

**CITY OF DASHER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2012**

Councilmembers Present:

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

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

Mr. Al Turner reported he has prepared a resolution for the approved list of vendors for small projects. He also stated he has been in contact with Kenny Allen regarding the easement we are having difficulty obtaining. Mayor made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Emanuel Zanders for the RDC discussed the application for rezoning of Yvonne Porter's property from AU to SA. She wants to subdivide a 4 ½ acre tract into 2 separate parcels. The Planning Commission recommended approval as did RDC. Mayor asked for discussion. One lot will contain 2 acres and the other lot will be 2.5 acres. Councilman Smith then made motion to approve the rezoning application, Councilman Bryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Holton then discussed the Veolia contract and some complaints that they are not giving some Dasher citizens the lesser rate. Mayor Holton stated he would contact Veolia regarding a resolution to this problem. He will include a copy of Dasher's addresses with his letter to them. Councilman Copeland stated he has updated the missing house numbers. He went to the tax assessor's office for the updates. Mayor then discussed that he and Councilman Copeland met with Charlie Clark who announced the package is almost complete. Mayor discussed the newest printouts that Mr. Clark provided. There is discussion about the turn-about to be discussed at the workshop meeting. Mayor made a motion to authorize the bidding process as soon as the bidding package is complete as well as advertising. Councilman Copeland seconded the motion. Councilman Smith asked if the bidding package was going to be broken down by projects. Mayor Holton stated it would be broken down into three projects; the drainage ditch, Johnston Road and Dasher Road at old Hwy 41. Councilman Smith then asked how the round-about would be listed. Mayor Holton stated it would fall under the Johnston Road part of the bidding package. Councilman Smith stated he would like to see the round-about shown as a separate line item so that the actual added cost of the round-about could be determined. Mayor Holton stated he did not want to hold up the project. There was further discussion and then the motion was carried.

Council Concerns – Councilman Armstrong stated she had received a phone call regarding the debris accumulation of the ditch at Ms. Lynn’s house in Fair Forest Subdivision. Councilman Bryan stated he would investigate the matter. Councilman Smith stated he had nothing to report. Councilman Bryan had nothing to report. Councilman Copeland stated that the company sent the wrong posts Mr. Zipperer had ordered for the gazebo so the correct ones will be shipped. Mr. Zipperer also painted the benches. Councilman Copeland stated he would like to see a historical society established in Dasher and he has a name of a person interested who would help get it started. The historical society function would serve to help preserve historical documents and provide a newsletter. They would be an independent organization. Mr. Turner stated the city could not help them in any financial way. There was more discussion. Mayor Holton stated he would like us to collaborate with the organization. Mr. Turner stated the society would need to be incorporated to receive grants and such. There was more discussion.

Citizen Concerns – Yvonne Porter asked if Dasher would be participating in the “Keep America Beautiful” event this year. Councilman Smith stated we had discussed having an annual yard sale to coincide with this event in the past but this idea had been tabled. Councilman Armstrong will contact Aaron Strickland with Lowndes County about the “Keep America Beautiful” event. She stated she would have information regarding this at the workshop meeting. Councilman Copeland reminded us that there is an election tomorrow. Bill Higgins stated he would like the mayor/council to reconsider sending a notice to the citizens what Veolia should be charging them and it was discussed that we could put this information on our website. Mr. Higgins also stated that a citizen he knew did not receive our letter regarding our dog ordinance. Mayor then discussed the idea of implementing some sort of newsletter to put online. Lucy Jenkins asked for clarification of the round-about. She stated she is concerned about the traffic if the road is widened and complained about the excessive speed she is already witnessing and fears it will only increase if the road is widened. Councilman Smith asked if we could put “no semi trucks” signs on Johnston Road since they are using this road as a cut-thru. Ms. Jenkins asked if our sheriff’s office could patrol more. Mayor replied that he has asked them to increase patrol but their manpower is limited due to all the school zones they patrol. Councilman Smith then suggested we hire a patrolman. Mayor stated he would discuss this matter again with Sheriff Prine. Ms. Jenkins then complained about the standing water in her culvert. Mayor discussed how our drainage project would eliminate their problem.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Smith made motion to adjourn, Councilman Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk

G. R. Holton, Mayor

