

Town Council  
April 13, 2015

Present: Harry Sampson, Bill Miners, Bert Wells, Mayor Dean Geracimos, Frank Vari, Tom Morris, Town Attorney- Tom Yeager, Project Manager Rob Bernstine, Town Manager Sandra Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Town Council Meeting March 9, 2015

**MOTION:** Bert Wells made a motion seconded by Bill Miners to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain – Harry Sampson – he was not in attendance.

Special Session, Public Hearing, Workshop March 23, 2015

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to approve the minutes from March 23, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items

Ms Clare Agreement

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve this year's agreement for the Miss Clare.

Street Trees on Biddle Street two bids, Heartwood & Moon

**MOTION:** Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Bill Miners to approve the bid for Heartwood the street trees on Biddle Street. All in favor, motion carried.

Bank St Parking Lot

**MOTION:** Bert Wells made a motion seconded by Frank Vari to approve Heartwood Landscaping for \$1530 for the tree work, \$4930 for the trees and stone for \$4458.75. All in favor, motion passes.

*NOTE: Schaefer's will be contributing \$5,000 towards this cost.*

CPR bid – workshop – Dean & Tom Morris have a meeting Monday at 1:30pm.

Tourism Month Proclamation-May as Tourism Month – Mayor read Proclamation

Commissioner Assignments:

Harry Sampson: Artesian gave their report ; Miller gave their previous month report. March was the highest month in water flow that they have seen. Doug to give a year comparison going forward.

Bill Miners: need volunteers for Saturdays Beautification Day; will be meeting under the bridge by the elementary school around 9am- Hope to be done by noon time. Newsletter went out with the water bills – docks- looks like we're almost ready to start. – Rob has contracts for signatures for Bathon Builders , Tom has reviewed them. Meeting here on Friday; should have a schedule then.

Ferry Slip walkway issue –some degrading, contractor will be taking care of it.

NORTH DOCK – waiting for another bid from pile driver, and a fabricator.

Thanking Rob doing a fantastic job with working on the dock. Dean seconded it.

Frank Vari: No PZ meeting – will have a special session at the workshop – will start working on amendments on the zoning codes. 4/26 Hazardous waste day at the county – it's a free service. 4/21 first session of the CPR course. Landfill fees will be increasing again this year. 5/7 National Day of Prayer at Pell Gardens at noon. June – 5K hoping and praying the trail will be done, 7<sup>th</sup> year for the races. Should know next week if we made the Top Recycler for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Complimented Carla for the great job on the Newsletter, he's received many compliments.

Bert Wells: Filled 20 potholes in Town, and will start the patch work next, and then larger stretches of road to be fixed. State installed crosswalks on Biddle Street. Still not 100% done, biggest obstacle is Mary Banks driveway. Sidewalks moving along on second Street. Meeting with SHA for Safe sidewalks to School. Tourism: May is Tourism Month. Carla's working with restaurants for staffing and training for Canal Museum. Hope to have it open in June. Packets given to the Council on Bike Trails, Trail Town – will be giving things away at MML. Line up surveyor to have plat drawn up after the property is adopted into the Town. Whiteman has already done work for Habersham before. McCrone could be another possibility. Settlement on the property – once the subdivision is completed. Possible in June? Bert also wants to get some parking done there for the Trail. Trail- working on storm drain management - done some grating; discussions of gates or bollards. Is the width of the trail to support ADA and a truck that the Corps can fit through. Goal is to get some gate that looks nice. It will be a hinge gate. Cindy Ortt lady next to them has the bamboo – Mrs Lytle – around the storm drain, bamboo is 6' high last spring. Was hoping it would be dug out. Have spoken to Rob Bernstein. Post & rail has been taken down – was hoping a similar fence to be replaced. Detailed plans show that it will be replaced. Mayor asked Rob to re-affirm this.

Tom Morris: Sgt Leas gave his report for last month. 24 shifts reported.

#### **Old Business**

Naming of the Canal Trail=No confirmation to Bert, hopes to hear something this week.

#### **New Business**

##### **Valve Maintenance**

May 8<sup>th</sup> schools are closed; work would begin May 7<sup>th</sup> 1030pm – 9am Friday for repairs. No water on the North side, hope to have water on south from the tower. If heavy rain – will change date –Staff has worked out a procedure for a REV 911 and paper notices. Working with businesses to have the correct information – personal calls in addition to the rev 911.

Estimates for valve – workshop April.

Budget 2015/2016-Council given copies of the budget.

Workshop for May-falls on Memorial Day –Will email out several dates and have Council work on the schedules

#### **Public Comment**

Harriett Davis – second week of June, on a week night – the HS Jazz band will be performing on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Thanking Christine & Bert for their work on the Easter Egg hunt.

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Mayor's Comment

Reminder of Beautification Day on Saturday and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> State of the Town at Trinity – will include reviewing things done for the Town starting at 6:30pm; a special recognition for Donnie Briscoe.

Adjourn

**MOTION:** Bill Miners made a motion, seconded by Bert Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Valerie Walls  
Clerk/Treasurer



Dean Geracimos  
Mayor