

**CITY OF DASHER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2005**

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Kenny Allen

Anita Armstrong

Charles Stewart

Ronnie Lieupo

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. There were 3 citizens who attended this meeting. Mayor Allen asked for corrections of additions to the minutes. The one correction needing to be made is the time of the Dasher Day Celebration which should have read 12-5 not 12-4:00 p.m. Councilman Lieupo made motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report of City Attorney – Mr. Turner had nothing to report.

Citizen Concerns – There were no citizen concerns. Mayor Allen reported that the mobile home behind the Community Center was gone.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Allen reported that Johnston Road paving project is complete. The estimate was \$28,000 but the invoice was \$22,217.72. He reminded everyone that the Dasher Day Celebration was October 22, 2005 from 12-5:00. Councilman Lieupo will invite Ellis Black, Councilman Armstrong will invite Norman Bennett. Tonia will contact Rep. Bishop, Senator Golden and Commissioner G. Robert Carter. Councilman Lieupo stated he would pick up bales of hay for Anita. Bill Higgins asked the council if he could sell plants on Saturdays at the City Hall to help raise money for the Children's Home. The council did not have a problem with this and it was discussed that he have the plants at the Dasher Day since it has been discussed turning this event into a "festival" eventually. Councilman Armstrong also recommended that Dasher foot the bill for horse and buggy rides. Mayor Allen announced that Mr. Turner was working on easement for Karen Costlow-Nolan and Marvin Peavy's home to get their ditch cleaned out. There was discussion about Marty Broom's ditch and an easement for him as well. There was lengthy discussion regarding easements and how to fix several of the ditches. Mayor Allen and Councilman Lieupo met with city engineer regarding ditches, speed bumps, elevation of pond at Triple Lakes, blinking light regulations, etc. Mr. Clark is gathering information and will report back to Mayor Allen as soon as possible. Mayor Allen then asked the council to review the zoning application to be heard at November 7 meeting.

Council Concerns – Councilman Armstrong asked what was accomplished regarding speed bumps for Dawn Lane? Councilman Copeland stated the church needed to be paved first and hopefully it would be paved this month. Charlie Clark is reviewing this request. Councilman Stewart asked if we were out of specifications with current speed bumps? He then asked what the status was with Mr. Bainter? Mayor Allen announced that we have had no reply from the

Code Enforcement office. Councilman Lieupo asked if Dasher would benefit from hiring our own officer? Mayor Allen stated he had brought this up with the Council before. He has a sheriff's deputy, Dep. Lofton, interested in the job. Councilman Stewart and Councilman Armstrong are in favor of hiring Dep. Lofton. Councilman Copeland asked about training? Dep. Lofton would be attending GACE (Georgia Association of Code Enforcement) conferences for certification. We offered him \$200.00 monthly plus the use of the city car. Councilman Stewart made motion to terminate our agreement with Lowndes County and hire Dep. Lofton with salary and provide training if he is still interested. Councilman Lieupo seconded the motion. Mayor Allen asked for additional comments or suggestions. There being none this motion carried unanimously. Councilman Stewart asked Mr. Turner what the proper procedure would be? Mr. Turner suggested we invite Chief Fielding to our workshop meeting and discuss our unhappiness with his office's service and ask to terminate our services. Councilman Stewart then stated he was working on a community center sign and then stated the welcome sign on our existing signs is not readable. He asked to have this corrected. Councilman Armstrong made a motion to correct the existing signs, Councilman Lieupo seconded this motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Lieupo had nothing to report. Councilman Copeland had nothing else to report except to expand on Mr. Higgins' request to sell the plants. He stated the selling of such plants would be only until they were gone. Mr. Edwin Smith stated he feels that non-profit sells should be allowed. Councilman Copeland stated Ronnie Mashburn has finished most of the work at the Community Center and he is very satisfied. He is to fix one place and is coming back to build the cabinets for the tables.

Mayor Allen then concluded this public meeting at 7:20 so the council could go into Executive Session.

Councilman Copeland then made motion to reopen the public meeting at 7:55 p.m., Councilman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. There being no further discussion, this meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tonia S. Studstill, City Clerk