

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2008**

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Kenny Allen

Ronnie Lieupo

Edwin Smith

Julian Copeland

Anita Armstrong

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Allen. Mayor Allen gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were 8 citizens who attended this meeting. Mayor Allen asked for corrections or additions to the minutes. There being none Councilman Lieupo made a motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Al Turner reported on the arbitration. He stated Lake Park and Remerton are supposed to sign the agreement. If they do then we will not have to go into arbitration. Mr. Turner stated Dasher is to maintain the stand of not agreeing. The county, Lake Park and Remerton have elected for the small cities not to have representation of the Parks and Recreation Authority Board. Mr. Turner announced he had prepared the bid for fencing on the city park. Mayor Allen made a motion to go ahead with the fencing bid, Councilman Copeland seconded the motion. Mr. Turner will place the ad in the newspaper. The bids will be opened and awarded at the June meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor proceeded with the second and final public meeting by reading the entire FY2009 budget. He asked if the council or citizens had any comments or discussion. There being none Councilman Armstrong made a motion to approve the FY2009 budget, Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rezoning of Bobby Coppedge property – DA-08-01. Sherry Davidson was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Clerk Studstill read the Planning Commission's recommendation. They recommended that Mr. Coppedge not rezone his property and ask for Special Exception. Mr. Coppedge amended his request to the Special Exception. Councilman Smith asked what provisions would be for number of cars. Mayor Allen stated he has observed this property for several months and has never seen more than a few cars at Mr. Coppedge's. Councilman Armstrong asked what recourse did we have later on if we felt there were too many cars? She then stated she would reserve the right to question him later in the meeting. Councilman Copeland asked if zoning required buffering? He feels we should be consistent with buffering the way Lowndes County is. Councilman Lieupo feels since his shop is behind his house he doesn't feel buffering is necessary. There was discussion. Councilman Armstrong reminded the council that we previously discussed certain criteria that would set the standard and be maintained. Councilman Copeland agreed that we needed to stay consistent. Dasher zoning has certain criteria in place already regarding buffering. Mayor stated the Planning Commission suggested Mr. Coppedge remain AU and just ask for SE so when he no longer owns the property it reverts

back to no commercial use on AU zoning. Councilman Copeland stated this gives us more time to set criteria. He stated the body shop north of Dasher was required by county to buffer. Councilman Smith feels buffering is not required since he is not rezoning but he wants criteria set before we approve the SE. Mayor then opened up for public forum. He asked for those in approval of request to speak first. Mr. Coppedge stated he will have no more than 3 cars and there would be no junked cars. He stated he starts work around 8-4 or 5 o'clock in afternoon. Councilman Armstrong asked what did he have regarding trash disposal? Mr. Coppedge has 2 dumpsters that is picked up weekly and he has a helper that picks up and hauls off trash as needed. Councilman Smith asked him how he received his work? Mr. Coppedge stated he is retired from his previous body shop which is now run by his son-in-law and works on previous client's cars. He also subcontracts from his son-in-law. He only does body work, no painting. Mrs. Marion Hutto stated she was proud that Mr. Coppedge had cleaned up this property when he moved in. She is in favor of approving the SE since he keeps his property so clean and she has heard no noise. There being no other wishing to speak in favor of this request, Mayor opened up for opposition. There being none the forum was then closed. Councilman Lieupo made a motion to approve his SE request with the conditions listed thereof. Councilman Copeland seconded the motion. The conditions are as stated: hours 8 am -5 p.m., no more than 5 cars at any given time and no outside storage of any kind. There being no further discussion this motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Concerns: Mrs. Hutto asked what our situation was regarding ditch cutting. DOT and state only work on highway ditches. She stated they have not picked up previous debris from Sherwood drive to split off of Hwy 41. We will call DOT but she was advised to have citizens call and complain as well. Jean Green voiced concern that since TLS road is now opened there is increased speeding. She cannot allow her grandchildren who live with her to play outside due to the speeders. She stated the citizens of Fairforest bring their 4 wheelers in and are causing more havoc. She also is concerned that when the road work is done there will be flooding due to inadequate ditches. Mayor Allen asked if she had called the Sheriff's office regarding the speeding and advised her to do so. He stated we had analysis done on the spill way and unless we have hurricanes such as we have had previously then the ditches will not flood. They will handle rain water. She stated the ditches are full of water now. Discussion. Mayor related that we cannot fix private ditches. Councilman Smith explained he had similar situations and he had to fix his own ditch. He has called the Sheriff's office regarding the 4 wheelers and he personally has stopped those on them to slow down. Jim Dew asked for Harry Flythe to slow down when he sprays for mosquitoes. Jim feels we are just wasting Dasher's money having him spray. The spray only lasts 30 minutes after spraying. Councilman Smith highly recommends getting the "bricks" from the county barn. The bricks are free. Ralph Hamm stated that Earl Zipperer has done a marvelous job on the museum. Mrs. Hutto complained of a neighbor who will not clean up the junk around the house. She is to make a formal complaint for our Code Enforcement officer.

Mayor's Discussion – Mayor announced that May 23 at 5:00 we will have a Memorial Day workshop. We will meet at the city hall and put out flags for our veterans. Dasher Day was discussed. The council is to gather food quotes and be discussed at next workshop meeting. Councilman Armstrong stated she was not happy with food last year. Councilman Smith stated as the crowd grows and more non-Dasher residents participate in the future, we need to devise a

way where we feed only Dasher citizens such as a voucher type process. Councilman Copeland stated he had other citizens wanting to be in the parade and he has no problem with that. Mayor announced that May 15 at 10:00 a.m. at city hall the bids for TLS and other road work would be officially opened. A called meeting was advertised for May 19 to award the bids.

Council Concerns – Councilman Copeland announced that the old city hall had 3 windows broken out and there is approximately \$100 worth of damage. He had a list of the surplus property for auction. Councilman Armstrong made a motion to hold the auction, Councilman Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Lieupo stated the free standing advertising sign was \$350 at Sam's with 150 letters. He then stated that Diversified had not completed April's work and he is very unhappy about that. Councilman Armstrong complained that on Carroll Ulmer/Dasher Road there was still debris in the middle of the street from mowing. Councilman Copeland reported that it was cleared by this afternoon. Councilman Lieupo stated Diversified is also not cleaning up afterwards as well at the TLS dam as last year's mower. Mayor asked Councilman Lieupo to call them and relate his dissatisfaction. Discussion. Councilman Smith spoke to Diversified today and he had the impression they were done with April's mowing. Councilman Smith stated he too was very dissatisfied with them. Councilmen Smith, Copeland and Lieupo stated they were in favor of terminating Diversified contracts and proceeding with second in line. Steve Chaney is 2nd in line for community center and city hall. Art Herring is second in line for roads and ditches. Councilman Armstrong announced the men's room at CC has been taken care of but the back door has come loose. Councilman Copeland stated Earl is taking care of that problem now. Councilman Armstrong asked that a note where table and chairs were be listed on the CC rental agreement. She stated a coat of paint is needed in main room. Councilman Copeland talked to Earl to pressure wash old city hall, CC and CH. He will be asked to paint the CC. Councilman Copeland then announced he had 2 roofing proposals. Affordable Roofing quoted \$10,400 and Bryan Weaver from Nashville quoted \$10,000. Mayor Allen made a motion to approve Mr. Weaver's bid, Councilman Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Armstrong made motion to adjourn, Councilman Smith seconded this motion and it carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk