

Minutes from the July 7, 2011 Work session

Attendance: Mayor Frazer, Mike Benton, Greg Dotson, Greg McNeil, Gwen Schiada, Randy Hummel, Ken Wilcox, Donnie Bowen, Joanne Hunt, John Hofmann, Paul Goins, and Stacy Wilkerson. Absent was Greg Dotson.

- 1) Budget Adjustments for FY 11: Joanne provided the budget adjustments to the Mayor and Council. If the Council has questions please get them to Joanne.
- 2) Waterfront Projects along Bay Avenue: Roy Barnett from Van Metre submitted an email to the Town explaining the changes he has made to his project on 5th and Bay Avenue. He will be in attendance at the July Town Council Meeting to discuss his projects. Ron Russo from RAR Associates explained his project on the southside of 5th and Bay Avenue. RAR explained where he is with his project and he is not complete with the conference center portion of the project. He will answer any questions that the Town may have with his project. He would like to deed the portion of the property over to the Town where the parking garage will be constructed. RAR will not be in attendance at the Council meeting next week. He will come back to the Town once his plan is complete.
- 3) Town's admission policy for Walton Beach: The Town now owns Walton Beach on the northend of Town. The covenant signed states the property will be called the Walton Beach Nature Preserve. The question before the Mayor and Council is if the property will still be open to individuals who would like to walk on the beach? How will the property be managed? After a discussion between the Council it was decided for the time being to keep the beach closed just the way it is. Get a recommendation from LGIT for the use of the property. What the Town's liability is for the property and what should be placed there. Joanne Hunt will contact LGIT to seek further assistance.
- 4) Dog Park at the Burnt Oaks lot from the Environmental Committee: Gwen advised that the property is not an open green space. There are large trees on the lot. John Hofmann advises the property can be leveled and cleared. Gwen has been tasked to meet with Home Owners Association and get input on what they would want from the Town to utilize the lot. If the Town would like to proceed with the project the adjacent property owners to the lot should be notified.
- 5) John Hofmann and Donnie Bowen updated the Council with map on the potential areas for sidewalk construction.
- 6) Crosswalk placement in front of ice cream store. Owner of ice cream store requested the placement of crosswalk between the boardwalk and Baywalk store front. Donnie has gotten a quote of 4800.00 for the construction of the crosswalk. Six foot wide crosswalk versus, eight foot crosswalk. Town Council agenda for action next week.
- 7) Floodplain ordinance: FEMA has certified that their maps are ready to for the Town to adopt the new floodplain ordinance that needs to be adopted by December 2011. There are some changes in the ordinance, i.e., new maps there are homes in the Town that are not in the old map, but now are in the floodplain and they will be required to get flood insurance. Public

outreach with the newsletter and to the Town regarding the new flood ordinance. Vote on the ordinance at the November 2011 meeting. Introduction at the October 2011 meeting.

- 8) Pier Installation and bidding process on building. All materials for pier and equipment for driving piles is in place. Pilings will be driven tomorrow and 1st of the week. The PW dept will install the decking on the pier. DPW Building: Pre-bid meeting last week. Bid addendum was sent out today, bids will be brought back in next Tuesday. Contracts will be awarded at the August TC meeting.
- 9) Fragmities radication: Both sides of Route 261..impedes visibility..they take over the beneficial grasses. They are very invasive and hurt the environment. John Hofmann has been in contact with a man who currently works for the Dept. of Agriculture and is a licensed weed treatment expert. The Town will retain his services for the removal of the fragmities. This process will be done in September. The permit for this work is good for 5 years.
- 10) Breakwater Engineering: Working on the package..Award at the August Town Council Meeting.
- 11) Meeting with the residents affected by the dike and berm construction on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.