



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes 1/21/09

Members Present: Mayor Fran Andrews, Robbie Sikes, Tyler Earnst, Kelly Grooms, Linda Gantt, Edith Reddick, Karen Bridges and Barbara Ewings.

Members Absent: Barry Lambeth

Others Present: City Manager Ann Bailie, City Attorney Bob Wilhoit, City Planning Administrator Adam Stumb, Stormwater Administrator Rich Baker, City Clerk/Finance Officer Debbie Hinson, members of the media and other interested parties.

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Andrews led the Pledge Of Allegiance.
- Invocation
Council member Reddick gave the invocation.
- Welcome Guests and Visitors
Mayor Andrews welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

Public Concerns and Commendations

None

Motion to amend agenda to add items 12 – 15 by Council member Earnst, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Reports & Recognition

1. Employee Recognition – Debbie Hinson, Finance Officer/City Clerk – Five years of service to Trinity (Bailie)

Manager Bailie gave a brief overview of Ms. Hinson's years of dedicated service to the City of Trinity. Mayor Andrews presented her with a plaque for the five years of service.

2. Audit Report (Gibson & Co., P.A.)

Monty Pendry advised that the audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally applicable to financial audits contained and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Based on the audit report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Trinity, North Carolina as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash

flows, where appropriate, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted.

Mr. Pendry discussed how control over expenditures and increase in investments resulted in net increases to the General Fund balance as well as the Sewer Fund balance.

Motion to accept the audit as presented by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Ewings, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Public Hearing

3. Stormwater Ordinance (Rich Baker, Stormwater Administrator)

Mr. Baker gave the following highlights;

- Ordinance will bring the City into compliance with NPDES
- Will enhance development
- Increases the impervious area
- Area to build on is increased and all water is treated

Mr. Baker informed those present that all plan reviews will be done “In House” and the City will also be doing the construction inspections.

Mayor Andrews opened the Public Hearing and hearing no comments, closed the hearing.

3-A. Consider adopting Stormwater Ordinance

Motion to adopt the Stormwater Ordinance by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Earnst approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve minutes: Dec. 9, 2008 City Council Pre-agenda Meeting (Lori Hunt, Assistant City Clerk)

5. Approve minutes: Dec. 16, 2008 City Council Regular Meeting (Hunt)

6. Authorize City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with cleanup of 7536 and 7608 NC Hwy. 62 through negotiation of a repayment plan with owner or by utilizing other available legal means (Adam Stumb, Code Enforcement Officer)

7. Adopt Resolution affirming sewer rate exceeds 0.75% of Median Household Income (McNeill)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council member Reddick, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

8. Consider Capital Project Ordinance for Phase 4-A Sewer Improvements (McNeill)

Mr. McNeill stated that the Rural Development Loan has increased from 5 million to 5.5 million dollars. The City has acquired a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to help pay for loan. In the Rural Center application the City submitted a project budget. The Rural Center requested that it be converted into a Capital Project Ordinance.

Motion to adopt the Capital Project Ordinance by Council member Earnst, seconded by Council member Grooms, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

9. Consider Change Order for Carriage House Cir. (McNeill)

Council member Bridges requested to be recused.

Motion to recuse Council member Bridges by Council member Earnst, seconded by Council member Grooms, approved unanimously by all Council members

Mr. McNeill explained the reason for the change order was due to drainage problems in the area. Previously some areas on the left, drained to the right side of the road. Another catch basin is needed to help alleviate drainage problems. The change order requested amount is \$4,700.

There was a brief discussion as to the cost of the change order.

Motion to table the Change Order request until February meeting by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Ewings, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

10. Consider Change Order for Parking Lot Paving (McNeill)

Mr. McNeill advised Council that the reason for the change order for the parking lot was due to the City requesting delays due to the input of the ATM in the parking lot.

Motion to approve Change Order for Parking Lot Paving by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Earnst with Council member Sikes being the only opposed.

11. Consider Resolution adopting Phase 4-B Greenway Plan and directing City Manager to acquire public access easements (Bailie)

Manager Bailie advised Council that Planner Stumb has created a conceptual greenway plan for Phase 4B. The greenways follow the creeks as would the sewer lines. From a practical standpoint there will be no greenways until sewer lines are designed. Ms. Bailie noted that it will save the City time money if the City obtains greenway easements along with sewer easements.

Motion to adopt Phase 4-B Greenway Plan and direct the City Manager to acquire public access easements along with sewer easements by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

12. Consider policy for naming greenway segments

Manager Bailie stated that Council may want to consider naming greenways after someone if they donate a portion of their land for the greenway. This would be a good way to recognize those who donate land for the project.

Motion to develop a policy for naming greenway segments by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Bridges, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

13. Phase 4B Old Town sewer project: Consider approval for certain technical services pertaining to possible federal stimulus funding.

Mayor Andrews stated that the quicker the City could get any potential projects to our congressman or senator the better our chances of getting a project approved for funding.

Mr. McNeill also reiterated the need to move quickly on any projects the City wants approved. It would be advantageous to complete some of the technical work needed to make the project "shovel ready". This project has been approved by Council and the City has submitted a \$500,000 Rural Center Grant application. This project is necessary to complete additional Phase 4B projects which may also be eligible for stimulus funding.

This project would serve approximately 42 homes in the Phase 4B area. The design work is slated to begin in February 2009 and to be stimulus ready should be complete within 180 days.

14. Phase 4B 2009 Sewer Extension: consider approval for certain technical services pertaining to possible federal stimulus funding.

Mr. McNeill recommended that to shorten the time required to design the project, aerial topographic surveying be done. This would eliminate approximately 6 weeks of ground surveying and allow more time to get project "shovel ready".

Motion to approve items 13 & 14 pertaining to Phase 4B sewer projects by Council member Grooms, seconded by Council member Sikes, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

15. Sewer Service to Turnpike Industrial Park

Mr. McNeill advised that the budget for this project is \$155,000 and will require 1 pump station. The commitment at the present is only a portion (\$68,200) for the design fees. The sewer will come out of Breckenridge go into the park at the top of the hill and a gravity sewer line would be installed making the sewer flow into Thomasville. Approximately 33 parcels will be served by the sewer line.

Motion to approve design fees for sewer service to Turnpike Industrial Park by Council member Sikes, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Business from City Manager

Manager Bailie stated that City Haul netted 20 tons more in the fall than in the spring.

Business and Closing Comments from Mayor and Council

Council member Sikes stated he disapproved of the cancellation of the regular Tuesday night meeting due to inclement weather before contact was made with all the Council members.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Council member Ewings, seconded by Council member Earnst, approved unanimously by all Council members present.