

TOWN OF RISING SUN

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September 12, 2006

Present: Judy Cox, Tom Mumey, Debbie Craig, Augie Pierson

Town Administrator: Shawn Hershberger

Town Planner: Alex Smith

Guests: See Attached List

The regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on September 12, 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.

The minutes of the August 22, 2006 were presented and a summary of the executive sessions of 8/31/06 and 9/5/06 were read. With no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried to accept the minutes and the summaries as presented.

Mr. Hershberger presented a proposal by Maryland Environmental Services. They propose to oversee the design and construction of the new wastewater treatment plant and the running of the plant for 1 month. They also presented a proposal on the actual running of the wastewater treatment plant after the one month start up. Their proposal is for a 24/7 operation. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried for the Town to enter into negotiations on a contract with Maryland Environmental Services. A copy of the MES proposal is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Hershberger advised that the Town has received a proposal from Giant Foods/New Plan Realty for an increase in the sewer allotment for the new Martins. They have agreed to pay \$46,530 for additional sliplining of the sewer main. This should recapture some capacity for the new store. A motion to accept their proposal was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried. A copy of the proposal is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Hershberger also presented a proposal between Giant Food, New Plan Realty and Barry Montgomery for McNamee Lane. Mr. Montgomery is to bring McNamee Lane up to the correct standards for acceptance into the Town's street system. Such improvements shall be inspected by KCI on behalf of the Town. Giant Food/New Plan will use McNamee Lane as an access point for the construction of the new Martins store. Once the new store is completed, Giant Food/New Plan agrees to make any repairs that are necessary to return McNamee Lane to acceptable standards. A copy of the proposal is attached and made a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried. A discussion ensued concerning the establishment of a time line for Montgomery to complete the improvements.

Mr. Hershberger presented Resolution 2006-12. This resolution amends the recently adopted Personnel Manual. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried by a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays.

Mr. Hershberger presented Resolution 2006-10. This resolution amends the fee schedule for the Town of Rising Sun. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Pierson and carried by a vote of 3 yeas and 0 nays

REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Cox advised that she was still getting bids for carpeting on the 3rd floor.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that he was investigating into getting some of the work done on Mason Runn

Public Safety – Mr. Pierson had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that the equipment is in and awaiting installation. This will close out all previous open space funding.

Diane reported on the activities of the Historical Preservation Commission. She reported on the barn that once stood behind the NBRS Financial. The group will be helping serve at the Civil War Reenactment in October. She will be getting with Shawn reference a letter for the papers tomorrow. A copy of Diane's report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There was no unfinished business or new business to report.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Ron Jagers questioned if the contract with MES should not be put out for bid and if the Town has looked into other options. He questioned if there were meeting being held that the public has not been told about. He was advised that all special meetings are posted downstairs. He voiced his displeasure at having citizens input at the end of the meeting when everything had already been decided. He was advised that the public was the one who voted to put it at the end of the meeting. And that all items had been discussed at a previous meeting.

Jim Kyte was in attendance and voiced his support of Wayne Tome for county commissioner and urged those in attendance to attend his fundraiser.

Chris Callahan advised that he too thought there should be a time line on the McNamee Lane project. He complimented the police on solving local robberies. He also submitted a letter to be considered for appointment for the seat vacated by Mr. Bowers.

Joe Moore was in attendance to discuss a drainage problem on Maple Leaf Drive. The unfinished roadway is 2 inches below the storm drains and therefore the stormwater backs up and creates a pond. Mr. Smith advised that KCI has looked at the problem and will be giving us a punch list to address the issue. It was suggested that the t-intersection be extended toward the old railroad bed to allow for better drainage. Mrs. Craig advised that we need to be sure that the stormwater requirements are being implemented correctly. Collective steps need to be taken to correct the problem. Alex is to follow through with the county on the issues.

Mr. Ron Smith advised that this area has a lot of clay in the soil and in order for a stormwater pond to work correctly, some of the soil needs to be replaced with other types of soil, sand and stone so that there is proper drainage. He advised that this is the way the pond at Maple Heights Apartment is being put in.

Mr. Clint Bowers addressed the Board questioning the size of the proposed lagoon. He was advised that the Town would be meeting on Thursday to further discuss the matter with MES and MDE.

Mr. Bowers questioned cost and advised that people's bills would be tripled. He and the rep from MES discussed operation needs and the need for 24 hours coverage with a Class 5A operator. He felt that the proposed price of \$306,000 was too much.

Mr. Callahan questioned why the Town could not just hire a 5A operator.

Mr. Mumey advised that the Town does not have to agree to everything that has been proposed. They will be meeting with MES and go over their proposal and see what is best for the Town. Currently the project target date for the upgrade will be 2008/2009. It will mean that the Town will be paying some fines after February 2007.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra D. Didra
Secretary