

**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
SUMMERFIELD TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 24, 2009
2:30 PM**

NOTE: The official minutes are a CD recording of the meeting. The following is a summary of the events of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm by Mark Brown.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Council:

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Becky Strickland
Bob Williams

Staff:

Michael Brandt, Town Manager
Dana Luther, Finance Officer
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Barnes made a motion to formally excuse John Wray. The motion was seconded by Williams. Strickland feels the meeting has not been advertised properly to the public as a meeting where business will take place, but rather as a workshop. Brown stated the meeting has been advertised and considers it a special call meeting. Brandt explained that any meeting called falls under one of three categories: regular meeting, special meeting, or emergency meeting. Flowers asked if a workshop was considered a special meeting and Brandt replied yes, noting that any meeting that is not a regularly scheduled meeting or an emergency meeting should be considered a special call meeting, and as such, it was advertised properly.

Brown called for a vote on the motion to excuse Wray. The motion passed 3 to 1, with Strickland opposed.

Brandt discussed agenda changes including the following: moving Discussion of Revenue Sources which was not gotten to during the February 18th meeting and Discussion of Council Member Priorities from this meeting to the March 2nd meeting during which there will also be a presentation from Ellen Whitlock of Senior Resources. He further noted that the Public Safety Committee would be presenting before the Historical Committee today. Flowers said she was still interested in getting information about test wells and Brown distributed contact information for those involved in it.

OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEES – Volunteer Participation and Volunteer Recognition:

Brandt said there were more than 80 volunteers serving on 9 committees who put in numerous hours of their time for the town. The volunteer appreciation program last year was not well attended, perhaps due to the nature of the event itself, or the time/date. There was discussion about other ways of recognition, such as a dinner, town pin, giving gift cards, a "Summerfield Award", "Bill Peterson Memorial Award", a thank you card, or something else. It was decided by consensus to do a survey of volunteers and ask them how they would like to be recognized and the best days and times for holding an event, if one was to be held.

There was also discussion of the application and appointment processes.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Sue Beeson, committee chair discussed items that have been planned and contemplated for the park, stating the primary objective was to develop a plan for events and activities in the park including the Phase II Opening Celebration, Recycle Day in the Park, a Children's Fishing Tournament, Wildlife Habitat, and Fitness Trail.

Other objectives discussed were as follows: consider plan for development of Armfield Park, develop an acquisition plan for additional park land/future needs, develop town hall (Winfree) park, and to develop a long-term landscape plan for the park. Additional goals are to advise and support groups (scouts, VFW) who wish to complete projects in the park and to consult with the Park Supervisor in planning and completing park projects. They plan to seek grants and community partnerships to fund and sponsor some projects.

Flowers stated she appreciates all the hard work the committee has done and her hope that all committees will cut their budgets this year. Luther said monies that were not used last year may be cut from budgets and that committees need more specific direction on what goals and priorities will be funded. Brandt agreed noting that it is ultimately up to council what gets funded and what gets cut.

Break from 3:53 to 3:59 pm

PUBLIC SAFETY/SENIOR RESOURCES:

Agnes Dixon noted the Summerfield Senior Outreach Program serves 40 to 48 seniors each month, with numbers dropping to between 30 and 35 during the summer and adverse weather, and attendance fluctuates due to sickness, doctor appointments or other interests. She described the types of programs offered, noting that a meal was served at each event.

There was discussion of last year's Senior Survey results and ways to increase participation, perhaps by holding the programs in locations other than churches, like the Community Center.

Ron Marshburn, Public Safety chair discussed 2008 issues including the following: traffic/speed limits, water, town generator, Knox-boxes, change of right-of-way requests, town sidewalks, enacting a parking ordinance, trail parking, trail signage, and having a first aid kit for the park. The 2009 Goals include the following: continue water planning, park safety inspections (buildings & grounds), emergency shelter training, Emergency Operations Plan, committee web site development, and citizen education.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

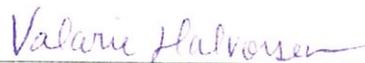
Linda Southard, committee chair discussed 2009-2010 Goals including the following: purchasing period clothing for manikins for Town Hall Exhibits, organizing a Sock Hop at the gym the night before Founders' Day, to continue to give the community an opportunity to share the history of their organization with the community through Founders' Day, completion of the restoration of the damaged Junior Order of United American Mechanics picture, to find a curator for museum, to move forward on getting the school gym on the National Register of Historical Places, creating a new history brochure, and obtaining funds for two historical highway markers.

There was also discussion about preserving Saunders Inn and costs and engineering involved with moving it, as well as the possibility of forming a preservation society to help with the project and obtaining private funding.

Barnes made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm. The motion was seconded by Flowers and passed 3 to 1, with Strickland opposed because of her previously stated feeling that the meeting was not properly advertised.



Mark E. Brown, Mayor



Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk