

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2007**

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Kenny Allen

Anita Armstrong

Ronnie Lieupo

Charlie Stewart

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 8 citizens who attended this meeting. Mayor Allen asked for corrections or additions to the two sets of minutes. There being no additions or corrections to the April 16, 2007 minutes, Councilman Lieupo made motion to accept the minutes, Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Copeland made a motion to accept the April 2, 2007 minutes, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Al Turner discussed the judgment on the Howell property. They have not moved the gate to date. Al suggested we have the property surveyed first then hire someone to remove the gate with a deputy escort. He then suggested we put a lien on their property for removal costs. We cannot charge them for the survey however. Al then stated he prepared the Ordinance for Protection of Vehicular Traffic from Obstructions. Tonight will be the first public reading and 2nd public reading and adoption can be at our June 4th meeting. Councilman Lieupo asked how the violators will know of this ordinance. Ricky will give a copy of the ordinance at the time of initial citation. Al suggested we post a copy on the door prior to adoption as well. Mayor Allen then read the ordinance in its entirety and there was no further discussion on this matter.

Mayor Allen read the FY08 budget in its entirety. This was the 2nd public meeting. He asked for questions or comments. There being none Councilman Stewart made a motion to adopt the budget, Councilman Copeland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Allen stated the City had received 4 bids for mowing contact. He then opened each sealed bid and they are as follows: Plantation Creation (Mike Lansdale) \$2800 per month, Cut-Rite Lawn Service (Ed Hayes) \$1175 per month, Wisenbaker Grading d/b/a De-Wise Earth Works (Ben Wisenbaker) \$975 per month, and Art Herring Construction Co. \$2500 per month. Councilman Copeland asked if the contractors provided insurance proof. De-Wise is the only one who presented proof of insurance. Councilman Armstrong asked if the trash pick-up was included. It was not. Ricky Lofton is supposed to check with Probation detail or Community Service detail. Councilman Copeland asked if James Rosenbaum wanted to continue picking up trash if probation detail didn't come through. Councilman Armstrong stated she would coordinate with Ricky. Councilman Copeland then made motion to award the contract to Wisenbaker Grading d/b/a De-Wise Earthworks, Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Buddy Johnson and Mr. R.D. Martin gave a presentation of Honor Flight. In recognition of our veterans the City of Dasher presented them with a check to them for the Honor Flight. The

next Honor Flight is scheduled for May 19, 2007 and our own councilman, Charles Stewart, will be attending.

Mayor Comments – Mayor announced the advertisement for bids for the TLS dam project went out last week. Charlie Clark will receive the bids and handle the project. He stated that Glen Copeland at Citizen’s Community Bank gave us 5.6% interest rate on our CD. The SPLOST VI meeting is June 11, 2007 from 12-2:00 p.m. and Mayor read the letter from the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners. Mayor asked the council to think of projects we wanted to forecast. He then stated we will get a survey for the Howell property and he will get detailed job description. Mayor stated that Tommy Griffin at Gary Zeigler’s office praised us for our budget. He then stated that Edwin related another train incident that blocked the entrance to TLS again.

Citizen Concerns – Jean Green relayed concerns of the shape of the road at TLS and asked what Dasher’s liability is regarding the pond and what we intended to do about the trespassers. Ms. Green also questioned why the council bought the Renfro property when Dasher wouldn’t take the easements when offered years ago? Mayor Allen replied that we bought it for safety issues such as hurricane floods, train wrecks, closing of other entrance, ect. He stated we did not buy the road and dam. Dasher bought the property closer to Fair Forest Subdivision. He commended the west side property owners for their continued upkeep of their property. There was discussion about the responsibility the Mr. Renfro should have taken. Ms. Green asked for speed limit signs to be placed on the road. Edwin Smith stated he understood we bought it not only to open the road but to control the water level. He also stated that his side of the road purchased 2 tractors to maintain their roads but they would be happy to help others as well. Edwin stated that TLS needed to work together. Jim Dew reported a pot hole on Fernbank. Councilman Lieupo will handle this. Frenchy commended the council regarding the park but feels the culverts over there are causing a nuisance. He asked that we have them removed. Mayor Allen stated we are wanting to use those culverts at TLS as extension. There was more discussion.

Council Concerns – Councilman Copeland stated the museum was progressing. Councilman Lieupo asked Edwin for a price on beaver damage/control at TLS. Councilman Lieupo feels we need to trap the beavers. It was suggested using cages but Councilman Copeland stated the beavers can build around the dam. Discussion. Edwin is to reconfigure price given before just to clean out the area without the sandbags. Edwin stated he talked to Larry Dasher whose son traps animals as a hobby. He will have Mr. Dasher contact Councilman Lieupo. Councilman Stewart had nothing to report. Councilman Armstrong reported on the DOT letter she received regarding compliance of yield signs, stop signs and RR crossing, and Dasher is in compliance.

Mayor Allen then thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Martin for their moving presentation regarding the Honor Flight and thanked the citizens for attending. There being no further discussion, Councilman Stewart made motion to adjourn, Councilman Armstrong seconded this motion and it carried unanimously. This meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk