

TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

04-21-2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David W. Storke, Vice Mayor Glenn McDearmon (left @ 7:10 PM), Jean Davis, Otis Wright, Jason Satterwhite, Daniel Webb, Glen Lanford (arrived at 6:45 PM after Closed Session), and Mary Frances Coleman.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Stephen Manster, Town Clerk Virginia Brooks.

The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION: **On motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted to go into Closed Session in accordance with State Code Section 2.2-3711-A 1 – Personnel, to evaluate the Town Manager. Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Satterwhite, Webb, Davis, and Coleman.**

OPEN SESSION: **On motion by Mr. McDearmon, seconded by Ms. Davis, Council voted to, reconvene in Open Session and certify that to the best of his/her knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting by Town Council and that no action was taken by Town Council in Closed Session on any matters discussed. Such motion and corresponding certification passed by 6-0 vote. Voting Aye: McDearmon, Wright, Satterwhite, Webb, Davis, and Coleman.**

Lanford arrived at this point in the meeting.

GOLF CART PROPOSED ORDINANCE: Mr. Satterwhite said the Ordinance Committee with the Town Attorney had prepared a draft of the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance. He said VDOT had turned down their request to lower the speed on West Broaddus Avenue from 40 MPH to 35 MPH. Mr. Satterwhite said they did approve lowering the speed limit on North Main Street to 25 MPH from the stop light to the Community Pool. He said if they decide to go forward with this Ordinance, the Town

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Attorney can prepare materials to submit to the General Assembly to modify that part of the State Code that deals with golf carts crossing streets with speed limits over 25 MPH. Mr. Satterwhite said their main concern now is the speeding on Main Street and he would like to see more speed enforcement on Main Street. Mr. Wright said he would like to get input from the citizens before they move ahead with this Ordinance. The Mayor said he had gotten a lot of positive response after an article was printed in the Caroline Progress. He said the speed and safety on Main Street worries him and as much as he thinks the golf carts would be good for the Town, he would not like to see anyone get killed. In answer to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Satterwhite said they could cross over W. Broaddus to Food Lion with an exception from the General Assembly. The Mayor said trucks speeding on Main Street are the main issue that needs to be resolved even if they don't allow golf carts in Town. Mr. Webb said he currently can ride his bike and drive his lawn mower on Main Street and he suggested it would be a personal decision if people wanted to drive their golf carts on the street. Mr. McDearmon said he understood that 16 tickets had been written in Town during the month of March. He said he would like that information and all law enforcement activity in Town included on the police report to Town Council. The TM said they had made an official request to the County Sheriff to assist the Town in enforcing the 25 MPH speed limit. He said he and the Chief had met and the residents will now begin to see the Chief and Sheriff's Department working during the day and he has asked the Chief to institute a "no leniency" policy on enforcing the 25 mph speeding limit. The TM said VDOT had again been contacted about rerouting trucks around Bowling Green. He presented Council with the procedures required by VDOT to consider requests for restricting through trucks on primary and secondary highways. The TM said VDOT would be extremely reluctant to approve any route for trucks that cause them to make a left turn off Route 301 and the Council couldn't just say "no trucks" on Main Street. Mr. Wright said detouring truck traffic is a safety issue, and the real problem that needs to be addressed is speeding. The TM said he has talked to the VDOT District Engineer about traffic calming and he said they would do that on residential streets but not on Business Rt. 301 [which is Main Street]. Mr. Satterwhite said he would like residents to know that the Town will be enforcing the speed on Main Street and follow through with it.

Mr. McDearmon left at this point at 7:10 PM.

Mr. Lanford said that most of the communities that he knows that allow golf carts are resort communities and Bowling Green is not a resort community. He said he does not see Bowling Green being there yet and he doesn't think golf carts are right for Bowling Green at this time, maybe later, if things change. Mr. Satterwhite said he was approached about the use of golf carts, even before he was on Council. Mr. Webb said he does not

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have safety concerns and has no problem with golf carts. He said this would provide citizens the authority to do something different if they chose to. The Mayor said people do not have many positive things to say about Caroline County and nothing is happening as far as growth is concerned. He said they may be able to attract some seniors who may want to come here if they allow golf carts. Mr. Satterwhite said if Council wants to proceed with this Ordinance, the Committee is looking for a decision to hold a public hearing. Mr. Wright said he supports the proposed Ordinance but he needs a little more information about how the citizens feel about it. **On motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Satterwhite, Council voted to advertise to hold a public hearing on the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance for the Town of Bowling Green at the regular meeting on May 5, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. Voting Aye: Wright, Satterwhite, Webb, Lanford, Davis, and Coleman.**

FY2012 PROPOSED BUDGET WORK SESSION: Mr. Webb said he had looked over the FY2012 Budget and since he is not in on the day to day details, he thought everything looked good. Mr. Satterwhite said he was a little concerned about the Police Budget being lowered when more enforcement is needed. The Mayor said he thought it was a good Budget. Mr. Wright thanked the Town Manager for his hard work and thought the Budget overall, looked good. The TM thanked the Budget Committee for their help with the Budget. The TM said the Budget had been advertised with the Public Hearing to be held on May 5, 2011.

PROPOSED NAMES FOR TOWN HALL BUILDING: The Mayor said the Committee had met and gave their proposed names for Town Hall at the last meeting. He said that since there was not a global consensus for approval of the names, Council was asked to come back with suggestions at the next meeting. He said the Committee had worked through a long list of names and it was a good process. The names were Bowling Green Event Hall (Building), Rappahannock Ballroom (Big Hall) and Mattaponi Reception Room (Lobby). The Mayor said Council could think it over and vote on it at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: **On motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Lanford, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Voting Aye: Wright, Satterwhite, Webb, Lanford, Davis, and Coleman.**

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