

Town of Oriental Town Board of Commissioners
Agenda Workshop
September 26, 2013

The Town of Oriental Town Board met at the Town Hall at 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2013 to discuss the Agenda for the Tuesday, October 1, 2013 meeting.

Present: Mayor Sage; Commissioners Bessette, Johnson, Venturi, Summers, Town Manager Cutler, Administrative Assistant Beyer and public

Absent: Commissioner Styron

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Consent Agenda was read and change made to Minutes dated September 3, 2013, page 2, paragraphs 1 and 2, change Motion passed from 4-0 to 4-1.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the amended Minutes from September 3, 2013. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 3. Public Comment.

Item 4. The Silos restaurant request to use the Rec park parking lot for overflow for their concert.

Item 5. Manager's Report. Financial statements will be presented and discussed at Tuesday's meeting. A Budget Amendment will be presented rescinding the September 3, 2013 amendment for the tennis courts, and implementing a new amendment. Commissioner Venturi inquired as to how much is needed additionally for the courts. Contributions have been received and can be applied to court upgrade.

There will be a change in the financial statements. There are several cash accounts at this time on Peachtree, but there are actually only two bank accounts. To make the monthly reconciliation easier, only the 2 accounts will be used, with additional line items being added.

Commissioner Johnson requested that the impact fees should be listed as a separate item and not be spent as revenue.

The auditor's report is expected in mid to late October.

The Dinghy Dock will have a usage policy drawn up, and once the policy is implemented, a sign will be posted to alert boaters to the policy.

The Water Plant ran on automatic on Tuesday, work continues to bring Plant completely up to speed.

And the Steamer has complied with the requirements of the Notice of Violation letter.

Item 6. A suggested Tap Fee Increase will be presented for Board approval.

Item 7. A Public Hearing will be advertised and held concerning a Special Use permit, Oriental West Condos, Change to the GMO Table of Permissible Uses., and Board of Adjustment member term limits.

Item 8. Discussion concerning Board of Adjustment

Item 9. Captain Moore's police report.

Item 10. Committee Reports; Parks & Rec, Planning Board, Tourism Board, Tree Board, Bay River, Harbor Water Fronts and Water Advisory Committee

Item 11. Consider water service to Walmart.

Item 12. Appoint Heidi Artley as Assistant Town Manager, and Jayne Beyer as Deputy Town Clerk.

Item 12a. Town Hall Dedication Plaque. Commissioner Venturi suggested considering the original dedication plaque, and making this new plaque in the same format.

Mayor Sage then opened the floor for public comment. Several speakers spoke out against providing water service to Walmart, and reminding Commissioners of their responsibility to protect the community and its legacy.

Commissioner Johnson said he was struggling with giving Walmart water, but afraid of a lawsuit if the Town Board refuses.

Town Manager Cutler stated that Walmart will have to pay \$20,000-25,000 to have pipe linked to County's water supply. The Town is in the business of selling water, and he reminded the audience that the water being supplied to Walmart is a totally separate issue. By not giving Walmart water service, it would be a symbolic gesture that accomplishes nothing.

Commissioner Venturi stated she would like to see ETJ extended to White Farm Road and Straight Road. This would be a difficult endeavor if we deny water service to Walmart.

There being no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made. Commissioner Bessette made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

Mayor Bill Sage

Town Manager Cutler