

The Smithfield Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Smithfield Town Hall. Mayor Norman Johnson presided.

Councilmen Present:

Charles Williams
Vic Ogburn
Daniel Evans
Clayton Narron
Andy Moore
Tom Bell (7:32 pm)
Sidney Broadwell

Councilmen Absent:

Staff Present:

Pete Connet, City Manager
Debra Holmes, Town Clerk/Personnel
Steve Gillikin, Police Chief
Bobby Tripp, Public Utilities Director
Tim Johnson, Parks/Rec Director
Patrick Harris, Fire/EMS Director (7:35 pm)
Garry Crumpler, Supervisor, Public Works
Mark Helmer, Planner / GIS Technician
Mark Stephens, Finance Director

Also Present:

Bob Spence, Jr, Town Attorney

Staff Absent:

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Evans, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Evans made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore, to add "Street Closings for Ham & Yam Festival - May 6 & 7, 2006" to the Consent Agenda. Unanimous.

Councilman Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Evans, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Councilman Narron noted that 73-75 Smithfield Selma Senior High School Juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society and congratulated them.

Councilman Ogburn noted that Gordon Howell, a brick-mason by trade for many years, was celebrating his 82nd birthday.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Ogburn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore, to approve the following items as listed on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of March 7, 8 & 9, 2006
- Appointment of Harold Tharrington to a first term on the Appearance Commission
- Approval of Audit Contract
- Resolution approving the Johnston County Solid Waste - 3 Year Update (ATTACHMENT I)
- Preliminary Subdivision Approval - 20.24 acre tract of land into ten tracts - south side of the intersection of East Market Street and Smithfield Crossing Drive, east of and adjacent to Johnston Community College - Smithfield Business Park
- Ham & Yam Festival Street Closings - South Front, South Second, South Third, Johnston and parts of Church Streets - May 5, 7:00 p.m. thru May 7, 6:00 p.m.

Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

1 Adoption of Ordinance regulating the care of public trees

City Manager Pete Connet addressed the Council on adoption of the ordinance regulating the care of public trees.

Councilman Broadwell questioned if sections 2.3 and 2.6 would conflict with regard to replanting trees. Town Attorney Bob Spence recommended adding the language "shall consider replanting"... to section 2.6.

Councilman Narron made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the new ordinance with the language amendment. ATTACHMENT II

NEW BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH BANK FOR PURCHASE OF FORD E-450 AMBULANCE AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

City Manager Pete Connet addressed the Council on approval of an installment purchase contract with the low bidder, First Citizens Bank, for the purchase of a Ford E-450 Ambulance based on the following bids received:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Annual Payments</u>	<u>Additional Fees</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
BB&T	3.94%	\$24,667.35	0	\$123,336.75
RBC Centura	4.83%	\$24,702.04	0	\$123,510.20
First Citizens	3.50%	\$24,362.95	\$150	\$121,964.75
Wachovia	3.71%	\$24,508.03	0	\$122,540.15

Councilman Ogburn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Williams, to approve the installment purchase contract with First Citizens Bank in an amount not to exceed \$121,964.75.

3. Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement as authorized by NCGS 160A-20 - New Electrical Substation

Finance Director Mark Stephens addressed the Council on authorization to start the process of a financing agreement for the new electrical substation.

Councilman Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Evans, to adopt the resolution authorizing the filing of a loan application for the new electrical substation. Unanimous. ATTACHMENT III

4. Authorization to apply for the Johnston County Recreation Grant of \$25,000

Parks/Recreation Director Tim Johnson addressed the Council on applying for a \$25,000 grant to be matched with \$25,000 of Town funds. He stated that the recreation improvements would need to be made during the fiscal year to be reimbursed.

Councilman Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Narron, to authorize staff to apply for the recreation grant. Unanimous.

5. Bid Award for Johnston Memorial Hospital UG Electrical Service

Public Utilities Director Bobby Tripp addressed the Council labor contract bids received for the new Electrical substation as follows:

Barnes & Powell Electrical Co	\$179,554.00
CW Wright Construction Co.	\$463,998.20
E&R, Inc.	\$267,008.50
Lee Electrical Construction Co.	\$234,238.40
MasTec, Inc.	\$ 93,324.58

Mr. Tripp also discussed the bids opened for materials.

Councilman Ogburn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore, to award the bid for labor to the low bidder, MasTec, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$93,324.58. Unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Norman R. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra W. Holmes, Town Clerk