

MINUTES
Agenda Meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council
April 2, 2014, 7:00 PM, Community Room, Southern Pines Police Department
450 West Pennsylvania Avenue

Present: Mayor David McNeill, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Fields, Councilmember Fred Walden, Councilmember Jim Simeon, Councilmember Teresa VanCamp

Absent: None

Call to Order

Resolution Honoring Mr. William Earl Wright

Mayor McNeill commented that Mr. Wright is being recognized by Moore County and the State of North Carolina for volunteer service and he thinks it is appropriate to recognize Mr. Wright as well.

Presentation Honoring Mr. William Earl Wright

1. Architectural Reviews

A. AR-05-14 Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills, 160 Memorial Park Court; Petitioner, Neal Smith Engineering, Inc.

Caroline Eddy, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills, Neil Smith, Neil Smith Engineering, Ralph Renaltor, Mark Parson and Nina Jacobi were present for discussion with Council.

Neil Smith gave an overview of the proposed architectural review and commented they are proposing to add 4,300 square feet to the existing facility.

Mark Parson gave an overview of materials to be used on the proposed elevations.

Mayor Pro Tem Fields commented this is a good looking addition, it appears to comply with the Code of Ordinances and he is in favor of the proposal.

Councilmember VanCamp inquired the distance of the proposed addition to the road. Mr. Parson responded by commenting the corner is approximately 8 feet from the curb.

Mr. Renaltor continued with a brief overview of facility entrances.

Councilmember VanCamp inquired if a larger audience would be served with the proposed addition. Ms. Eddy responded in the affirmative and gave examples of new amenities to be included.

Discussion ensued regarding attendance demographics.

Town Manager Parsons commented a potential for addition to the Boys & Girls Club was discussed last year during the renewal and the contract addressed the possibility.

B. AR-04-14 Yadkin Park Animal Hospital, 350 Commerce Avenue; Petitioner, Kirby Construction

Matthew Kirby, Kirby Construction and Dan and Terry Nordland, Yadkin Park Animal Hospital were present for discussion with Council.

Mr. Kirby gave an overview of the proposed architectural review and presented material samples for Council's review.

Town Manager Parsons spoke regarding the staff report and commented the petitioner is requesting a relief from the 80% brick requirement in the General-Business (GB) district in addition to the proposed vertical siding.

Mayor Pro Tem Fields inquired the percentage of brick on the proposed facility. Mr. Kirby responded by commenting the brick percentage is approximately 30%.

Mayor Pro Tem Fields commented there are other buildings with similar brick percentages in that development and this will keep with the existing neighborhood.

Mr. Nordland commented they would like for the new facility to look more inviting for pets and pet owners.

Mr. Kirby commented they prefer the proposed vertical siding but can change to horizontal siding if Council desires.

Discussion ensued regarding window installation on the proposed facility.

Councilmember VanCamp commented if appears all the trees on the site location will be removed. Mrs. Nordland responded by commenting there currently aren't many trees on the site.

Town Manager Parsons commented there have been discussions regarding Byrd Street in relation to the location of the proposed facility because it is still under private ownership and not maintained very well.

2. Manager's Comments

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Adopt Worksession Minutes of February 24, 2014, Agenda Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2014 and Regular Business Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014 as written.

Corrections to the minutes were noted by the Town Clerk.

- B. Annexation AX-01-14, 145 N. Bethesda Road

- Resolution Directing the Clerk
- Resolution Calling a Public Hearing

Town Manager Parsons gave an overview of the annexation request and commented that staff had no concerns with the annexation.

- C. Board Appointments

- Planning Board

Town Manager Parsons commented there is a vacancy on the Planning Board due to Wanda Little's resignation and that two Appearance Commission applications were received to fill a vacant ETJ seat and a vacant in-town seat.

Mayor Pro Tem Fields commented he is in favor of the applications received and asked that those names be added to the Regular Business meeting agenda for appointment.

- D. Arboretum Subdivision Bond Renewal

Town Manager Parsons commented they are still awaiting documentation from the Arboretum and they have asked for a 15 month renewal.

Additional Discussion Items

Town Manager Parsons spoke regarding the vacant Utilities Superintendent position and commented the Town is considering a part-time position or potentially two part-time positions while a full time, lower-level licensed position receives training. Town Manager Parsons continued by commenting the Town has two individuals in mind due to their previous experience with the Town's systems.

Councilmember Simeon commended Town Manager Parsons on trying to build a team with multiple certifications in an attempt to not be dependent on one individual.

Discussion ensued regarding Annual Retreat agenda items.

As so incorporated to these minutes of April 2, 2014 are exact copies as so recorded in the ordinance and resolution books of the Town of Southern Pines as fully set out in the minutes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Phillip Britt
Town Clerk