

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE  
Emergency Meeting  
July 22, 2011

On July 21, 2011, the Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Doyce McClure, and Ron Powell present, held an emergency meeting in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were staff members Leslie Crowder, Anthony Hensley, Jeanne Martin, and George Nero; and visitors Jonathan Austin, Jody Higgins, and Armin Wessel. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider issues regarding parking on land owned by E. B. Investments Company, LLC, and any related issues.

Public Works Director Anthony Hensley explained that the town received word from the agent for E.B. Investments that there is another party other than the Town of Burnsville with an interest in the property for reasons other than parking. He said he notified Council because some members had indicated earlier that they had an interest in the town's purchase of the property, which may not be an option much longer. He reminded Council that the absence of existing parking would be a distinct hardship for the Town Center. He also said town staff had been gathering information lately for council consideration of a tag agency operation that could do business from Area C of the Town Center. A tag agency operation could share space with the billing/payment center for the East Yancey Sewer District customers once that becomes a reality. Without the existing parking, the plan for the East Yancey Sewer District and a new revenue source would not be possible.

Ron Powell assured council that he has no personal interest in the property and he would not profit or benefit from its sale. He stressed that council needs to protect the Town Center, the entrance to the town, and the square. He said he didn't think the price or financing will get any lower than it would be right now, and there is rental income that could offset debt service.

After reviewing information that was available concerning the town's financial status, the Mayor said new debt for this property should not be taken on while there was existing debt on the Town Center. He offered zoning regulation as an option to controlling use, and a service district tax to business owners as a means to pay if the town purchased the property. He also suggested the town could condemn the part of the property the town needs for parking.

Judy Buchanan expressed concern over the cost of the property and the town's limited resources. She said she was not in favor of combining a new loan and the town center's existing loan.

Ruth Banks was concerned about the town's future needs and asked for further discussion. Doyce McClure asked for the issue to be considered at the town's regular meeting in August.

Ron Powell made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss an offer the town might make on the property. Ruth Banks seconded the motion. The motion failed for lack of a majority. Votes were as follows:

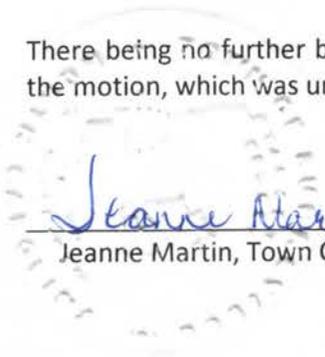
Ayes:

Ruth Banks  
Ron Powell

Noes:

Judy Buchanan  
Doyce McClure  
Danny McIntosh

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan made a motion to adjourn. Doyce McClure seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.



*Jeanne Martin*

Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk

*Danny McIntosh*

Danny McIntosh, Mayor