

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 28, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Hale. Commissioners in attendance were: .Edmonds, Latham, Luther, Mullin and Hewitt.

A. Budget – There was a misprint in the legal notices that stated the budget would be discussed at 7:30 instead of 7:00.

B. Approval of Minutes, and Treasurer's Report

Items approved by motion were:

1. Minutes of June 5, 2012 Regular Meeting (with listed corrections made)
2. Treasurer's Report (Corrected)

Corrections-Time changed to 7:00 pm

Corrections-Signs & Designs entry changed from \$1944 to \$1800

Commissioner Mullin made a motion to accept minutes and Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Hewitt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Police Report-Police Chief Maness gave the report. There was a larceny at the park. Jason Auman was able to make an arrest after his investigation. The Drug Store has been broken into twice. The Sheriff's Office took the initial report and the arrest came from an address Jason had. There was a larceny at The Dollar General, Hit & Run at library, Identity fraud, 5 arrests, and 4 warrants. Jason Auman has received his Ar15 certification. The reserve officer's paperwork is in progress. The speeder on Ridge Rd that people had complained about has been caught.

D. Article on Police Chief-There was a newspaper article in The Courier Tribune about Chief Maness and all the things he is doing for the Seagrove Police Department. There have been a lot of positive changes since he has taken over. Compliments were given on the new uniforms and the decals on police vehicles.

E. Chevy Lumina-Police Commissioner Mike Mullin asked about the 1995 Chevy Lumina being junked or auctioned off. He asked if the vehicle was junked and brought approximately \$400 could we put the money into the General Fund. Mayor Hale suggested bringing the vehicle and seeing if anyone would buy it. Mike Mullin will call the junk yards to find the best price.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hewitt to give Mike Mullin permission to junk the vehicle and get the best price. Commissioner Edmonds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Committee Reports-Commissioner Latham stated that the Fire Department had been caught up on their monthly payments. Town attorney is still working on the legal verbage of the new contract.

Commissioner Mullin stated that park has been bush-hogged again. She is still working on getting the No fishing and No swimming signs.

Commissioner Hewitt stated that the Planning/Zoning Board would meet after the meeting tonight to elect chairman.

Emily Coltrane and Mike Walker are the two candidates to fill the vacancy on the Planning/Zoning Board. The current members are Paul Hopkins, David Fernandez, Rachel Wright, and Wanda Hale.

Vote was taken by the commissioners and it was unanimous to accept Emily Coltrane as the new member. Motion was made by Commissioner Luther to accept the nomination and votes for Emily Coltrane to fill the open position on the Planning/Zoning Board and it was seconded by Commissioner Mullin. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Hopkins stated that he had nominated Mike Walker for the open position and he did not remember Emily Coltrane being nominated. He said that his nomination was based on qualifications and wanted to know what qualifications Emily had.

G. Amendment in Tonight's Agenda-Items involving Planning/Zoning Board must go to them before being presented to council members.

H. Little River Overlay-There will be a called meeting on Tuesday, July 3 at 7:00pm to resolve Little River Overlay. George Hayfield will stay on in an advisory capacity. Motion was made by Commissioner Mullin to accept amendment and seconded by Commissioner Luther. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Budget-Public hearing on budget started at 7:31pm. Eddie Voncannon stated that he hated we can't do Christmas lights, but glad we are not raising taxes. Mayor Hale stated that people are working on possibly getting someone to donate payment for Christmas lights this year. Emily Coltrane stated that she would like to see dollars moved from Fire Department to Police Department and would like to also see what type of calls Fire Department are responding to.

Commissioner Latham stated that the contribution to the Fire Department is what keeps home owner's insurance low. We can't breach the Fire contract. He is working on getting a list of what type of call they are responding to and where the money we give them is being spent. Phil Morgan stated that Fire Department doesn't get involved in some fund raisers that the town has. David Fernandez stated that the salary of the town clerk should be increased. The last raise that was given was approximately 5 years ago. This should be considered due to the increase in meetings held and maintenance of the new website. Mike Mullin stated that the Town Clerk will be trained by the current Web Master. The website will be up by 8:30pm tonight.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mullin to increase the Town Clerk's salary to \$425.00 a month and was seconded by Commissioner Latham. Motion passed unanimously. Take money from Professional Services to cover the Town Clerk's increase. Public Hearing was closed.

J. Fire Department-The Fire Department has already set up their budget based on current numbers. They would have to have 180 day notice of any change. Money budgeted for Fire Department can be discussed for next budget year. Mayor Hale agrees that people should get paperwork from Fire Department without having to attend their meetings. Commissioner Latham will find out how their system works to provide breakdowns of how money given to them is spent. The next Fire Department meeting is on July 1, 2012. The old contract that is in place has to be honored through the parts of it that are legal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mullin to accept 2012-2013 budget with the one change to Town Clerk salary and seconded by Commissioner Hewitt. Motion passed unanimously.

The web page should be up within 48 hours. Once it is up, the minutes, agendas, legal notifications, and called meeting notifications will be posted on the site. Town web site address will be www.townofseagrove.org. If anyone has any ideas of what else they would like to see on web site just let council members know.

Estimate to have a full-time police officer on duty would be \$45-\$50,000 per year. Town is exploring two avenues to make this happen. One would pay the salary for 1 year and the other would pay the salary for 3 years.

Commissioner Mullin made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue, Commissioner Luther seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mullin made a motion to go back into Open Session and Commissioner Latham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hale stated that the current Town Clerk Regina Brewer had resigned and Doug Knowles would be taking over this position. Doug Knowles used to be a Loan Officer for First National Bank. He will take the title of Deputy Clerk until July 15, 2012 and will assume the Town Clerk title on July 16, 2012. Mayor Hale swore Doug Knowles in.

K. Community Business-David Fernandez asked if there was an update on when the grocery store would be opening. Mayor Hale talked with Kevin Hill and he has all the permits and should start work after July 15, 2012. Mike Walker stated that water and sewer should start after July 4, 2012. Commissioner Hewitt stated that Phillip said they were looking at opening at the first of the year. The 2012-2013 budget did not take in any sales tax that will be generated by the grocery store. The front of the store is going to have rocking chairs on the porch.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Edmonds seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

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Allen Hale, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Regina L. Brewer
Town Clerk