

**CITY OF DASHER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2012**

Councilmembers Present:

G. R. Holton  
Edwin Smith  
Donald Bryan  
Anita Armstrong  
Julian Copeland

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Holton at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bryan gave the Invocation and the Pledge followed. Councilman Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes, Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. There were 5 guests or citizens who attended this meeting.

Mr. Al Turner was not present for this meeting.

Mayor Holton stated this meeting would serve as our second public reading for the FY2013 budget. This is not our budget for capital projects. Mayor asked for discussion. There being none he made a motion to approve this budget which would start July 1, 2012 – June 31, 2013. Councilman Armstrong seconded this motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Holton stated our CPA was consulted on this budget.

Jody Hall and Bill Tucker campaigned for District 5 for Lowndes County Commissioners. Mayor Holton discussed the dynamics of our council and discussed the LOST negotiations and possible arbitration.

Mayor Holton stated he has met with the other mayors and county chairman six times and the three proposals submitted to the county by the mayors were rejected. The cities rejected the one proposal made by the county. If the mayors and county do not agree by June 7<sup>th</sup> then we will begin the arbitration process. Out of the twenty-one million dollars total, Dasher receives only \$160,000 yearly and the county wants to reduce that by half. If arbitration does not work out then a suit will be filed in Superior Court. Mayor then reported that we will need to revisit our budget items that were under-budgeted. Mayor would like a resolution to let our CPA help us with our revision. The revision is due by the end of the month. A motion to enlist our CPA's help was made by Councilman Copeland, Councilman Bryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. We will work on this during work session. Mayor Holton then discussed that all the documents for the Johnston Road drainage project had been signed by the contractors. The performance bond is not in place but this should be forthcoming. Councilman Copeland asked if we have some concrete to fill in our potholes on Johnston Road. Councilman Bryan will handle this. Councilman Smith asked if Charlie Clark was notified on the sink hole and asked for a written response from Mr. Clark.

Council Concerns – Councilman Copeland stated that Earl Zipperer is almost finished with the gazebo. He then stated that our rental house manager asked that someone be brought in for a

good cleaning. It was also recommended that a dishwasher be placed in our rental house. Councilman Copeland priced portable and installed dishwashers. There was discussion regarding our options and it was decided to let Mr. Zipperer install one. Councilman Copeland also presented the historical signs he had made and will contact the DOT for permission to place them. Councilman Bryan had nothing to report. Councilman Smith stated that TLS road is in bad shape and needs grading and millings placed on it. Councilman Bryan will handle this as well. Councilman Smith then stated that Sunrise Irrigation installed additional sprinkler heads at the community center. Councilman Armstrong had nothing to report. Mayor Holton then presented the council with a handout of Charlie Clark's requirements. Mayor stated he would like to propose for the SPLOST VII (2014-2020) (if required at the meeting) monies to include 1) a library 2) parks and recreations 3) street and roads development and 4) a central water system for his June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor asked the council if they had other projects. The council felt that these listed items were applicable.

Citizen Concerns – Mr. Tucker asked if Dasher would consider hooking into either Valdosta or Lowndes County water lines. A citizen asked what could be done with the poor quality of service she is receiving from the new cable company. She has complaints of the channels freezing up. Mayor Holton stated he would talk to them. There was also a report of a ditch needing to be cleaned up at 3805 Sherwood Dr. Councilman Bryan will also investigate this complaint.

There being no further discussion, this meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk

G. R. Holton, Mayor