

# **TOWN OF RISING SUN**

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May 9, 2005

Present: Judy Cox, Clint Bowers, Tom Mumey, Debbie Craig, Mary Bedsworth

Town Administrator: Shawn Hershberger

Town Planner: Alex Smith

Guests: See Attached List

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on May 9, 2006 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mayor Cox introduce Shawn Hershberger, the new Town Administrator, who will officially begin work on Wednesday, May 10. She presented him with a phone, keys, and a Town pin. Shawn thanked the Town for the opportunity.

The minutes of the April 25, 2006 meeting were presented. With no further additions or corrections a motion for approval was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried.

A public hearing was conducted to consider the application of Robert T. Foard, Jr., to rezone the properties at 104/106, 111, 119, 121, & 125 S Queen Streets from R2 to CC. The application indicates the reason for the change is a change in the area. No persons appeared in favor of or opposed to the requested changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Mumey, seconded by Mr. Bowers and carried by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays to approve the request as recommended by the Rising Sun Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Cox presented Resolution 2006-7 for adoption. The resolution allows the submittal of a CDBG grant application on behalf of the Town. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Bowers to adopt Resolution 2006-7. The motion carried by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays.

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor - Mayor Cox reported that she and the Chief had gone to the dedication of the new EMS/CCSO office in Elkton. The last estimated date for the new radio system is in July.

She reported that she and Alex had attended the CDC meeting. The Commission had done a traffic study some time ago. They will be revisiting and will meet with the Mr. Mumey and other Board members.

She and Alex also attended the recent Council of Government meeting. The proposed APFO for the County was presented to the County Commissioners and the Mayors. The next step is to bring it to the Towns for their comments before turning it back to the County for adoption. The Town will be doing its own APFO with more stringent guidelines.

Mayor Cox reported on the Land Use Form at Cecil Community College. Saying they had some good ideas, but questioned if the Town would be able to apply them..

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that the blacktop & curbing work on Louise Court has been completed. We need a good rain before the striping can be done. He has received positive results from the residents. It was pointed out that this was the first street to be done in many years. Mr. Mumey also advised that the resolution that had just be passed was for funding for additional paving in Town. The cost estimate is \$430,000. The cost of blacktop went up daily as they were paving Louise Court. Tom complimented Alex on finding a source of funding if we receive the grant.

Public Safety - Mrs. Bedsworth advised that she had talked with the Chief and that the department was busy doing police work. They had a recent drug arrest. Everything is going fine they have 24 hour coverage 95% of the time.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that she had nothing to report. She and Alex were working on funding.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers advised that the chomp pump would be installed in 2 weeks. Ron and Chris have purchased the flex pipe from Creegers for a lot less than the \$4800 we were quoted. TRB has grouted the manholes and will be starting on the lining of the manholes. There is a meeting with CLSI with regard to upgrading the water system on Monday, May 15. They will have people looking for additional well sites and water sources.

Clint reported that Daisy had started the streetscape work by doing the imprinting for the crosswalks. Once again, there was no advanced notice.

Since Mr. Electric will not wait for payment, Mr. Bowers motioned that the Clerk/Treasurer make whatever financial arrangements that she has to fund the \$10,500 to pay for the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Town Planner - Mr. Smith advised that the proposed APFO for the Town of Rising Sun be tailored specifically for the Town of Rising Sun to meet our needs. He advised that he was also working on a uniformed procedure for municipal infractions. He advised that on June 19<sup>th</sup>, there would be a joint meeting with Planning and Zoning about the APFO beginning at 7:30 PM

Diane Ehrhart gave an update on the activities of the RSHPC and reported on the recent dance. The group purchased two cases for the old town lamps from Carolyn Spencer for \$80. Diane's report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There was no unfinished business. Under new business, the Mayor reported that she had spoken with Mark Guns concerning the TDR proposal. He needs to meet with Rising Sun and other Towns so that we can see what his intentions are. She advised that if they persist in forcing the growth to the area, we will have to annex in order to control the water and sewer issues or they will have private wells and septic which could also have a negative impact on the Town's systems.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mr. Pierson advised that he has spoken with Commissioner Craig and they have tabled their differences concerning the issues he raised at the last meeting.

Mr. Callahan questioned with regard to the TDR would the land fall under the Town Planning & Zoning laws so that we have control. He questioned the amount of information that the Town has been given so far and if we decide to accept it at what point does that happen. He was advised that there would be public hearings and that the Town will have input as to what is good for the town. If it is passed, the Town may have to "tweek" the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances to address the issues. It is a very complicated and confusing issue.

Mrs. Emsley questioned if a decision had been made concerning car washes at the Legion. She was advised that the decision was left up to the Legion. Ron is monitoring the wells and if there is a drop, he will contact the Legion. She questioned how long before the street lights would be on. She was advised that once the materials are received it should be 3-4 weeks weather permitting. Each post will also have an outlet for the Christmas decoration. She was inquiring to see if maybe something could be done in time for Sunfest.

Mr. Meehan questioned if the Board would consider suggestions early on before the vote. He advised that he would like to have had the opportunity to comment on the Foard request for a zoning change for historical issues. Since this area and Cherry Street have the older nicer homes they could all become commercial zoned. He was advised that had he been to the meeting in time for the public hearing he would have had the opportunity for comment. He was also advised that he can contact the Mayor and Commissioners anytime with his concerns and that each case was decided on an individual basis.

Mrs. Emsley commented that she did not like to stucco on the building across the street. Mr. Pierson advised that they had to use the stucco because they had structural problems with the building. She was also advised that no permit was needed for stucco or emergency repairs. He is looking for windows to replace some that are missing.

With no additional business coming before the Board , a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Bowers, and seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary