

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 6, 2010

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 7:00 pm the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Venturi, Roe, Johnson, Styron and Bohmert
Manager Cahoon and Recording Secretary Wagoner
Attorney Scott Davis
Public Works Supervisor Fears
Chief Casassa
Planning Board members Marlowe and Sage
Tourism Board member Wertin
6 members of the public

Mayor Sage opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the February 25, 2010 (with corrections); March 2, 2010 and March 8, 2010 minutes. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes of February 10 & 16, 2010 and March 2 & 8, 2010. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT – Mr. Davis stated that since the South Ave. case is now closed, the Town needs to coordinate with Mr. Henry about removing the chain link fence. Mr. Davis will negotiate this and keep the Board informed.

Mr. Cahoon reported that a group of volunteer graduate students from Duke University will be coming to do some cleanup work. He will make sure the students sign a waiver form against injury liability.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Cahoon reported on the progress being made by Precision Sidewalk who hope to the have work completed by April 15. 2010. Progress Energy is looking into removing a row of pine trees on Gilgo Road that have died since they cut the tops off. Regarding the issue raised by Mr. Roger Cordes at the Agenda Workshop (neighbor's messy yard) – a registered letter has been sent to the home owner requiring him to clean up the yard. At Commissioner Bohmert's request, this information will be forwarded to Mr. Skip Lee who wants to pursue a building code violation.

WATER ISSUES –

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to table a recommended change to Chapter K of the General Ordinance until the next meeting. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Robert Fears reported that while the water plant renovations were completed over three years ago, since then the State passed a requirement that the Town must install a pre-chlorination system. He obtained a quote from SRS Systems for that (\$6932) and learned from them that the Town of Maysville replaced their aerator and we are able to get it for free (new it would cost \$25,000). This will improve our water quality and possibly get it to where we can stop using ammonia completely to remove the hydrogen sulfides. The aerator will require modification to fit our plant and while he can get more quotes, he feels SRS Systems' quote of \$5000 for modification and installation is reasonable. The Board asked Mr. Fears to get another quote for the pre-chlorination system.

MOTION: Commissioner Styron made a motion to accept the donation of the aerator from the Town of Maysville. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to accept the bid from SRS Systems for the aerator modification and installation. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Cahoon reported that the water rate study is complete and the recommendation is that the rates be increased by 10%. This will be discussed during the budget workshops.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE II – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

TOURISM BOARD REPORT – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

PARKS & REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE -

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to appoint Sue Magnuson, Jane Olson and Regina Dubiel to the Parks & Rec Committee and to reappoint Mr. Jim Edwards. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. 5-0.

Commissioner Venturi reported that the United Methodist Church is getting rid of its playground equipment and is taking bids.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to write a bid for the playground equipment, not to exceed \$1000. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

TREE BOARD REPORT – The Board postponed their meeting.

BAY RIVER REPORT – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

POLICE REPORT – A copy of the report is in the minutes book. Chief Casassa reported that the Town of Murphysboro is interested in the police boat and plans to take it out on a sea trial. If they want it, they will reimburse the town's boat expenses (±\$800).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – A copy of the statements is in the minutes book. Commissioner Styron questioned line item #34000 G/F Interest Income as it seems too low. Mr. Cahoon will verify the interest rate. Discussion on Internal Controls was postponed until the next meeting. Regarding the response to

the LGC White Letter, after getting information from Mr. Cahoon and speaking to the auditing firm, Mayor Sage will sign and send the letter.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT/DISCUSSION PERIOD - Commissioner Venturi stated that the Parks & Rec meeting date has been changed to the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am. Mayor Sage received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the Town for achieving Tree City USA for the 15th year. Commissioner Roe presented a prototype town flag for the Board to consider.

NON AGENDA ITEMS - Mr. Fears reported that road patching material will no longer be available in bags and we are now required to purchase it in bulk. He proposes to take a town truck to Wilson, NC and get 1½ tons at a cost of ±\$200.

CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to go into closed session according to GS 143.318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

-- CLOSED SESSION --

Back in open session, there being no further business to discuss;

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

William Sage, Mayor

Randall Cahoon, Town Manager