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SHALLOTTE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2025

5:15 P.M.

The Shallotte Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on February 4, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting chambers located at 110 Cheers Street with Mayor Walt Eccard presiding.

Aldermen present: Larry Harrelson, Gene Vasile and Bobby Williamson

Aldermen absent: Karmen Custer and Jimmy Bellamy

Staff present: Mimi Gaither, Robert Waring, Brandon Eaton, Natalie Goins, Isaac Norris, Adam Stanley, Paul Dunwell, Dan Formyduval and Attorney Laura Thompson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eccard called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to open the meeting. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Mayor Walt Eccard gave the Invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Eccard asked if any member of the Board had a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with regard to any item on the agenda. None stated.

IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Bobby Williamson to make the following amendments and approve the amended agenda:

- VII. Consent Agenda – Add B. August 6, 2024 Amended Minutes
- Remove VIII. Public Hearing 2) Special Use Permit - Brierwood Golf Course. *This public hearing will be re-noticed for March 4, 2025.*

Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Police
2. Fire
3. Planning

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Mayor Eccard informed the Board and staff that Brunswick County Commissioners, without notice to the Town, and without requesting input from the Town, made the decision not to approve the application for the Town Planning Board's ETJ position. He finds this failure to communicate most troubling and intends to speak to the Commissioners to express his personal displeasure with this behavior, and hopes that there will be better cooperation in the future.

4. Public Utilities

5. Finance

Finance Director Isaac Norris reported that a property tax distribution of \$576,000.00 was received after his monthly reported had been submitted.

6. Media & Events

7. Administration

8. Mayors Monthly Activities

Mayor Eccard provided an update on the traffic signalization project, explaining that DOT can only manage a project with a bid price of no more than 10% above the estimated cost. He added that GSATS is prepared to move forward managing the project and providing additional funding. The Town's match for the project will be approximately \$22,000.00. A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Gene Vasile to approve a matching contribution not to exceed \$25,000.00 Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve the following amended consent agenda items:

A. Budget Adjustment: BA-24-25-5 (Transfer for Coastal Geomatics PLLC Surveying Fee for Town Hall) \$5600.00

B. August 6, 2024 amended minutes; changes reflected below in red:

VI. Department Reports

3. Planning

B. Code Enforcement Case Z-24-007

A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Bobby Williamson to cap the civil penalties at \$10,000 for parcel ID# 1820005801 located at 4450 Main St. (Case Z-24-007) and authorize Town Attorney to proceed with legal action. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

C. Code Enforcement Case Z-24-008

A motion was made by Karmen Custer seconded by Gene Vasile to cap the civil penalties at \$10,000 for parcel ID# 18200145 located at 4479 Main St. (Case Z-24-008) and authorize Town Attorney to proceed with legal action. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

VIII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1) PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION: MAVERICK PATE – 190 WILDWOOD STREET PARCEL ID# 197JB003.

Town Planner Brandon Eaton gave a brief overview of the request.

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1. A motion was made by Larry Harrelson seconded by Gene Vasile to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.
2. Public Comments/Questions.
3. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Bobby Williamson to close Public Hearing. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.
4. Board Comments/Questions
5. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Bobby Williamson to approve the Zoning Amendment Statement of Consistency. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.
6. A motion was made by Gene Vasile seconded by Larry Harrelson to approve rezoning Parcel ID # 197JB003 from RA-15 to R-10. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.
7. A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to approve Annexation Ordinance 24-26. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

IX. DISCUSSION

Reminder: Work Session meeting February 18, 2025

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Bobby Williamson seconded by Gene Vasile to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Motion carried 3 yes 0 no.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goins
Town Clerk