

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2005**

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Kenny Allen
Anita Armstrong
Charles Stewart
Ronnie Lieupo
Julian Copeland

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Allen. Councilman Stewart gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 6 citizens who attended this meeting. Mayor Allen asked for corrections or additions to the minutes. There being none, Councilman Copeland made motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report of City Attorney – Mr. Turner asked about the status of the easements that were to be signed. Councilman Lieupo stated he delivered them to each party but they have not been signed yet. Mr. Turner then reported that he prepared all the notices for the mayor/council pay raise. He also reported that Dasher was not under the Lowndes County code for burning. Everyone, however, is supposed to obtain a burning permit. Councilman Stewart discussed what the Georgia Forestry Commissioner told him regarding the burning process. Mr. Turner stated Dasher was under to state law regarding this matter.

Rezoning DA-05-03. Jason Davenport, South Ga. RDC, presented the request for rezoning of Kenny Allen's property. At this time Mayor Allen recused himself and Mayor Pro Tem Stewart presided over this action. Mr. Davenport explained that Mr. Allen wanted to rezone 2 acres of his commercially zoned property to residential so that he could build a house. Mr. Davenport explained that it was difficult to get financing for a residential home under commercial zoning. He stated the Planning Commission approved this request, 6-0. Councilman Stewart asked the citizens if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against this request. There being none, Councilman Stewart then asked the council if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against this request. There being none, Councilman Lieupo made a motion to approve this zoning request, Councilman Armstrong seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Davenport then reported that FEMA demanded a plan to be in place before any funds were given. He stated that SGRDC would be working with us on this plan.

Mr. Turner then reported on the issue of a pay raise for the mayor and council. He reported the raise would go in affect after the next election in 2 years. He stated the steps taken for a pay raise included adopting a resolution, prepare notices to run in the newspaper once a week for three consecutive weeks, and an ordinance would have to be read two times. Councilman Stewart explained to the citizens that the council could not vote themselves a raise and that is why it becomes effective after the next election.

Citizen Concerns: Mr. Higgins stated the ditch by the Children's Home is under water since we had all that rain today. Councilman Lieupo assured him that this was a project that was being worked on.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Allen reported that he had a signed contract with Ricky Lofton as our Code Enforcement Officer.

Council Concerns – Councilman Armstrong had nothing to report. Councilman Stewart stated he was still working on sign plans. Councilman Lieupo talked to Phillip about cleaning out the ditch on Johnston Road by City Hall and was given estimates. He also reported being given more complaints about the new trailer being moved in at the Wisenbaker mobile home park. Councilman Copeland stated we needed to replace the north and south Dasher signs. He took some pictures of other signs from different places. He presented the possibility of having a contest to design the sign. Mayor Allen and Councilman Armstrong thought this was a great idea. This would be a 4 x 8 “ sign. Mr. Copeland related that that it was brought to his attention that there are 2 different speed signs on Hwy 41; one is a 25 MPH and one is a 15 MPH sign. Councilman Copeland reported that James will get the sign corrected on Zipperer Road. He also suggested we get speed bumps placed on Hwy 41. Councilman Copeland will also look for tables he would like purchased for the Community Center and get the dimensions of them. All Christmas decorations are in place.

Mayor Allen asked if there was any other business that the citizens would like to discuss? There being none, he adjourned this portion of the meeting to into Executive Session regarding real estate matters. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Allen then reopened the public meeting at 7:06 p.m. Councilman Copeland made a motion to purchase the Jamie Wisenbaker property with Mr. Turner preparing a purchase contract with stipulations. Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., Councilman Copeland seconded the meeting and it carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk