

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18, 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 Copeland gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Mayor Allen asked for corrections of additions to the minutes. There being none Councilman Lieupo made motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report of City Attorney – Mr. Turner did not have anything to report.

Mr. Jason Davenport, Assistant Planner for the South Georgia Regional Development Center (SGRDC) discussed Mr. Steve Copeland's request for subdivision variance. Mr. Copeland's property is not on a public access road. Melinda Lane and Poppy's Farm Road are both unimproved private roads. There was a question why Mr. Copeland had to name his subdivision. Mr. Davenport explained that the word "subdivision" to most people means a planned development. Mr. Copeland did not have to name it but the records at SGRDC are easier to identify subdivision with names. Mr. Copeland asked if his children would have to go through this process when he deeds them property? Mr. Davenport stated as long as at least 5 acres is given per child to retain the AU zoning then they would not have to go through this variance process. ** There was discussion regarding the easement. Mayor Allen made motion to approve this variance request, Councilman Armstrong seconded this motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Davenport then discussed the update to City of Dasher in the Greater Lowndes 2030 Comprehensive Plan. We have until the 30th of October, 2006 to adopt this plan. The completion date is June 30, 2006. Mr. Davenport described the sub-committee structure and asked the Council to begin thinking of members who might be willing to serve. He will keep us informed of this process. Mayor Allen discussed with Mr. Davenport the need for updating property zoning classifications. Mr. Davenport will contact him regarding this.

Mayor Allen then proceeded with the second and final reading of Ordinance 05-04 – *Discharge of Firearm Ordinance*. Mayor Allen asked for discussion from the citizens and council. There being none, Councilman Copeland made motion to approve this ordinance, Councilman Stewart seconded it and it carried unanimously. Clerk Studstill will forward a copy of this ordinance to the Sheriff's office, Code Enforcement and Magistrate Court.

Mayor Allen discussed our building inspection and code enforcement contracts. He has a person interested in being the inspector if we chose as well as a code enforcement officer. We can terminate the inspections agreement with a 30 days written notice and a 60 day written notice for the code enforcement. Councilman Lieupo stated he thought we were happy with the previous

arrangement. Mayor Allen stated he is not happy with the code enforcement. Councilman Copeland asked if it would be in our best interest to send a letter defining our complaints. Mr. Turner stated there would be no problem with a 30 day notice to terminate our agreement. Councilman Lieupo stated he thought Frenchy should be given the job if he wanted it. Frenchy stated he did not want the job. Frenchy stated he felt the inspections department was doing a good job. Councilman Stewart feels if we hired someone and something happened to that person then we (City) would be left holding the bag whereas the county has other to fill in. Mayor Allen stated he would talk to the Code Enforcement department again. Councilman Copeland feels a written letter would serve the purpose. Mr. Turner suggested Mayor Allen ask Code Enforcement to let the city know by any means, e-mail, telephone, fax, etc. what was being done with complaints turned in. Councilman Armstrong stated the Code Enforcement Office has superiors to complain to; the County Commissioners. Mr. Turner suggested we ask Chief Fielding to attend a workshop meeting to discuss our concerns.

Citizens Concerns – Bill Higgins asked about the mobile homes located on Jamie Wisenbaker's property and what was being done about them? Code Enforcement has been notified about Mr. Wisenbaker's mobile home park. Ms. Green asked if mosquito spraying was being provided in Triple Lakes? Mayor Allen told her that it was and he personally rode with Mr. Flythe during a spraying to make sure he knew the route. Mr. Flythe provides bimonthly spraying. Ms. Green then asked who she needed to contact regarding Mr. Renfro's overgrown property which she feels is contributing to the mosquito problem. The nuisance ordinance was discussed.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Allen stated he received 2 bids for engineering services, Lovell Engineering and EMC Engineering. Councilman Lieupo made motion to accept Charlie Clarks' EMC Engineering proposal. Councilman Copeland seconded this motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor then announced the qualifying dates of September 12-until 4:30 p.m. on September 16, 2005. The qualifying fees for Post 1 & 2 will be \$54.00 and the Mayor qualifying fee is \$72.00. October 22 has been set for the Dasher Day celebration. Further details will be discussed at the workshop meeting.

Council Concerns – Councilman Armstrong stated she ordered signs and posts as well as reflectors. She will check with Georgia Christian School to make sure they do not have an event going on October 22. Councilman Stewart had nothing to report and excused himself to go to a funeral visitation. Councilman Lieupo discussed cutting of limbs on Carroll Ulmer Road. He will contact Christopher Wisenbaker regarding this. Councilman Copeland will call Mr. Mashburn to see if he still plans to do the work on the Community Center. Councilman Copeland announced he will be out of town all next month.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Armstrong made motion to adjourn, Councilman Lieupo seconded this motion and this meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk

****On Thursday, July 21, 2005 Ms. Peggy Butler of SGRDC related to me that the information regarding Mr. Steve Copeland's inquiry about his children having to go**

through this process was incorrect. She informed me that due to his property not being on a public road then this variance process would have to be initiated again.