

CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011

Councilmembers Present:

G.R. Holton
Edwin Smith
Julian Copeland

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Holton. Councilman Copeland gave the Invocation and the Pledge followed. There were two citizens whom attended this meeting. Mayor Holton asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none Councilman Copeland made a motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report from City Attorney – Mr. Turner stated he talked to the surveyor from Charlie Clark’s office. Councilmen Smith conveyed that Kenny Allen has tried to get the plat from Charlie Clark. Mr. Allen has documented his phone calls to Mr. Clark with no result. The Council and our attorney are unhappy with Mr. Clark. Councilman Copeland stated that Mr. and Mrs. Alley want to sell their R/W to the city. Mayor Holton stated he would try to get hold of Mr. Clark.

Mayor Holton presented the FY2012 budget. He read the budget in its entirety. Councilman Copeland made motion to approve this budget, Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Holton asked for any comments or discussion from the audience and then the council. There being none the FY2012 budget was approved unanimously.

The City Clerk announced that the Board of Elections requires a minority contact person. There was discussion.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Holton stated he wanted the curbing on the walking track tabled but would like the rubberized coating to be installed as soon as possible. The curbing can be done at a later date. He modified the original proposal to delay curbing. He then proposed to close the entrance off Hwy 41 to city hall due to safety issues of the walkers. There was discussion of wear on the rubberized coating from car/truck traffic.

Councilman Smith says black coating might be better to lessen the appearance of wear and tear. Mayor stated he did not want black. He would prefer clay or green coating. There was more discussion. The Council agreed to close the Hwy 41 entrance to city hall. Mayor Holton then discussed that we would not have a July 4th meeting and this will be advertised. He discussed the credit card usage and restrictions. The credit card would be used for 1) Conference/seminars (registration fees, hotel/motel accommodations, gas/food (no alcohol), 2) Gas, maintenance, tires, etc for city vehicles, 3) Miscellaneous low-budget items for city hall, community center, museum, rental house, 4) Items for Dasher Day, 5) Internet fees (website). A sign-in/sign-out log will be established with return date and purpose of usage. Mayor then announced that Council seat #3 needs to be filled. We also have a seat opened on the Planning Commission. It is our best interest to get a Dasher citizen.

Council Concerns- Councilman Smith reported that the drainage issue on Ben Hill Road has been taken care of. He would like to discuss long term planning for the property we purchased at TLS for citizen utilization. Mayor stated he would like to discuss future Dasher plans later on. Councilman Copeland stated a log house was offered to Dasher. Repairs would have to be done and there would be moving costs. The land was not included. The house is estimated to be built around late 1800’s to early 1900’s. Councilman Copeland then announced that Mr. Zipperer will finish painting the community center this week. We will have to rent a lift. He received a proposal from Mr. Weaver in Nashville for roofing on the museum. This roofing will match the community center’s roof. Councilman Smith and Councilman Copeland have tried to get other proposals for the roofing with no success. Councilman Smith then made motion to accept the roofing bid from Mr. Weaver, Councilman Copeland seconded the motion. Councilman Smith stated he would like an additional work or storage room added on to the museum. Councilman Copeland stated he would consult with Jimmy Cone for this addition.

The motion carried to do insulation and roofing on the community center and museum as well as roofing on the museum. Councilman Copeland called Pro-Tree about trimming limbs around the walking track. Councilman Smith stated he would like Pro-Tree to give us an estimate to groom the stumps at the railroad track to make it look better. Councilman Copeland then stated the flooring at the community center needed to be refurbished.

Citizen Responses – Mr. Higgins thanked the council for redoing the walking track. He would like the sprinkler system not to be on from 7:00 a.m. He also asked if our mowers could blow the debris off the track. He mentioned low spots where water was standing. Crawford Powell, our representative from Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, attended our meeting and stated he was available to us anytime we needed him.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted By:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk

Approved By:

G. R. Holton, Mayor