

TOWN OF RISING SUN

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November 8, 2005

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

Town Administrator: Jeff Williams

Guests: See Attached List

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners of Rising Sun was held on October 25, 2005 at the Town Hall with all members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Cox followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Note: A workshop session preceded the meeting beginning at 5:30 PM a copy of the topics discussed is attached to these minutes.

The minutes of the October 25, 2005 meeting were presented. With no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Bowers and carried.

Under Citizen's Input, Mr. Barr questioned about when they would be doing cutting and paving on side streets. Mr. Bowers advised that they would be putting the final coat on the side streets at the same time they did Main Street. Mr. Barr also advised that there was a pipe sticking up at Valley View Drive which could cause damage to a vehicle. Mr. Bowers will look into it.

Mayor Cox opened up the public hearing session to consider the Rezoning Application as submitted by Mr. William Spencer to rezone the property at 135 S. Queen Street from R-2 to CC to allow 3 apartments in the existing structure. Mr. Spencer advised that he and his sister had inherited the property and that when his parents bought the property in the 1950's it was three apartments. There are separate entrances, kitchens and bathrooms supporting the three apartments. He advised that other properties in the area had been changed to Central Commercial, plus most of the houses on the street are rental units.

Mrs. Craig asked if the applicant was currently living in Rising Sun. He advised that he was not. Mr. Spencer addressed the issue of parking spaces. He showed pictures and a diagram indicating 6 parking spaces, two for each unit. Mr. Mumey questioned if the Town could request a plat showing the 6 parking spaces. Mr. Williams advised that if the property did not support the 6 parking spaces, the rezoning could not be approved because in order to qualify for the 6 apartments, they must be able to have the 6 spaces.

Mrs. Woollen explained the size of the 3 apartments. The question arose as to the installation of fire escapes. Mr. Williams advised that prior to occupancy they would need to meet all of the current fire codes including entrances, exits and fire escapes.

A letter of opposition was read from Randy and Tami Hensley of 137 S. Queen Street. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. A letter from the Rising Sun Planning and Zoning Commission recommending approval of the rezoning was read.

Mr. Bowers motioned to accept the recommendation of the Rising Sun Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of the rezoning from R-2 to CC of 135 S. Queen Street. Mr. Mumey seconded the motion with the amendment that approval be contingent upon the applicant providing a plat layout of the parking area. Mrs. Bedsworth seconded the amendment. Both motion carried with a vote of 3 yeas and 1 nay. Mrs. Craig having the nay vote, advising that she would like to see it remain as it is.

Resolution 2005-01 was presented for adoption. This resolution changes the time that the Mayor and Commissioners meet from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. With no persons appearing in favor of or opposed to the resolution, a motion for adoption was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mr. Bowers and carried. The time change becomes effective on November 22, 2005.

REPORTS:

Town Administrator - Mr. Williams reported that he had met with Brittnay Cusworth, Volunteer Coordinator for the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. She coordinates various volunteer groups, including AmeriCorp for the Eastern Shore and is interested in doing a project for Rising Sun. They build trails, redo creek beds, tree plantings, wetland preservation, etc. Jeff requested that the Board think what they would like the volunteers to do on February 7 & 8, 2006, which is when they would like to assign a team to Rising Sun. The cost to the Town would be overnight accommodations, lunch on the days they were here and \$100 per job. Mrs. Bedsworth and Mrs. Craig asked if another day could be requested later in the year when the weather is better. Mr. Mumey asked about painting the curbs, Jeff advised that they would rather not paint the curbs.

Mr. Barr asked about the "rails to trails" behind McKinley Apartments. Mr. Williams advised that it would be other trails. Jeff will get back to Ms. Cusworth for additional information.

Streets & Sidewalks - Mr. Mumey advised that he had nothing to report.

Public Safety - Mrs. Bedsworth deferred her report to Chief Michael. He advised that the department had been successfully working on solving a number of B & E's in the area and were using good "community policing" techniques. He also reported that he was attending a three day conference on "Weapons of Mass Destruction" where they were doing table top incident management exercises. Every County agency was being represented.

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Craig advised that she and Jeff had met with Mr. Lewis of West Recreation. They will be sending an updated proposal on the border and safety service material for Diddie Richardson Park. She advised that the volleyball court has been submitted to Project Open Space. It has been recommended by Mr. Lewis that equipment suitable for 2-5 years olds be appropriately marked as such and the same with equipment suitable for 5-12 year olds. Mr. Lewis also showed plans for the proposed skateboard park. Mrs. Craig advised that we will be submitting for a County grant as soon as we get final estimates.

Water & Sewer - Mr. Bowers reported that since the farmer had completed the harvest it was time to start sliplining the south interceptor. He has spoken with Insituform and they would still charge \$36 per lineal foot. There is 2953 feet to be done at a cost of \$106,308. The Town had budgeted \$125,000 for the job. A motion was made by Mr. Bowers to accept the price and award the work to Insituform. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mumey and carried.

Mr. Bowers advised that the water leak on Buckley had been repaired. TRB will be starting the rehab of 7 manholes on 11/10 and maintenance will replace the value at Ryan & Dawn Drives on 11/10

Under Streetscape, Mr. Bowers advised that they would begin the final coat of blacktop tomorrow and that Main and all side streets should be finished by the end of the week.

Diane Ehrhart reported that the history committee was still looking for members. There are still t-shirts, sweatshirts, and totes available for purchase. Delegate Rudolph will be attending their meeting on Wednesday. They are selling chances on a shaker box painted by Mrs. Craig and the winning ticket will be pulled the night of the Carol Sing. Mrs. Baughman presented the Mayor with the first copy of their newsletter.

Mayor Cox reported on the Executive Session held prior to the meeting on 11/8/05 at 7:10 PM. She advised that the salary for the Planner/Code Enforcer was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Mumey, seconded by Mrs. Craig and carried that a base salary range of \$35,000 to \$55,000 be offered the person hired as the Planner/Code Enforcer depending on experience and education.

Mrs. England questioned the water on E. Main Street. Mr. Bowers advised that it was due to some work by Daisy at PC Enhancements.

Mr. Pierson requested an explanation on the south interceptor. Mr. Bowers explained that the north interceptor runs from behind Bucks on E. Main Street across to the lagoon. The south interceptor runs through Rising Hills to the lagoon.

Dee Emsley questioned the Citizen's Input being at the beginning of the agenda instead of at the end. A discussion ensued. Mayor Cox will look into the matter as to whether or not to leave Citizen's Input at the beginning or return it to the end of the agenda.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Jane Weaver presented Mr. Bowers a t-shirt in honor of streetscape.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra D. Didra
Clerk/Treasurer