

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 24, 2010

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 100 East Lake Drive, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Woody Beale, Jim Davis, Lynne Green, and Clem Welch. Also, Town Manager Bob Stevens and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews, and Rev. Harold Stone gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Welch made the motion to accept the May Agenda as presented. Commissioner Tommy Beal seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Green made the motion to accept the April Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Green made the motion to accept the May 11, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Vote was unanimous.

Town Manager Stevens presented an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/2011. The budget has been reduced for the third straight year. The current unemployment rate affects Powell Funds, local sales tax, and beer and wine tax revenues. Citizens are cutting back, therefore, the Town needs to do its part. The 2010/2011 budget has been cut another 2%. There are decreases in Governing Body, Maintenance, and Special Appropriations. There are slight increases in Administration and Finance.

There is a 6% increase in Police Department. Mr. Stevens has budgeted enough money in Salaries and Uniforms to hire active reserve officers. The Town will furnish only uniforms to these officers. They are responsible for furnishing their own personal equipment.

The tax rate remains at \$.44. On July 1 the sanitation fee will increase \$.30 from \$9.20/month to \$9.50/month. The Town's Waste Management contract does allow for cost of living increase once a year, and the slight increase helps offset the recycling cost.

In personnel the large increase is in health insurance, which is up 17%. Retirement rates for general employees and law enforcement have increased.

On the Water and Sewer side, the budget is up 2%. The major increase is water and sewer repayments to the General Fund on debt obligations.

Commissioner Tommy Beal made the motion to open the public hearing for discussion of the 2010-2011 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Vote was unanimous. There was no discussion. Commissioner Woody Beale made the motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Welch. Vote was unanimous. The budget will be voted on at the June 28 meeting.

Mayor Andrews announced a series of concerts will be held at the NC Veterans Memorial during June, July, and August of this year. Some of the proceeds from the festival will be used for community concerts called Rhythm at the Pavilion. On June 19 Blender (an oldies band with Chad and Kristi Gaines) will perform. Al Batten and the Bluegrass Reunion will perform on July 17, and Four Heart Harmony will perform on August 21. The concerts are free to the public. Everyone needs to bring a chair or a blanket for seating. These events should help promote the Veterans Memorial as well as the Town. Mayor Andrews is talking with school officials regarding the use of the gym as a rain location. There are posters available to promote the concerts, and they will also be advertised in the Sanford Herald.

On June 4 Atlanta is hosting a BRAC fair for relocation of Ft. McPherson troops. Mayor Andrews plans to attend and promote the Town of Broadway. Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore County Chamber of Commerce are joining for this relocation fair. The Town of Broadway will be sharing a booth with the Chamber, schools, CCCC, and EDC at no cost to the Town. Mayor Andrews will take a power point presentation and updated brochures promoting Broadway.

Commissioner Green made the motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Vote was unanimous.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Welch asked about the openings on the Broadway EDC . Kathy Taylor is unable to serve another term, and Dr. Sloan has yet to respond. There is still an opening on the Environmental Affairs Board. Mr. Stevens will contact Mary Ann Holt since she expressed an interest in serving.

Commissioner Green expressed her thanks to the staff for placing a safety message on the last water bill and for their work on the budget.

Commissioner Davis apologized for arriving late to the meeting. He had been out of town all day.

Mayor Andrews stated the EDC Task Force will meet again on June 1.

American Legion Post 347 will sponsor the Memorial Day Service on May 31 at the Veterans Memorial. The service will begin approximately at 10:45 a.m. The Mayor has been informed that Congressman Bob Etheridge will be the speaker.

Sanford Mayor Cornelia Olive is leading the efforts to develop a Tourism/Welcome Center for Sanford, Lee County, and Broadway. Mayor Olive is interested in setting up a Tourism Bureau. The Town of Broadway is participating in the meetings. Mayor Olive wants to promote Sanford, Lee County, and Broadway as a retirement destination.

Mayor Andrews is working on a Code of Ethics for the Town Board. It will be presented for adoption at a later meeting.

Community and civic events can be posted on the Town website by contacting the Town Hall staff.

The census workers are making home visits now. They meet each morning around 8:00 at the Community Building.

Under Manager Comments, Town Manager Stevens reminded the Town Board they have until December 31 to complete ethics training. The Town may pay \$95 to gain access to an ethics webinar, so all Commissioners can view it at the same time. It lasts approximately 2 hours. The Board agreed to Mr. Stevens recommendation.

The police department is back at full force. Officer Nelson has returned to work.

Town Manager Stevens discussed a border for the new section of the Town Cemetery. He recommended planting longleaf pines because other pines are susceptible to disease. If purchased from the Forestry Department, the cost of 50 pines would be \$50. The cost of 250 pines would be \$55. The Forestry Department ships the seedlings in September. 250 seedlings will be a good start for the border. The Mayor suggested the Town consider brick columns at the two front corners of the cemetery.

Mr. Stevens will check with Sandhills Contractors as to when they will begin the Oakland Avenue extension project.

Commissioner Woody Beale made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Beal. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura Duval, Town Clerk