

Minutes
Work Session
Aberdeen Town Board

March 1, 2012
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for their regular Work Session. Members present were Mayor Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor Pro-tem Robbie Farrell and Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Alan Parker, Jim Thomas, and Walter Wright. Staff members in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Regina Rosy, Planning Director Kathy Liles, Planner Pam Graham, and Parks & Recreation Director Leigh Baggs. Others in attendance were Tim Lussier, Aaron Spence, Mary Lou Barbour, and Tim Marcham.

Mayor called the Work Session to order and thanked everyone for showing interest in the Town of Aberdeen.

1. Introduction of Moore County Schools Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence.

Tim Lussier introduced the new Moore County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Aaron Spence, and he began work on February 6, 2012. Dr. Spence stated he is driven by children and has six children of his own. Dr. Spence stated he knows how important teachers and education are because of his experience with his own children.

Dr. Spence stated his goal is to close the achievement gap in Moore County. Dr. Spence stated he hopes to close gaps between low performing children and high performing children so that all children can perform at high levels.

Dr. Spence discussed another of his goals which is for children to be future ready, which includes being able to use and understand information technology.

Mayor Pro-tem Farrell discussed the age of the school facilities in Aberdeen.

Dr. Spence thanked the Board for allowing him the time to meet with them, and extended an invitation to the Board to ask him back for a meeting in the future if they have concerns they want addressed.

2. Submittal of CDBG Infrastructure Grant to Serve Berkeley.

Planning Director Liles stated this item was kept on the agenda because the Town was looking at submitting this grant. Planning Director Liles stated a letter of interest was submitted, and as of this moment in time, no word has been received from the NC Department of Commerce. Planning Director Liles stated she would request this public hearing be pulled for now, since no word has been received yet.

3. Conditional Use Permit CU #12-01 for Rooster's Wife/Poplar Knight Spot.

Planning Director Liles stated a public hearing was conducted at the last Board Meeting. Planning Director Liles stated this item will be ready for a decision at the next meeting. Commissioner McMurray asked if the issue has been addressed about the capacity for the building. Planning Director Liles stated when Fire Inspector Richard Saunders ran all of the numbers, the current building supports the appropriate number of people. Planning Director Liles stated the Town Board could reduce the capacity for the building, but very good justification would be needed.

Planning Director Liles stated there are no recent noise complaints on record with the Police Department. Planning Director Liles stated in order for a complaint to be recorded, it would need to be called in through the 911 system.

Commissioner Wright asked if a limit on the number of people could be included in the conditional use permit. Planning Director Liles stated that limit is addressed by the fire code requirements.

Planning Director Liles stated she can bring some additional language to the Board Meeting on 3/12/12 and the Board can either include it or not. Agenda Item scheduled for New Business on 3/12/12.

4. Zoning Code Text Amendment UDO #12-01 to Regulate the Keeping of Chickens.

Senior Planner Graham stated the public hearing was held at the last meeting. Senior Planner Graham stated a little bit of language has been added to address enforcement of issues that arise concerning the chickens.

Mary Lou Barbour asked about the size of property allowed per chicken. Planning Director Liles stated there are 43,560 square feet in 1 acre and 1 chicken can be held for every 5,000 square feet. Commissioner Wright asked what is going to happen to those residents that do not have fences for their chickens now. Planning Director Liles stated it will be considered non-conforming and residents will be notified.

Mayor Mofield pointed out that residents who currently have roosters, can keep those roosters until they pass away, and then the roosters can not be replaced. Agenda Item scheduled for New Business on 3/12/12.

5. Discussion on Gross Receipts.

Manager Zell stated he has brought his recommendation to the Board for consideration regarding gross receipts. Mayor Mofield stated she would like to know what surrounding communities that do gross receipts are charging per \$1,000 for sales/receipts. Manager Zell stated he will send this information to each of the Board members and he would like the Board

to consider approval of this item at the Board Meeting on 3/12/12. Agenda Item as New Business on 3/12/12.

6. Typographical Errors Found in Code of Ordinances.

Town Clerk Regina Rosy stated while preparing updated books for Department Heads, a large number of typographical errors were discovered in the Code of Ordinances, and she requested the Board's permission to correct the typographical errors discovered. Town Clerk Regina Rosy informed the Board that none of the corrections would affect the content of the Code of Ordinances, but would allow the content to have a more professional appearance. The Board was in agreement the typographical errors should be corrected.

7. A Resolution to Amend the Town of Aberdeen Workers' Compensation Leave Policy.

Town Clerk Regina Rosy explained that the current Worker's Compensation Leave Policy does not give any maximum on how long an employee can be out on Worker's Compensation Leave and continue to receive benefits of medical insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, vacation leave accrual, and sick leave accrual. Town Clerk Regina Rosy stated the amended policy as presented would allow for an employee to be out for a period of time up to 12 weeks, and at that time the Town Manager would have the discretion to extend the period of time for an additional 2-month period. The Board discussed this item, and felt that 3 months was not long enough for an injured employee to recover and would prefer to make it one year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the Resolution to Amend the Town of Aberdeen Worker's Compensation Leave Policy with Worker's Compensation leave benefits continuing for 12 months from the date of incident. Motion unanimously carried.

8. Other Business.

a. Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Planning Director Liles stated the Railhouse Brewery won the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Moore County Chamber of Commerce and she is wondering if the Board would like to recognize the Railhouse Brewery on behalf of the Town for this accomplishment. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell recommended a framed certificate to hang in the Railhouse Brewery business. Mayor Mofield stated she would like to include the Aberdeen logo on the certificate. Planning Director Liles stated it would also be important to include both business partners' names on the certificate. Agenda Item for Informal Discussion on 3/12/12.

b. Bike Steering Committee.

Planning Director Liles stated she would like to request the Board to approve the formation of a Bike Steering Committee. A motion was made by Commissioner McMurray, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve forming a Bike Steering Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

c. UDO Text Amendments.

Planning Director Liles stated Manager Zell and Mayor Pro-tem Farrell recently noticed when driving past the Dollar General on Hwy. 211 that too much metal was on the exterior of the building. Planning Director Liles stated it was discovered that there were 2 different sets of metal building language in the Code. Arrangements have been made to work with Melissa Gilbo – she is a transportation planner with Chatham County but only works with them part-time, and has a side business of her own. Planning Director Liles stated Melissa will look for inconsistencies, typos, etc. so that the UDO can be corrected. Planning Director Liles stated Attorney Morphis is also drafting language that if two sections conflict, then the most stringent section will supersede. Mayor Pro-tem Farrell confirmed the UDO amendment for the metal building language will go to the Planning Board this month, and then back to the Town Board for approval. Planning Director Liles stated April 9, 2012 would be the date for consideration of approval of this amendment.

d. Reappointments for Appearance & Beautification Commission.

Planning Director Liles stated this item will be up for New Business on 3/12/12. Planning Director Liles stated the Appearance and Beautification Commission would for the most part like to keep the same members. Planning Director Liles stated Dene Moon has not attended many of the meetings and may not be interested in serving on this committee any longer. Planning Director Liles stated she will bring names of members to the next meeting for consideration of reappointment and also any new applications that have been received. Agenda Item scheduled for New Business on 3/12/12.

e. Manager Zell informed the Board that Mike Connor's mother-in-law passed away last night and he discussed the arrangements.

9. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Parker to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board returned from Closed Session.

10. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to adjourn the Work Session. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

Minutes were completed in
Draft form on March 1, 2012

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

Minutes were approved
on March 12, 2012