

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2015**

Council Members Present:

Mayor A.D. (Zander) Guy, Jr
Mayor Pro-Tem Douglas Medlin
Nelva Albury
William (Buddy) Fowler
Michael Curley
Don Helms

Town of Surf City Staff:

Charles Lanier- Town Attorney
Larry Bergman- Town Manager
Jane Kirk- Assistant Town Manager
Stephanie Hobbs- Town Clerk
Todd Rademacher- Town Planner
Allan Libby- Tourism Director
Randall Worthington- Public Works
Joey Rivenbark-Fire Chief
Earlene Graham – Maintenance
Michael Halstead – Police Chief
Greg Prather- Parks & Rec
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Rec
David Price- Public Works
Phil Voorhees – Police Sergeant

Members of Public Present

Hap Alexander
Lacey Atkinson
Dr. Parr
Bobby Owings
Shelia Slater

A. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order 7:00pm.

B. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Proclamation

Autism Month
Arbor Day
Retired Senior Volunteer Program Day

E. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lanier recommend approval of the March 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mrs. Albury made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Helms and the motion was carried.

F. Beautification & Appearance Recognition

Home of the Month – Gary & Karen Walker at 1519 S Shore Drive
Business of the Month – Surf City Dental at 13500 Hwy 50 Suite 104

G. Public Hearing

J. New Business

1. Resolution Directing the Clerk to investigate a petition for contiguous volunteer annexation and set a public hearing – 1.205 acres located on Tortuga Lane.

Mr. Helms made a motion for the clerk to investigate the petition and set a public hearing. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

2. Budget Amendments

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the proposed budget amendments. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

3. Bridge Dedication Request Resolution

Mr. Alexander at 806 Roland Ave stated he is requesting the bridge be named after Mr. Angelo DePealo, a ninety-four year old gentleman who has dedicated his life to service. He has been a mentor for many years to many young lives in the Topsail area. He is one of the few survivors of Sugar Loaf Hill. He has spent many years here in the Topsail Area has a fire training officer and an avid fisherman. Mr. Alexander stated he is asking to have Mr. DePealo added as a potential candidate for the new bridge dedication.

Mr. Atkinson at 316 N New River Drive stated he is requesting for the Council to designate a committee for review of potential applicants for the bridge dedication. There are many wonderful possibilities.

The Council took no action.

4. Pender County Fire Marshall

Mr. Rivenbark the Surf City Fire Chief gave an update on behalf of Fire Marshall Newman. Mr. Rivenbark stated that in 2013 the fire district had a rating of a 3. With the Deer Run fire station recently being certified he believed that the area could get a better fire rating. The better the score of a fire rating the more homeowners and businesses save on their insurance bills. This is a big benefit to the community. He came asking for a letter from the manager to apply for a re-inspection.

The Councils consensus was to have the manager write a letter for request of re-inspection.

5. Tax Releases

Mr. Medlin made a motion to approve the releases as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

K. Public Forum

Mr. Alexander stated that this Saturday the Reel Housewives of Topsail Island would be conducting their annual bike ride across the island, so be careful and watch out for them.

L. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated he thanked everyone for coming out tonight, and thank you for your interest, it is what helps keep us straight.

Mr. Medlin stated he thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We appreciate everyone's input. We are all looking for spring and summer.

Mrs. Albury said that she appreciated everyone who came out tonight. It is good to see everyone here tonight and may God Bless you all.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked everyone for coming out tonight and he hoped everyone had a nice Easter, and we are looking forward to a profitable summer.

Mr. Fowler stated he hoped that everyone comes back often, that our business is your business. There is lots of activity at the Community Center please check out the weekly ad in the Topsail Advertiser.

The Mayor stated he thanked everyone for coming. He thanked all the employees for coming out tonight. He hoped everyone had the opportunity to

address the board, he wants everyone to feel welcome and everyone will have the opportunity to speak during each meeting.

M. Manager Report

Mr. Bergman stated he had two resolutions one from the League asking all towns to oppose Senate Bill S369 on sales tax.

Mrs. Albury made a motion to approve the resolution in opposition to Senate Bill S369. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

The second resolution is in regards to the current school year calendar. They are looking to change the school year calendar and have children start back to school earlier and this would impact our local businesses and their summer staff.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the resolution to keep the current school calendar. It was seconded by Mr. Fowler and the motion was carried.

Mr. Bergman stated he had a few updates; the Town Hal building currently had to have some air condition work and it being looked at all around by the building inspector. Dogwood Lakes has come forth and ask that we drop the speed limit in the subdivision to 20mph.

Chief Halstead stated this has been an ongoing project. The signs that are currently posted are not to state standard and they are not enforceable by our department. Personally 20mph is just too slow. He is suggesting replacing the signs with enforceable ones and placing an officer out there once the signs are up to monitor for the first two weeks.

The consensus of the council was to replace the speed limit signs at Dogwood Lakes.

Mr. Bergman stated 8th is a dead end and no outlet street. There have been numerous complaints on the congestion of traffic, turn around, and parking in the right-of-way. They are asking the town to make it no parking in right-of-way.

Mr. Helms asked the manager to look into it and make a future recommendation.

N. Town Attorney Reports

Mr. Lanier stated he had no reports.

O. Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

A.D. (Zander) Guy Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk