

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Edmonds. Commissioners in attendance were: Jodi Sapper, Pam Allen, Ruby Mullin, Barbara Luther and Jason Auman.

A. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Items approved by motion were:

The minutes from the December 3rd Town meeting were presented for review. Commissioner Sapper noted that Ed Sapper's name was misspelled. Clerk Morse will make the change prior to posting to the town web page. After further review, Commissioner Mullin made a motion to accept the minutes with a second made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for December was presented for review. After review, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Jodi Sapper with second by Commissioner Jason Auman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Police Report:

The Police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (1312), hours worked during December were 249.75 with 6 hours special assignment at Seagrove School. There were 2 field interviews, 7 warrants served, 3 warrants drawn, 22 traffic citations, 10 written warnings, 30 verbal warnings, 5 pedestrian/motorist assists, and 3 officer assists. There were 3 alarm calls, 3 miscellaneous calls, and 2 incident reports. There were 25 miscellaneous reports filed, 1 property received and 74 building checks. Commissioner Mullin received a call complaining that the police are stopping too many people and that they were running tourists away. Mullin told the caller that we could not tell the police how to do their job and if they were breaking the law they needed to be stopped. Chief Maness stated that it is hard for them to know who is a tourist and who is not. He stated that the majority of tickets issued are not to tourists.

C. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Mullin turned her report over to Chairman David Fernandez who reported that he received a letter from Steven McKeethen with Durban Development in regards to developing the corner lot where the pawn shop currently is located. The developers are talking about building a retail store, but they are not forthcoming in what their plans

are. It will have mostly hard goods with just a few grocery type items. The building will be a minimum of 10,000 sq. ft. They are asking about signage and are supposed to email site plans. Chairman Fernandez is planning on calling a meeting of the Zoning committee to review the preliminary plans. The development company is asking about signage variances. The speculation is that it will be a Family Dollar Store.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luther wanted to thank Denette Lilly and Dr. Chaney for their hard work on the Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade last month. There have been many compliments on how everything was done. Many residents hope that the parade is going to take place again next year. Dr. Chaney also thanked everyone for their participation in the events.

Clerk Morse noted that two more privilege licenses had been sent in; leaving about 5-6 that have not sent them in. Clerk Morse will get a list to Chief Maness of those who have not paid so he can make contact with them.

D. New Business:

Mayor Edmonds talked about the sidewalk project. He and David Fernandez have spoken with Charlotte regarding her concern of giving up 10 ft. of her property, however; she is willing to give us 6 foot with nothing attached. The DOT will not give us a crosswalk. David Fernandez recommended the Town consider doing sidewalks on all corners so that you could have a crosswalk at each corner.

Mayor Edmonds has also talked with the Engineers and they are going to try and get down in the next two weeks to meet with himself, Commissioner Mullin and David Fernandez regarding the issues at the corner. Mayor Edmonds stated that there are too many signs on the corner and he feels that it is one of the junkiest corners in the state. There are also issues with the light at the intersection. It was suggested that one of the Police Officers be involved in this meeting as well.

It was recommended that they also talk about the No Parking signs that are on the poles and people cannot see them. Chief Maness has talked to them previously about those signs.

There was a question in regards to the closing off of the entrance to the post office on the grocery store side. Mayor Edmonds stated that he believes that they would not give two driveways off of the highway, side by side, so the grocery store possibly made a deal with Martha to close that one and enter the post office from the grocery store parking lot.

Denette Lilly made a suggestion in regards to the sidewalks. She suggested that the Town offer residents the opportunity to purchase in-memory or in honor bricks or cement sections to help off-set the cost of the sidewalk project.

Commissioner Mullin asked to review the minutes from the May 2013 Town Meeting. At issue, is whether or not permission was given to the Planning and Zoning committee member's to issue a building permit. David Fernandez stated that permission was given for signage and not a building. He stated that it was his understanding that any zoning member can approve a sign as long as it complies with the zoning ordinances, and therefore they wouldn't have to wait for approval from the committee. Commissioner Mullin asked if recently someone had asked for a permit for a building they were going to build. He stated that Upton Accounting had approached Katherine Hewitt and himself regarding demolishing a trailer and replacing it with a storage building. It was discussed whether or not a building permit would be required. In order to get a building permit, a compliance certificate must be issued. A compliance certificate can be issued if there is no variance requested on a building. If a variance is requested then it has to go before the committee for approval and then through the City Council.

The second instance was from Mike Walker requesting a permit to build a garage on his property. Commissioner Mullin questioned whether or not the council should see plans for buildings such as this. David Fernandez stated that it currently is not a requirement under the law. At this time the only thing required to obtain a building permit on any personal property is a zoning compliance certificate, which is issued by the zoning committee and does not need to go before the council. It was suggested that the Zoning Committee just keep the council members informed of any issues that are brought before them.

E. Community Business:

Commissioner Mullin presented Denette Lilly with a plaque as a Thank You for her work on the Christmas Parade. Ms. Lilly then thanked all those who helped her, Jason Auman, Rev. Fleishman, Dr. Chaney, Allen Hale and her best friend Tisha Freeman. She would also like to find out the gentleman's name that let the board ride on his wagon through the parade. She would like to personally thank him. There were 30 participants in the parade and she is working on developing a Facebook page to show pictures from the parade and Tree Lighting. Ms. Lilly is also looking at possibly doing a 4th of July parade as well, in the future.

Commissioner Mullin then presented a plaque to Brenda Harrelson for all her hard work and dedication to the town. Brenda stated that 500 bags of cotton candy were handed out at the Tree Lighting this year. She suggested that next year the committee possibly look at charging adults \$1.00 for the cotton candy.

Ms. Harrelson is currently working on preparing cakes for all those who donated gifts for the Tree Lighting and the council members signed Thank You cards as well.

Dr. Chaney announced that they are planning another expo this year on March 29th. The speaker will be Dr. Tim Lee who is a double amputee from the Vietnam War. The time will be 4:00pm – 8:00pm at the former Lucks building.

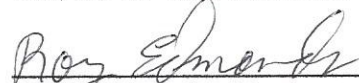
Dr. Chaney also mentioned that the Billy Graham Crusade will be coming to Asheboro in May. The main speaker will be Jerry Pikes. There are 15 churches who have come together to put this event on. This group also includes four teams of professional athletes who go into the schools and he is trying to get a group to come to Seagrove Elementary.

Jeremy McNeil, the young man who was attempting to put together a walk, had to have his event postponed, but is currently working with the DOT to reschedule this event for March. He will come before the committee at a later time with more information.

Brenda Harrelson stated that the lights will be taken down on Wednesday.

There being no other business to address, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther and seconded by Commissioner Sapper. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Roy Edmonds, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Shawn Morse
Town Clerk