

The Smithfield Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 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
Sidney Broadwell
Andy Moore
Clayton Narron
Tom Bell

Councilmen Absent:

Staff Present:

Pete Connet, City Manager
Debra Godwin, Town Clerk/Personnel Director
Steve Gillikin, Police Chief
Don Riddle, Public Utilities Director
Mark Stephens, Finance Director
Patrick Harris, Fire/EMS Director
Tim Johnson, Parks/Rec Director

Also Present:

Bob Spence, Jr, Town Attorney

Staff Absent:

Paul Embler, Planning Director

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Moore made a motion, seconded by Councilman Broadwell, to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1: (Continued from September 2006 meeting) Rezoning Petition - 2 tracts of land totaling 10.83 acres from R-20A to O&I - northeast end of Dogwood Street approximately 200 feet northeast of its intersection with Aspen Street - Dale Sparks - RZ-06-03

Councilman Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Moore, to table any action until a later date. Unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS:

Resolution #413 honoring the late Joseph E. Batten - Mayor Johnson

Mayor Johnson presented a resolution to Mrs. Melba Batten, wife of the late Joseph E. Batten, and his family honoring his service to the Town and Fire Department.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Terry Carroll, 1112 S. Lakeside Drive, addressed the Council on the possibility of installing a sidewalk from the intersection of Hwy 70 and US 301 to Holts Lake Bridge. She stated that she felt most of the pedestrian traffic occurred between Willowrun Veterinary Hospital and the Neuse River Bridge. Mayor Johnson stated that he was aware that DOT had the long term plan of widening Hwy 301 and would try to find out a time frame of that project.
- Van Robinson, Fifth Street, addressed the Council on his perception that there is inequality along Market Street at the eastern and western entranceways. He stated that the Town needs continuity of trees along Market Street. Further, he stated that there are no improvements from I-95 into Smithfield with

plants, trees, sidewalks and asked the Council to consider making some improvements in that area.

- Donna Bailey-Taylor gave the Council a quarterly report on the Smithfield Occupancy Tax Revenues and Expenses.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Evans, to approve the following item as listed on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of September 5, 2006
 - Reappointment to Board of Adjustment - Eddie Foy to a second term
 - Reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees - Kay Long to a second term
 - Certification of Municipal Ordinance #432 declaring the speed limit modifications and request for concurring Ordinance by Department of Transportation (ATTACHMENT I)
 - Designation of Mayor as voting delegate and Councilman Williams as alternate for the North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Business Meeting on October 17, 2006
- Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2: Approval of EMS fee schedule to coincide with new reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid

Emergency Services Director Patrick Harris addressed the Council on the revised EMS fee schedule for reimbursement rates.

Councilman Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Evans, to approve the EMS fee schedule as follows:

Mileage fee	\$9.25 per loaded mile
Advanced Life Support (Non-Emergency)	\$300.00
Advanced Life Support (Emergency)	\$425.00
Basic Life Support (Non-Emergency)	\$250.00
Basic Life Support (Emergency)	\$325.00
Advanced Life Support - 2	\$550.00

Unanimous.

Item 3: Consideration of continuing the sidewalk project down South Third Street - Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson, Executive Director of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation, advised the Council that the sidewalk project downtown was complete and came under budget by approximately \$80,000. He stated that the Town could borrow the remaining \$80,000 to continue sidewalks along Third Street.

Following discussion, Councilman Narron made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ogburn, to postpone any action at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Norman R. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra W. Godwin, Town Clerk