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AGENDA

1. Public Hearing on Larry Robinson's request to rezone parcel 07-00473 located at 304 E. Hwy 158 from Commercial (C) to Residential Subdivision (RS). at 7:00 p.m.
2. Call regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Consider approval of minutes of meeting(s) held in April, 2008.
5. Approve for payment bills made in April, 2008.
6. Citizens concerns.
7. Consider proposed amendments to budget for purchase of Owen Electric Building
8. Commissioners reports on activities in April, 2008.
9. Adjourn.

Addition: A Resolution in Support of Sound, Fair and Uniform Municipal Annexation Statutes (R-08-007)

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held a public hearing Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Town Hall. Commissioners present were Patrick MacRae, Clara Debnam and Terry Newsom.

Mayor Hawfield called the meeting to order at 7: p.m. and stated the purpose of the hearing was for Larry Robison's request to rezone parcel 07-00473 located at 304 E. Hwy 158 from Commercial (C) to Residential Subdivision (RS). Mayor Hawfield explained the whole area was zoned Commercial but two homes on adjoining properties were there when it was originally zoned and were allowed to stay. The property originally had a service station that was torn down and east of the property was Brown's Flower Shop. The Board of Commissioners would not make a decision until the Planning Board had met and made a recommendation. The Board could then decide to rezone or leave the zoning as is.

Discussion followed including the improved look of the property and Commissioner Newsom recommended asking the neighbors opinions, and in response to comments it was explained that the existing homes were grandfathered.

Larry Robinson arrived at 7:06 p.m. and was asked for comments. Mr. Robinson stated he wasn't notified when it was zoned commercial and was told that was done a number of years ago. Discussion also included the difference in costs involved in placing a double wide or a modular on the property if rezoned and the process for rezoning was explained to Mr. Robinson. The consensus was there shouldn't be a problem with Mr. Robinson's request.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adjourn the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Clerk

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Littleton held their regular meeting May 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Patrick MacRae, Clara Debnam and Terry Newsom and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

Mayor Hawfield opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacRae to approve the minutes of the meeting held in April. The motion was voted and carried.

Following Mayor Hawfield advising the bills were a little high due to the bond payment, Commissioner Debnam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to pay the bills as presented. The motion was voted and carried. Mayor Hawfield commented the bill for \$921.00 to Annie's Construction was for repairs due to the cable company's breaking a water line.

In response to questions from Sylvia Alston, she was told the Town had no intention of hiring a building inspector and that McIver School would not be closing for at least another year. Dr. Alston also stated she thought the Board should support the "Future of the Library Committee" formed by the Halifax County Library director and the Women's Club would be having a "Parade of Homes" May 30. Also discussed were cars on the Buffaloe property and the condemnation proceedings, and property next to the Guidry's on Halifax Street needing to be cleaned up. Heidi Hogan commented the closing of McIver would be a wonderful opportunity for a Town center and the Library but was told the property was out of Town.

Commissioner Willis arrived at 7:42 p.m. and was asked about the property on Halifax Street. Commissioner Willis advised the owner of Casa Mia had purchased the property and in discussion it was suggested contacting him to clean up the lot.

Commissioner Newsom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Willis, to adopt the budget amendment to increase capital outlay \$27,000.00 for the purchase of the Owen Electric building. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield read a resolution in support of annexation and Commissioner Willis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adopt a **Resolution in Support of Sound, Fair and Uniform Municipal Annexation Statutes (R-08-007)**. The motion was voted and carried.

Mayor Hawfield opened two bids for Cemetery maintenance, West Land Services for \$14,100/year and Brantley Cleaning & Yard Service for \$1,000/month (\$12,000/year). Following a short discussion, the decision was tabled until the next meeting to get references on Brantley.

Commissioner Debnam gave the budget report for April; General Fund revenues YTD \$379,839.49 or 65%, expenditures \$425,822.73 or 73%, Water & Sewer Fund Revenues YTD \$311,723.23 or 84% and expenditures \$272,752.65 or 73%.

Commissioner Newsom gave the police report for April.

Commissioner Willis reported the WWTP had no inspections, violations or spills in April and was in compliance. The Town had purchase 2,915,000 gallons of water and sold 1,973,000. They were still finding water leaks while working on the sewer lines. Two bacteria tests were negative. Discussion included expected grant funds, water and sewer rate structure done by Rural Water, Fire Department water use and the leak caused by the cable company.

Commissioner MacRae reported the flag pole was finally up and a complaint about a grave marker had been taken care of. He also reported the Library Board was asking for donations for property for a new library and would probably be holding fund raisers to help raise the estimate \$600,000 needed. Discussion followed including the proposed size of the Library and possible grants.

Commissioner Debnam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk