

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

Councilmembers Present:

G.R. Holton
Julian Copeland
Edwin Smith
Anita Armstrong

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Holton. Councilman Smith gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 5 citizens who attended this meeting. Mayor Holton asked for amendments or corrections to the minutes. There was a grammatical error that needed to be corrected. Councilman Copeland then made motion to approve the minutes, Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Emanuel Zanders, Dasher's representative from the Regional Commission, fka South Georgia Regional Development Commission, discussed the Variance Request of Michael and Cheryl Copeland, DA-11-01. Mr. Zanders stated the Planning Commission approved the variance and explained to the Mayor/Council of Dasher the specifics of the variance. Councilman Smith then made motion to approve the variance. There being no further discussion, Councilman Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report from City Attorney – Mr. Turner stated he had nothing to report. Mayor reported on Kenny Allen's report. No surveys have been turned in regarding our drainage project. Councilman Smith stated he called Charlie Clark who reported that Stan Folsom was supposed to be getting Dasher's surveying completed. Mayor Holton asked that all correspondence regarding the water drainage issue be handled by him. Discussion regarding non-compliance issues from Charlie Clark's office. Councilman Copeland asked that Mayor Holton push Mr. Clark into completion of our work. There was more discussion. Mr. Turner then discussed the conversation he had with Mr. James Warren who asked if Dasher was still interested in purchasing his parcel of land across from City Hall. We originally offered \$7500 to Mr. Warren and he countered with an offer the council did not approve. Mr. Turner will contact him again with our original offer. There was discussion about Mr. Warren operating a car lot (3 vehicles for sale as of this date) on this property which is not in compliance with our zoning code. Mr. Lofton will be asked to handle this.

Mayor Concerns – Mayor Holton had no further comments or business to discuss.

Council Concerns – Councilman Armstrong presented a proposal by Mr. Carter for a new sign at the Community Center. Mr. Carter gave her an estimate and stated he could have the sign completed by Dasher Day. The council approved and Councilman Armstrong will continue to handle this project. Councilman Smith stated he needed a supply list for Dasher Day. Councilman Copeland reported that the museum and Community Center had foam insulation installed. He will have bid sheets for the silent auction to be conducted at Dasher Day.

Citizen Responses/Concern – Mr. Higgins asked what the holdup was on the water drainage project on Johnston Road and what is the estimated new completion date. Mayor Holton again stated we are being held up due to Mr. Clark's office and his not supplying our surveys. Ralph Russell, 3312 Tobacco Road, Valdosta stated he was present at a council meeting ~18 months ago asking us to implement a no burning ordinance. He presented a hand-out to council and gave a lengthy presentation. After his presentation, Councilman Copeland, Councilman Smith and Mayor Holton stated we are under compliance with the Georgia Forestry Commission's burning ordinance.

There being no further business, Councilman Armstrong made a motion to adjourn, Councilman Copeland seconded this motion and this meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved By:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk

G. R. Holton, Mayor