

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF March 18, 2009

Present: Mayor Don Mullen, Vice Mayor Amy Patterson, Commissioners John C. Dotson, Hank C. Ross, Dennis DeWolf and Larry Rogers

Staff Present: Town Manager, Jim Fatland, Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward, Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley, Town Engineer/Public Services Administrator Lamar Nix and Recreation Director Selwyn Chalker.

1. Call the Order

Mayor Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approve Agenda

The Mayor asked if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Town Manager Fatland requested that agenda item 8 Macon County Economic Development and agenda item 9 Architect for Police Department Renovation be continued to the next Town Board meeting.

3. Approve Minutes

The Minutes of March 4, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved by the Town Board subject to a correction to paragraph V(B)(3) wherein the first sentence is corrected to read "Dennis DeWolf reported that progress is being made at the Houston House".

4. Public Comments

None

5. Reports

A. Mayor – The combined meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners and the Towns took place and attendance was good. Mayor Mullen suggested to the Town Board to consider meeting only once a month as the meetings have become more efficient. Further, it was suggested that the Board meet on the second Wednesday of each month and special meetings called, if necessary.

B. Committees

1. Greenway Committee – Rand Schaffer addressed the Board concerning the appropriation request of \$28,000.00. The Board has previously recommended that the appropriation request be approved, however Mr. Schaffer advised the Board that in an effort to save costs the Committee will use volunteers to prepare the site and deliver rock and gravel to the site which will result in a savings of approximately \$13,800.00. Unturned Stone will build the technical structures and has agreed to be paid for labor only at the cost of \$21,000.00.

Dennis DeWolf moved to approve the appropriation and seconded by Amy Patterson. The same was unanimously approved.

2. Finance Committee – The Board has set a Special Meeting for March 25, 2009 regarding stabilization and rate increases.

C. Town Manger

Jim Fatland advised the Board that the Joint Meeting of the Macon County Board and the Town Boards of Franklin and Highlands held on March 17, 2009 regarding economic development was well attended and good discussion was held.

Larry Rogers addressed the Board and advised that he has received numerous complaints regarding dogs in the ball field and inquired if there was an ordinance in place that would ban dogs. Hank Ross advised that the ball field is policed and cleaned. He suggested that the Town should consider a place where dogs can play and socialize. It was brought the Board's attention that the same problem takes place at the recreation park. Mr. Ross suggested that pick up bags for the collection of waste be supplied so that owners can clean up after their dogs. Recreation Director Selwyn Chalker advised that has been put in place.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Treasurer's Report for Month Ended February 28, 2009
- B. FY2010 Budget Calendar

As there was no discussion necessary regarding the Consent Agenda, Dennis DeWolf moved to approve and seconded by Hank Ross. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

7. Antenna Lease with Charisma Radio Corp. – No discussion was held and the Board moved to approve the renewal of a ten (10) year lease with Charisma Radio Corporation. The same was approved by Hank Ross and

seconded by Dennis DeWolf. The renewal of the ten (10) year lease was unanimously approved.

8. Macon County Economic Development has been continued to the next meeting of the Town Board.
9. Architect for Police Department Renovation of ABC Store has been continued to the next meeting of the Town Board.
10. As there were no additional comments from the public, Mayor Mullen requested that the Board move to a closed session.
11. Closed Session – Mayor Mullen requested that the Board move to a closed session to discuss legal issues with the Town Attorney, Bill Coward.
12. Open Session - Mayor Mullen reconvened the Town Board meeting back into open session. No additional action taken.

Adjourn – Larry Rogers moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

James R. Fatland
Town Clerk

Jane J. Capman
Recording Secretary

Don Mullen
Mayor