important than council meetings. She asked if other cities around this area have such penalties. Mr. Turner stated he only looked at the cities that had this information online. Councilman Copeland stated he feels the upcoming council should be told at beginning of qualifying what their obligations are and be able to attend at least 75-80% of meeting and we should have something in writing to substantiate this. Mayor also feels something needs to be set in place to ease burdens of all mayor/council. Councilman Smith stated we already discussed previously that any member with chronic absenteeism the mayor would confront that councilman. Mr. Turner relayed again what our charter stated about abandonment of duties. Councilman Smith feels the workshop meetings are just as important as the regular council meetings. He feels if 2 meetings are missed then a penalty should be imposed.

Councilman Lieupo feels each councilmember should attend both monthly meetings as much as they can. Discussion. Councilman Armstrong feels imposition such as this could hinder candidates for running for office. She feels the mayor or designee needs to approach the one not attending meetings privately before fees are implemented. Councilman Smith feels if a fine was imposed then the one who the fee was imposed on would know they are neglecting their duties rather than have mayor or designee ask them to resign their duties. This subject was asked to be tabled until workshop meeting. Councilman Smith stated he wanted this issue to be taken care of tonight one way or another as it has been discussed too many times already. It was then discussed that based on 22 meetings if a mayor/councilmember missed 4 meetings then the mayor or mayor pro-tem or designee approach the offender in person. If 2 more meetings are missed then their resignation will be asked. If offender refuses to resign, the mayor and remaining council will determine if the offender did, in fact, abandon his or her duties. Discussion. Mayor Allen stated he is okay with fine imposed or resignation asked but he would like to see something done to weed out the dead-beats. There was more discussion. Councilman Smith made motion for resolution that if the mayor or any of the councilmembers missed more than 4 meetings, regular or workshop meeting combined, then the mayor or mayor pro-tem or designee approach the offender then if 2 or more meetings are missed the remaining mayor/council will convene to investigate to determine if the offender's abandoned their duties as parallel to our charter and to remove the offender's position. Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor then discussed the situation of the Steve Copeland subdivision. We are pursuing a text amendment to our subdivision regulations to be made applicable to Dasher's requirements. Mayor then discussed the storm water drainage improvements that Charlie Clark had presented at the workshop meeting. The construction estimate without cost of acquiring easement or sodding is \$176,000. We will ask Mr. Clark to attend our next workshop meeting.

Council Concerns – Councilman Copeland has asked Mr. Zipperer to install our map rack and extra shelving in the break room. He stated Mr. Weaver contacted him about re-roofing measurements for the museum. Mayor Allen asked Councilman Copeland if he felt the CC needed to be repainted. Councilman Lieupo had nothing to report. Councilman Smith stated the ditch between CC and park is normally mowed by Art Herring but Ed Hayes who mows the park will mow the ditch upon our request for \$75.00 each mowing. He asked the council's opinion on what to do with the moss and estimates for spraying which has to be done in February. All council agreed to have it sprayed. The cost will be ~\$400 for the park and ~\$250 for city hall and community center. Councilman Smith will contact the county extension office about the chemicals used. He then asked the council what their opinion would be to have murals painted on the museum. He will pursue a sketch plan. Councilman Armstrong had nothing to report.

There being no further business, Councilman Lieupo made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Armstrong seconded this meeting and this meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk