

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Aberdeen Town Board

January 28, 2019
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, January 28, 2019 for the Regular Board Meeting. Members present were Mayor Robert A. Farrell, Mayor Pro-tem Jim Thomas and Commissioners Ken Byrd, Wilma Laney, Joe Dannelley, and Eleese Goodwin. Staff members in attendance were Planning Director Justin Westbrook, Interim Public Works Director Joe Wood, Town Manager Paul Sabiston, Fire Chief Phillip Richardson, Police Chief Carl Colasacco, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Others in attendance included Reporter for The Pilot Laura Douglass and approximately 65 other interested citizens.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Farrell asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Setting of the Agenda

Manager Sabiston stated an additional item needs to be added to the Informal Discussion and Public Comment period tonight for the oath of office for the newly appointed Police Chief. A motion was made by Commissioner Dannelley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd, to approve the setting of the agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request by a member of the Board of Commissioners.

a. Consider approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on December 10, 2018 and Work Session on January 14, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Laney, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment

a. Oath of Office for Police Officer Matthew Furr.

Town Clerk Regina Rosy administered the oath of office for new Police Officer Matthew Furr.

b. Oath of Office for Police Chief Carl Colasacco.

Manager Sabiston stated he is proud to announce that he has appointed Carl Colasacco as the new Aberdeen Police Chief. Town Clerk Regina Rosy administered the oath of office for Chief Colasacco. Chief Colasacco thanked all of those that have helped him over the years, and stated he is so excited to step into the role of Police Chief.

c. Request to Speak from the League of Women Voters.

Charlotte Gallagher, a 20-year resident of Aberdeen, stated she wants to petition the Town Board to be on the February agenda for consideration of a resolution of support. The support is needed from 100 counties in NC and then go to the legislature. There are 37 states that support ERA, and 1 more is needed in order to move forward.

d. Request to Speak from Betty Marshall.

Betty Marshall stated she can't put a home on her property due to the current zoning, and she is hoping to get some help from the Town Board. Ms. Marshall stated she has been through the Planning Dept. staff to get help and she can't seem to get anywhere. Mayor Farrell asked Ms. Marshall to work directly with Planning Director Justin Westbrook on this issue to get more information.

e. Randy Craven

Randy Craven stated he has discovered there are quite a lot of veterans below the poverty level in Aberdeen. Mr. Craven stated a music festival is planned to be held at the Malcolm Blue Farm on May 25th. Three bands will play music and beer and food will be served. Mr. Craven stated he has currently raised \$7,200 for this event and would like to add the Town as a sponsor with a \$1,000 donation. Aberdeen would be included in all PR for the event. Mayor Farrell thanked Mr. Craven for the information.

5. Financial Report and Manager's Report (Town Manager Paul Sabiston)

Manager Sabiston stated for the period ending December 31, 2018 the General Fund monthly revenue totals were \$581,752 (year-to-date - \$4,951,350) and for the Water/Sewer Fund the monthly revenue totals were \$10,947 (year-to-date - \$1,213,087). For the same period, the General Fund monthly expense totals were \$778,884 (year-to-date - \$4,290,703) and for Water/Sewer Fund the monthly expense totals were \$324,059 (year-to-date - \$1,594,135).

Manager Sabiston provided an update on the Fire Department building expansion. Manager Sabiston stated the new metal building at Fire Station #2 just had its foundation poured today and the metal siding has been partially delivered. Work will continue this week to begin to erect the siding.

Manager Sabiston gave a brief update on the garbage collection schedule and some concerns that were raised from residents that have their collection day on Monday, primarily in the Forest Hills and Glen Laurel neighborhoods. Some of these citizens have expressed their concerns about missing so many Monday pickups because of the large number of Monday-based holidays. There are 4 recurring Monday holidays (MLK, Jr. Day, Mem. Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day). In the past this was not much of an issue because we had a free day on Wednesday that was used as a "make-up" day for the missed Mondays. With the new collection schedule that went into place recently, Wednesday is a regular collection day and was not set aside as a make-up day. Several residents from those neighborhoods have called to express their displeasure. They feel that two weeks without a garbage collection is too long to wait. Manager Sabiston stated he has met with the Public Works and sanitation staff and they will try to add back Wednesday as a make-up day only for the missed Mondays (the 4 holidays mentioned above). These make-up days would *not apply* to any other holidays (e.g., 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). On the other non-Monday holidays the missed day would not be made up but would simply be collected on the next regularly scheduled collection day. Staff feels that this schedule is possible but does not feel that it could make up all of the non-Monday holidays. This new approach would put us back to where we were before the recent schedule change.

Manager Sabiston stated staff has forwarded to our local NCDOT the accident history at the intersection of N. Poplar and Maple in an effort to seek some relief in the form of a 4-way stop sign. NCDOT seems to agree but *Town* staff is awaiting the final recommendation from the NCDOT staff.

6. Public Hearings and New Business

- a. Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Planning Director Justin Westbrook)

(1) Public Hearing.

Mayor Farrell opened the public hearing.

Director Westbrook stated the Town began a process last year to update the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Director Westbrook stated the purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for how land is developed and how services are provided. Director Westbrook stated he views the Comp Plan as a bucket list, and this plan needs to be updated every 5-10 years. Director Westbrook stated the Board hired Holland Consulting Planners, and Mr. Holland started a Citizen's Participation Plan, and then moved to Phase I and Phase II.

Director Westbrook briefly reviewed each section of the Comp Plan and what information each section included. Director Westbrook stated a lot of time has been spent on providing changes to this document, along with correcting typos, etc.

Commissioner Dannelley stated under Section 7.02(b) – he would make those bullets 3 and 4 under 2(b) so that those are a priority. Commissioner Dannelley stated he is excited to see strategies tied to words. Commissioner Laney stated as long as those bullets are included she is not concerned with where they are located. Commissioner Dannelley really felt there should be a focus on wellness.

Mayor Farrell thanked the Planning Board for their hard work on this plan. The Board members thanked Planning Staff for their hard work also.

Dale Holland stated this plan started with the 2013 draft that was never finished and from that draft, a final document was produced after much review and citizen input. Mr. Holland stated the plan is on a dedicated website and anyone can go to _____ and the complete plan is available on the website. Commissioner Dannelley asked how long the plan will be available on the website. Mr. Holland stated the dedicated website costs between \$75-\$85 per year and is available to be continued at the Town's expense if the Board desires.

With no further comments, Mayor Farrell closed the public hearing.

(2) Consider approval of Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as presented. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

- b. Resolution #19-01 Establishing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Aberdeen, the Town of Southern Pines, and the Village of Pinehurst in Moore County, North Carolina. (Town Manager Paul Sabiston)

Manager Sabiston stated this is the cooperation agreement that was worked on last summer/fall between the local jurisdictions. Manager Sabiston stated this resolution is just a working agreement towards land development. Commissioner Byrd stated this agreement is a good thing and the three local jurisdictions are working together on projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve Resolution #19-01. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

- c. Resolution #19-02 to Accept Surety for Sidewalk Improvements for the Patten Sybella Subdivision. (Planning Director Justin Westbrook)

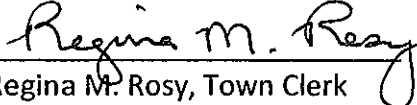
Director Westbrook stated Patten Sybella is a small subdivision spear-headed by Habitat for Humanity. Resolution #19-02 is the request for a bond acceptance for sidewalk improvements for the Patten Sybella Subdivision. A motion was made by Commissioner Laney, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve Resolution #19-02. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.


7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to adjourn the Board Meeting. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.


Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk


Robert A. Farrell, Mayor

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on January 28, 2019

Minutes were approved
on February 25, 2019