

The Smithfield Town Council met in special session on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 6:00 pm. in the Council Chambers of the Smithfield Town Hall. Mayor John H. Lampe, II presided.

Councilmen Present:

M. Andy Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marlon Lee, District 1
J. Perry Harris, District 2
Travis Scott, District 3
Emery D. Ashley, At-Large

Councilmen Absent

Roger A. Wood, District 4
Charles A. Williams, At-Large

Administrative Staff Present

Paul Sabiston, Town Manager
Greg Siler, Finance Director
Lenny Branch, Public Works Director
Tim Johnson, Parks & Rec. Director
Shannan Williams, Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilman Scott made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ashley, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Motion to formally excuse Councilman Wood for the meeting due to health reasons.

Councilman Ashley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Scott, to formally excuse Councilman Wood from the meeting due to health reasons. Unanimously approved.

2. FY 2014 – 2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Town Manager Paul Sabiston continued discussion with the Council on the FY 2014-2015 proposed budget.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Director Tim Johnson reviewed the budget proposal for FY 2014-2015. Mr. Johnson explained that there were not any major changes in the budget.

There was a general discussion by the Council about the Eva Ennis Municipal pool. Mr. Johnson stated that approximately \$52,000 would be needed to reopen the pool. Councilman Lee indicated that the community would like to have the pool reopened.

There was a general discussion by the Council about the current conditions of the area parks. Councilman Lee stated that he would like to see more funds allocated for improvements at Smith Collins Park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore stated that all of the smaller parks were in need of improvements.

Councilman Scott suggested that the Town reorganize its spending. He suggested that a percentage of each department's budget be allocated for capital improvements.

Councilman Ashley made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Moore to direct staff to apply for Johnston County's Parks and Recreation grant and if any money is awarded to the Town, those funds would be utilized for improvements at Smith Collins Parks. Unanimously approved.

SMITHFIELD RECREATION AND AQUATICS CENTER (SRAC)

Parks and Recreation Director Tim Johnson reviewed the budget proposal for FY2014-2015. There was a general discussion by the Council concerning the SRAC's overall budget.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Lenny Branch reviewed the budget proposal for FY 2014-2015. Mr. Branch explained that all divisions of the Public Work's departments are status quo. There was a general discussion by the Council concerning the Public Works overall budget.

In a separate matter, Mr. Branch informed the members of Council that the issue that was discussed at the April 1st Council meeting concerning the tethering of animals had been addressed. Mr. Branch stated that tethering animals is not an issue in Smithfield.

COUNCIL SALARIES

There was a general discussion by the Council concerning the possibility of increasing the salaries of the members of the Council in FY 2014-2015.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ashley, to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6). Unanimously approved.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Councilman Scott made a motion, seconded by Councilman Harris, to reconvene in open session. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Moore made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ashley, to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

Shannan L. Williams, Town Clerk

John H. Lampe, II , Mayor