

Town Council Meeting
7:00 P.M. Monday, August 10, 2009
Minutes

Present: Mayor Carver, Councilman Hudson, Councilman Heffron and Councilman Miller
Absent: Councilman Smith.

Mayor Carver called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Councilman Hudson gave the invocation.

Mayor Carver asked that the agenda be amended to add two items under New Business first was the Fast Cops Grant and second was a request from Sam Smith. Mayor Carver asked if there were no objections to the proposed addition to the agenda. Councilman Heffron made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Hudson seconded the motion. All in favor. The agenda was approved as amended.

Councilman Heffron made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2009 Council meeting as presented. Councilman Hudson seconded the motion. All in favor. The minutes from the meeting on July 6, 2009 were approved as presented.

Citizens Input

Mrs. Ray spoke on behalf of the Wagener Museum and wanted to know if the Town has forgotten about the building for the Wagon. Mayor Carver stated that the town has not forgotten and the Town is waiting for SCDOT to disperse their money. SCDOT funded part of the park renovation and is being audited by the Federal Government and they are making sure all of the paperwork is in order before releasing the money. Scott Neely met with a SCDOT representative last week and everything looked good and hopefully we will receive a check in the next couple of weeks. The ball was in SCDOT hands and all that we can do is wait. If the Museum Committee has any further questions concerning the final phase of the park please contact the WDDC they have asked the Town if they could continue with this project until it was complete.

Also Mr. Bodie would like to know when the museum sign can be put up. Mayor Carver and Council had some concerns on the location. They are afraid of kids running and hitting the sign. They will discuss the sign location and get with Mr. Ed.

Mayor Carver announced to the citizens the Town won the MASC Award for the 5th time with this time being the park renovation project. Council traveled to Hilton Head to receive the award. They would like to thank everyone who contributed their time.

Old Business

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Mark Redd gave the report for the Wagener Fire Department. He distributed a written summary of activities during the previous month. Chief Redd informed the council and citizens that Wagener had a team compete in the firefighter's challenge while at the Firefighter's Association Conference in Myrtle Beach. This was the first time the department had competed and he was very proud of his department.

Police Chief Jeff Key gave the report for the Wagener Police Department. He also distributed a written report detailing his department's activities during the previous month.

Jo Branch reported for the Water Department. She stated the department has several new customers. No problems with cut off. Mayor Carver reported a water break on Friday night around 6 pm. The guys worked 7 to 8 hours making sure no one was without water. He wanted to thank Kenneth, Gary, Dennis Rodgers and his son. If the citizens come in contact with them please thank them for their hard work.

Parks- Again Mayor Carver wanted to let everyone know the Town won the Municipal Award. This is 5 times out of last 10 years, which is great for the size of our town. Mayor Carver stated they had people come up to them in Hilton Head just to let them know they came through Wagener on the way just to take a look and were very impressed with what the town was doing.

New Business

Wagener Little League Football Ad

Mayor Carver read the letter from the Little League Committee asking the Town to purchase an ad for the Little League Football Program. Councilman Heffron made a motion to purchase a whole page ad for \$100.00. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Pelion High School Yearbook Ad

The Pelion High School sent a letter asking the Town to purchase an ad. Councilman Hudson made a motion to purchase a \$70.00 ad for the yearbook. Councilman Heffron seconded the motion. All in favor.

FAST Cops Grant

Mayor Carver stated the Town of Wagener received a Grant giving the town funding for a full time police officer for 3 years and the Town will be responsible for the police salary for 1 year. Mayor Carver stated that the Town took advantage of this grant many years ago and the Town will have a big responsibility and needs to be financially ready to fund the officer for the 1 year. Chief Key stated that Scott Neely had a plan to put monies aside and there were extensions and other grants they will help if we get into a hardship. Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept the FAST Cops Grant. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Smith would like to know if Mr. Ed and Gary could remove several trees and the brick entrance going into the Wagener Cemetery. The Garden Club received a grant to install a new entrance to the cemetery. Council and Mayor agreed to have Mr. Ed and Gary to do the work but would like one councilman to get with Mr. Smith to see exactly what he wants before we continue. Mayor Carver stated once Council has the information he was to get with Mr. Ed and Gary and explain the work to be done. Councilman Miller agreed to handle this project.

Councilman Hudson made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Heffron seconded the motion. All in favor. The Council went into executive session to speak with Chief Redd on possibly purchasing a new fire truck.

Councilman Heffron made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilman Hudson seconded the motion. All in favor. No action was taken during executive session.

Councilman Hudson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Heffron seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: Town Clerk