

# TOWN OF RISING SUN

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May 30, 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 annual meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on May 30, 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 acknowledged the promotion of Chris Parkinson to Patrolman 1<sup>st</sup> Class and presented him with his new badge.

### ANNUAL REPORTS:

Town Planner/Code Enforcer - Alex Smith reported on the Planning and Zoning Projects to date which included work on: the Comprehensive Plan; a road reconstruction grant; the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances; Code Standardization; Lagoon Annexation and an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances. A copy of Alex' report is attached.

Mayor - Mayor Cox listed a number of Town events for the year – Civil War Reenactment, Halloween Party; Youth Fishing Derby; Sunfest and Carol Sing. She advised that the police department was at full staff but one officer had left to become a full-time fire fighter. Added to staff members Shawn Hershberger and Alex Smith; Adopted a personnel manual; Sold the house at 15 N Walnut; Added a new website; with help of the American Legion, the new monument in Center Square; Appointment of Diane Ehrhart as Chairperson of the Historical Preservation Commission; Retirement Plan slated for July 1; Appointment of 3 new members to the Planning and Zoning Commission – Augie Pierson, William Smith and Jim Majewski. A copy of the Mayor's report is attached.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that they had just about completed the work on Louise Court. The only remaining items are the safety rails and stripping. The actual work came in a little under the bid. Estimates have been received for Summer Hill streets, Cooper Avenue and Reynolds Avenue. Funding is being sought for these projects.

Water & Sewer & Streetscape - Mr. Bowers reported on the accomplishments of the water and sewer departments for the past year. He advised that CLSI had been chosen to perform the preliminary engineering on the water system upgrade. He made a motion that the scope of their work for their contract be changed to giving priority to testing and permitting of the Legion wells, designing the well house and tying the wells into the present Town water system. The proposed cost to do this not to exceed \$178,707, which will be included in the 2007 budget from impact fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried. A copy of Clint's report is attached.

Clint reported that streetscape is nearing completion. He has spoken with Bobby Tucker reference the stripping work. He was advised that there is only one company on the east coast that does such work and they are pretty independent.

Public Safety – Mrs. Bedsworth reported that the department had a new sergeant and on the promotion of Patrolman Parkinson. She advised that the department had gotten 2 new vehicles and a new computer server. She also reported on the community

activities and policing activities. A copy of Mary's report is attached.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig reported that she was working on getting the Open Space monies straightened out. The County Open Space Grant will provide safety surfaces. The lights on the basketball court have been repaired and new bleachers installed. She hopes to work out the safety issues with the train built by the Eagle Scout. Streetscape has supplied a number of plantings for the parks. All of the unsafe equipment has been removed. She has met with Shawn concerning the skateboard park and is awaiting the arrival of the grant packet.

Town Administrator - Mr. Hershberger advised that he had been working on the budget which will be discussed at the budget workshop meeting tomorrow. He has also been working on the WWTP upgrade and is moving forward to get the water situation taken care of.

The secretary read the slate of candidates who have submitted letters of intent to run for office for the upcoming June 12, 2006 election. They are: for Mayor – Judith Cox and Sallie Teague; for Commissioner – Clinton Bowers, Christopher Callahan, Augie Pierson and George Walker.

Mayor Cox opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. There being no nominations from the floor for Mayor, a motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried to close the nominations for the position of Mayor.

Mayor Cox opened the floor for nominations for Commissioner. There being no nominations from the floor for the position of Commissioner, a motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried to close the nominations.

The FY 2007 Budget was presented to the Board. All discussion was tabled until tomorrow's budget workshop at 5 PM. The public was encouraged to attend.

#### CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Mr. Barr questioned how the Town contracts with companies to oversee the work such as Valley View Village. He advised that the inspector that was working the Valley View job was also doing a job in Delaware. He was advised that the Town could not afford to hire an engineer to be on the job 8 hours a day. The inspector is suppose to oversee certain aspects of the job not be there for 8 hours each day.

Mr. Barr also asked how come on weekends only 1 officer is working and on Sundays no one is working. Does the Town have 24 hour coverage, especially during prime time hours. He was advised the it is sometimes necessary to prioritize calls and that the plan is to have 2 working at the busiest times.

He questioned an incident that happened at McDonalds involving a 9-10 year old which was handled by the State Police. Mrs. Bedsworth advised him that if he had specifics, she would talked to the chief and get back with him.

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 Curstard's was not opening this season.

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 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra  
Secretary