



The Richlands' Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session Tuesday evening November 13, 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 Lashawnda Nielsen were present for the meeting also.

Approximately seven citizens were present for the meeting, including incumbents Hans Jacobsen, McKinley Smith and Fran Pierce.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marvin Trott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Unionism

INVOCATION: Alderman James Morgan

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman James Morgan to adopt the Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2, 2007

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to approve the minutes for October 2, 2007, with the following corrections: 3rd page, item # 8, change the word admitting to confirming and correct the word their to there. The motion was unanimously carried.

RAGSDALE STREET CLOSING REQUEST

The Vineyard Gospel Ministries, located at the Old Richlands Chevrolet Dealership (8700 Richlands Hwy) is requesting that Ragsdale Street be closed.

After a discussion between the Board and Town Administrator, a motion was made by Alderman John Chandler, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to table the above matter until such time the facts can be researched and brought back before the full board. The motion was unanimously carried

108 WEST FOY STREET HOUSE REPAIR UPDATE

Gregg Whitehead informed the Board that he had several telephone conversations with Ms. Bonnie Saunders, the owner of 108 West Foy Street, regarding the condition of the house and her intent to pursue rehabilitation or demolition of the structure. Ms. Saunders promised to make a decision by the end of this week. Mr. Whitehead stated that he had also contacted the County Planning Department to come out to check the property in question.

By consensus of the Board, Gregg Whitehead was instructed to continue working on the property in question and keep the Board informed of his findings.

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. Asked permission from the Board to order "MUTT MITT," which is a plastic bag you carry to pick up your dogs for animals droppings. These will be given out to pet owners in town that walk their pets.
2. Recognized Mayor Trott with a pin received from the NCLM for 20 yrs of elected official service.
3. Thanked the Board, Town Staff and citizens for the support shown to him during his fathers' passing.
4. Thanks to all members that will be leaving the board for their support and hard work.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Thomas Bennett presented a copy of the Police Activity Report for October 2007, per attached. With the approval of the Board, Chief Bennett recognized three officers for the extra hard work that has been given over the past year.

1. Promoted Officer Ron Lindig to 1st Sgt.
2. Promoted Officer Fredrick Hasbargen to Sgt.
3. Presented Officer Lashawnda Nielsen with a Crime Prevention Badge

Mayor Trott and Board Members thanked the entire Police Department for doing a tremendous job.

BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

The Board acknowledged and congratulated each other on the outcome of the recent election.

1. Alderman Steve Marshburn requested that speed bumps be installed in Dreadnaught.
2. Alderman Tom Brown stated that he would like to see something done with the burned house on Franck Street.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Trott, Mayor

Eva C. Brown, CMC
Town Clerk