

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2008**

COUNCILMEN PRESENT:

KENNY ALLEN
JULIAN COPELAND
EDWIN SMITH
RONNIE LIEUPO

Mayor Allen called this meeting to order at 6:00. He then opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Mayor asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. There being none, Councilman Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes, Councilman Lieupo second the motion and it carried unanimously. There was one citizen who attended this meeting.

Report of City Attorney – Mr. Turner had nothing to report.

Citizen Concerns – Carolyn Brinson stated there was a big pot hole by Anita Armstrong's house on the NW corner. Councilman Lieupo will handle this.

Mayor Comments -Mayor Allen discussed the mowing of Dasher's property at TLS. The Council might need to add this to our next year's mowing contract.

Council Concerns – Councilman Smith discussed property purchase at TLS. He has appraisals for two properties. Dasher offered \$5000.00 for this property and the owner counter-offered with \$7500 and a tax write-off for the difference in the appraisal cost of \$36,000 and the \$7500 purchase price. Mr. Turner will handle this transaction. Councilman Lieupo made a motion to buy the property and for Al to draw up the contract and tax-write off document Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Smith then complained of several pot holes between TLS and Carroll Ulmer Road. Councilman Lieupo will handle this as well. Councilman Smith asked for consideration of having Art Herring to mow a couple of miles on our right-of-ways. Councilman Lieupo feels we ought to mow the whole 3+ acres. This would double our price from \$600-1200 per mowing. There was discussion about the state mowing (which they did in June) and if they see us taking care of it on our own they would discontinue. Councilman Copeland mentioned that Dasher discussed planting trees in the medians several years ago but DOT stated it would be Dasher's responsibility for maintaining the right-of-ways and not their responsibility if we planted the trees. Councilman Copeland stated he would try to contact DOT before our next meeting. Councilman Lieupo stated he took care of the speed limit sign on Hwy 41. He asked if the TLS/Ben Hill project had started. Mr. Turner was asked if bid was good after 90 days if he hadn't started. Mr. Turner stated we had a bond and so this was not applicable. The signed contract was given to Mayor 2 weeks ago and the contractor had to obtain a disturbance permit. Charlie Clark is the supervisor. He noted that there were several delays. Councilman Copeland stated we had 2 dot traps we need to do something with. They are in the old city hall. Mayor suggested we donate to the county and the council agreed. Councilman Copeland made a motion to donate them to county, Councilman

Lieupo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Turner states we do not need a receipt. Councilman Copeland stated there were some monetary donations for the museum. He asked if we should obtain a separate bank account. Mayor stated he left a message with Tommy Stalvey to call him back. Mr. Turner suggested we form an LLC corporation for the museum. He also suggested to do what Gary Zeigler's office suggested. Councilman Copeland then announced that Councilman Armstrong would be in Atlanta for her husband's treatments for the next 6-10 weeks. He stated someone needed to handle the Community Center. He announced there was a situation with last week's renters where they had brought grills/smokers. The Clerk told the renters they could bring them as long as they were on the asphalt. Mayor asked why there was a restriction regarding this? Councilman Copeland could only recall the mess that could be left behind. There was lengthy discussion regarding amending the restriction of grills/smokers. Mayor and Councilman Lieupo said they were not opposed to having the grills/smokers. It was suggested a slab could be poured as a designated area for outside cooking. There was more discussion. Councilman Lieupo made a motion stating "outdoor cooking allowed only in designated area." Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Councilman Copeland then asked how the council was going to handle getting the key, checking clean-up, etc. Councilman Smith suggested going up in price to cover cost of a coordinator. Mayor Allen feels each council member take a turn and then re-evaluate or until Councilman Armstrong returns.

Mayor Allen made motion at 7:12 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Copeland made motion to open meeting back to public after ending Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. He then made a motion to offer tax value of the TLS property but not to exceed \$36,000 and for authorization for Councilman Smith to proceed with negotiations. Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion carried.

There being no further matters to discuss Councilman Smith made motion to adjourn this meeting, Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion and this meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted By:

Tonia Studstill, City Clerk