

**CITY OF DASHER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 2 citizens who attended the meeting. Mayor Allen asked for corrections of additions to the minutes. Councilman Armstrong stated it is Mary Jean Armstrong, not Mary Jane as indicated on her minutes. (Note: Mary Jane was indicated on the council's workshop copy and corrected before the regular council meeting copy). There being no further correction, Councilman Lieupo made motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Citizen Concerns- There was a complaint of several signs on Dasher road being down. Councilman Armstrong stated several signs were destroyed including railroad signs. Councilman Armstrong asked if we were responsible for replacing the railroad signs. Mayor suggested she contact the railroad and report the vandalism to them and get direction for replacing. There was lengthy discussion regarding this situation.

Mayor's Concerns- Mayor stated he talked to Mr. Hugh Guthrie last week and he said that the new church building was going to generate a lot of water run-off down Dasher Road headed east and he didn't think looking at the culverts and their degree of being cleaned out that they would take all the water. Mr. Guthrie wanted to request that we clean out the input of the culverts all the way down from the church to Hwy 41. Discussion. It was decided to clean out the culverts and see what happens when a rain has come about then discuss if there would be a need to consult our engineer. Councilman Lieupo will take care of this. Mayor reported that Tonia reported that Shane Copeland's band would no longer be able to perform on Dasher Day because the band was asked to go to Nashville, TN. Councilman Armstrong will contact another band. Mayor Allen then announced that Councilman Stewart was going to retire and did not want to serve another term. He thanked and applauded him for all his many years of service to the City of Dasher and everything he has done for us. Fencing was the next item on his agenda and we were to get samples of fencing. He contacted Charlie Clark and failed to follow up on that. Hopefully we will have those samples for the next meeting. We will put out a bid for the fencing that we decide upon. There was discussion about materials used for playground. The RDC has requested from us clarification on Ben Lyn either being a road or a circle. Lisa from RDC wrote to Dasher requesting this clarification. The tax parcel seems to be split as well between Ben Lyn Road or Ben Lyn Circle. The postal service lists both as well. This needs to be clarified. The RDC's GIS data base only list this is a road. Mayor read the letter. Discussion. Councilman Stewart will handle this. Mayor reported on the heating and air conditioning for the museum. He contacted 5 companies and only received 2 responses. One of the two reported that he would be too high and was not interested in doing the work. The other bid was from Waller Heating and Air. Waller gave 2 options but only one option was given a price amount. Mayor will get clarification. The Home Builder's Association requested the presence of Mayor/Council for banquet on September

20. He asked if there was anyone interested and to let him know so he could RSVP. Art Herring contracted right-of-ways and we approved payment. Mayor Allen had one concern about the dirt piled against the base of the flag pole could cause corrosion. Councilman Stewart said so far there was no problems. We have approximately \$250,000.00+ of left over road, streets and bridge SPLOST money. The SPLOST VI vote is tomorrow and he encouraged everyone to vote. Councilman Lieupo asked if we had gotten an estimate for the property we bought at Triple Lake. Mayor stated we needed to chose what project we needed to start on next. Councilman Copeland would like us to consider putting a culvert in the ditch on Johnston Road next to park so if we ever get to close the road we will have the pipe in place. Mayor has talked to Charlie Clark at length about improvements to Johnston Road to Carroll Ulmer including how to handle the water. Mr. Clark's thoughts at the time were that we would probably handle it underground and pipe it from the catches in the streets back this way and some would go through the ditch at Greg Nolan's. There was discussion about this. Councilman Copeland also discussed the need for widening the road on Johnston Road. Councilman Armstrong strongly urged the council to investigate other avenues first. There was lengthy discussion about this including how it would alleviate the traffic for the school. Mayor then went over the options for using the money again; i.e.; Triple Lake Road, the road that was widened by Mr. Renfro's work and path of culverts and holes. Mayor recommended we tackle that road and get it over with. Discussion of the priority of Triple Lake projects and Johnston Road. Mayor asked if we needed to get Charlie Clark to a meeting to discuss all the above mentioned work? There was more discussion. It was decided by council that Charlie Clark get a complete assessment and recommendation of the Triple Lake project. Councilman Copeland suggested we contact the Triple Lake homeowners and get the easements deeded to us. Mayor announced that Sherry Davidson from RDC called and stated that after discussing with J.C. McMullen his rezoning request that he withdraw his request and the use of land be grandfathered in.

Council Concerns - Councilman Armstrong will handle replacing the vandalized signs as previously described and will coordinate with the railroad. She then stated the flower beds at CC needed to be replaced. The council approved for Councilman Armstrong to handle this. Councilman Stewart had nothing to report. Councilman Lieupo will handle the culverts on Dasher Road. Councilman Copeland had concerns about the rotting boards at Community Center. Cement boards were approved. Councilman Copeland reported that the air compressor at CC had been repaired. He ordered 4 picnic tables to have in place at park prior to Dasher Day.

Report of City Attorney- Mr. Turner reported on the arbitration for HB 489. The hearing has been set for first week in December.

There being no further discussion this meeting was adjourned.

(Note: The clerk was at training and therefore these notes were compiled with notes taken from Mayor and tape recorder.)

Submitted by:

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