



The Richlands' Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session Tuesday evening October 2, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Richlands Town Hall. Present for the meeting were:

Marvin Trott, Mayor
James Morgan, Mayor Pro-Tem
Steve Marshburn, Alderman
Tom Brown, Alderman
John Chandler, Alderman
Carroll Beaty, Alderman

Also present for the meeting were: Eva Brown – Town Clerk, Gregg Whitehead – Town Administrator, Keith Fountain – Town Attorney, Thomas Bennett – Chief of Police, Johnathan Jarman – Public Works Director, Abby Cavanaugh – Advertiser News.

Officers Ron Lindig, Fredrick Hasbargen and Robert Winners attended the meeting also.

Approximately fifteen citizens were present for the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marvin Trott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Unionism

INVOCATION: Alderman Steve Marshburn

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Carroll Beaty, seconded by Alderman John Chandler to adopt the Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2007

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman James Morgan to approve the minutes for August 14, 2007. The motion was unanimously carried. (No meeting held for September, due to lack of a quorum).

PUBLIC HEARINGS / MGA PROPERTIES ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST & RLEC ENTERPRISES CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST

Mayor Marvin Trott asked for input from Citizens and Board Members concerning the MGA Properties Zoning Map Amendment Request and RLEC Enterprises Conditional Use Request.

With no concerns or comments from anyone, Mayor Trott declared the Public Hearings closed.

MGA PROPERTIES ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to approve MGA Properties Zoning Map Amendment Request, with the understanding of volunteered annexation. The motion was unanimously carried. (A copy of the ordinance is attached to these minutes).

RLEC ENTERPRISES CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST (SHOPPING CENTER)

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman John Chandler to approve RLEC Enterprises Condition Use Request, which involves the creation of a proposed 10 unit shopping center located behind the Post Office on Sylvester Street. The motion was unanimously carried. (A copy of the Zoning Changes & Appeal Form is attached to these minutes).

MUNICIPAL RECORDS RETENTION & DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to adopt the Retention Schedule. The motion was unanimously carried. (A copy of the retention schedule is attached to these minutes).

INTERNET ACCESS TO THE AOC MAGISTRATE SYSTEM

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to approve the Internet Access to the AOC Magistrate System. The motion was unanimously carried. (A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES & UPDATES

Town Administrator Gregg Whitehead presented a copy of notes and updates to the Board. A copy of the notes and updates are attached to these minutes. He also informed the Board of the following items:

1. The employees Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 6, 2007 at Duck's Restaurant at 7:00 pm.
2. He will be attending the League Conference next week for a couple of days.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Thomas Bennett presented a copy of the Police Activity Report for August 2007, per attached. Town Administrator recognized Officer Ron Lindig and Fredrick Hasbargen.

BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

1. Alderman Carroll Beaty asked for an update on Franck St. & Wilmington St. Intersection improvement project.
2. Alderman Beaty also talked about the emergency radio tower to be installed on Cowhorn Road.
3. Alderman Beaty expressed his concern on Millls St. & Onslow being washed away.
4. Alderman James Morgan expressed his concerns on the traffic & speeding problems on East Point Street.

By consensus of the Board, it was agreed for the Town Administrator to invite Mr. Jeff Hudson to our next board meeting concerning the problems on East Point Street.

5. Alderman Steve Marshburn commended the public works dept. for keeping the streets clean and for doing a great job.
6. Alderman Marshburn asked the Town Administrator to update the new Town Attorney on issues concerning the old house at 108 West Foy Street.
7. Alderman Steve Marshburn commented on his disapproval with another Board Member attending the meeting of the Onslow County Board of Commissioners, representing the Town of Richlands without the Boards knowledge or approval. (Detail comments are available on tape).
8. Alderman Carroll Beaty responded to Alderman Marshburn comments, admitting that he was the board member who attended the County Commissioner meeting, but stated that he was not their representing the Board, he was their representing himself. (Details are available on tape).

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ONWASA PROJECTS

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to adopt the Resolution of Support for ONWASA Projects. The motion was unanimously carried. (A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes).

SUPPORT TO ALLOW NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS / ONWASA

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to confirm that the only change to the ONWASA Board that the Richlands Board of Aldermen endorse and/or support at this time is to allow non-elected officials to be appointed by the respective authority members. No other change to the ONWASA Board is deemed necessary. Vote 4 yes, 1 negative, Alderman Carroll Beaty.

MAYOR TROTT COMMENTS

Mayor Trott informed the Board that through ONWASA he will be attending the AWWA meeting in San Diego shortly and ONWASA will be making a presentation.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman John Chandler, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. The motion was unanimously carried..

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman John Chandler to go into regular session. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Trott stated that no action was taken in closed session.

By consensus of the Board, it was agreed for Attorney Keith Fountain and Gregg Whitehead to continue an effort to collect our fees from the prior Attorney, Lynn Coleman.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman John Chandler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Trott, Mayor

Eva C. Brown, MMC
Town Clerk