

TOWN OF RISING SUN

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

Town Administrator: Shawn Hershberger

Town Planner: Alex Smith

Absent: Mary Bedsworth

Guests: See Attached List

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on May 23, 2006 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance except Mrs. Bedsworth. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting were presented. With no further additions or corrections a motion for approval was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

A public hearing was held concerning the CDBG Grant Application. Alex explained the application which is for \$430,000 to be used for street repair on Cooper, Reynolds, Buckley and the streets in Summer Hill. He advised that a part of the grant was a Citizen's Participation Plan and advised those present that that document would be available at Town Hall for public review. He asked for public comment.

Mr. Pierson talked about the conditions on his street and asked if there would be funding if it is found that there is a more serious problem than may currently be apparent. He asked if there was the potential for a backup plan. It was explained that the total cost will be well over \$500,000. KCI believes that the current plans will relieve the problem. Mr. Mumey advised that anything catastrophic would have to be dealt with separately. Mr. Callahan asked if the roads would be totally torn up. He was advised to the extent that is needed to fix the problem. A buffer is being built in to a certain limits. If project should come in under budget, any monies left over will have to be returned to DHCD

Mr. Smith advised that there would be one more hearing. Once the project is completed at full report to DHCD will be required.

A motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried to submit the CDBG grant as described.

The secretary submitted the names of Joan Donahue and Robyn Madron to serve as election judges for the June 12 election. Mrs. Craig submitted Patricia Craig's name also. Following a discussion it was decided that Sandi would oversee the election and a motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried that Patricia Craig, Joan Donahue and Robyn Madron be asked to service as judges. Sandi will arrange to meet with them and go over their responsibilities.

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox reported that she had made contact with the Maryland Municipal League with regard to the complaints about their website. She also advised those in attendance that the last day to file as a candidate in the upcoming election is May 30, not May 23 as reported in today's paper

She reported that she would be signing the contract on the work to be done on the drain on E Main Street between Kunkles and the Dye property. She wanted to let the Board know that they were moving forward with a project that had been ongoing for many years.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumeley advised that he had received the bill from Meadows Construction on the work that had been done on Louise Crt. He will be reviewing the bill before payment is made. He is also looking forward to the grant monies.

Public Safety – In the absence of Mrs. Bedsworth, Chief Michael reported on a SALT seminar at Fairview and that everything went very well. One officer has attended a training session on gangs. He also gave a talk to the 4-5 year olds at the Janes Daycare picnic in the Town Park.

The department donated 6 of the unclaimed bikes to the Boys and Girls Club. Officers have made 5 drug arrests within the past 2 weeks.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that thanks to streetscape additional trees and shrubs had been planted in the Wilson Avenue park and Diddie Richardson park. The bushes have been planted to prevent people from driving through the park.

The Secretary suggested that the 6th grade students be rewarded for their work by giving them a certificate for a small ice cream cone from Kilby's Cream. She advised that in the past we had made the same arrangements with Custard's Last Stand, but they will not be opening this year due to the restaurant. It was the consensus of the Board that the Secretary contact Kilby's Cream and if they are in agreement, do the certificates.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers advised that the chomp pump was installed and hooked up to lines to Cell 2. TRB finished rehabing the manholes last week.. The maintenance department is looking into other sources of I & I. They met with CLSI last week reference the legion wells. The well levels are holding steady.

Clint reported that Daisy had started working on the punch list of streetscape items, landscaping and dying crosswalks. When the weather warms up, they will start putting down lane lines. Mr. Electric will start wiring street lights on Friday or Saturday.

Town Planner - Mr. Smith reminded everyone of the Planning and Zoning meeting. He would like to see more people attend.

Town Administrator - Mr. Hershberger advised that he had been working with Sandi on the budget and with Ron and Clint on the water and wastewater issues. He is also familiarizing himself with the Town.

Diane Ehrhart gave an update on the activities of the RSHPC and she introduced Brandon Casteel. Brandon is a graphic design student at Marymount University. He has been working on a interactive program based on the history of Rising Sun and will be doing a presentation at an upcoming meeting. It will show the Town as it is today and in the past and look into some of the older families such as the Reynolds and the Haines families.

Under old business, the Mayor advised that Armstrong was working on getting their lines moved so that the additional street light could be installed. This should happen within the next 2 weeks.

Mayor Cox thanked Ron and the maintenance department for their assistance in getting offices moved around and moving the meeting room to the 3rd floor.

Alex Smith reminded everyone of the Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for 5/25/06 at 7:30 PM

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mr. Pierson advised that Tom Dye had permitted the 6th grade students to use his dumpster during their clean up. A thank you letter is to go to Mr. Dye with a copy to Commissioner Craig.

Mrs. Emsley questioned if the poll judges needed to be registered in the Town. She was advised that they did. She also asked why the Town was buying the ice cream from Kilby's instead of Custard's. She was advised that Custard's was not opening this season.

Mr. Kilby advised that she had received a letter from the state saying that her tort claim had been denied.. She has been advised that she and others who have also been denied need to file a claim in small claims court in District Court. She will get with the Secretary for a list of residents who have filed tort claims.

The turn lanes at Martins were discussed. It was reported that the turn lanes would be put in place when they did the street markings. Stop bars will also be set back to aid in the free passage of fire trucks.

Chris Callahan asked if something could not be done about the propane tank at ACE Hardware. There is no concrete posts to protect the tank and it is an eyesore. Alex will look into the matter. Mr. Callahan also questioned the status of the skateboard park. Mrs. Craig advised that she had not had a chance to met with the Town Administrator on the issue.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary