

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Special Meeting
March 21, 2013

On March 21, 2013, the Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Ron Powell, and Bill Wheeler present, held a special meeting in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were staff members, Anthony Hensley, Niles Howell, and Jeanne Martin, as well as visitors Miguel Cruz, Jody Higgins, Rhonda Higgins, and Dallas Miller. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the ordinance on open burning and its relationship to solid waste.

Council learned that several time-sensitive issues have arisen leaving staff in need of direction:

- a. Proposed D.O.T. project involving 1200' of curb and gutter
- b. Staff vacancy at wastewater treatment plant; need for hiring freeze to be lifted
- c. Supplemental agreement with D.O.T for water line to Micaville needs consideration
- d. Town vehicle needs to be considered for surplus property

Ron Powell made a motion to approve the addition of the aforementioned issues to the agenda. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Proposed D.O.T. Project – Public Works Director Anthony Hensley explained the D.O.T. has access to \$250,000 that has been set aside for curb and gutter projects. Two areas have been identified where the town could use the money: up North Main Street to the Times Journal office and a section from Longview to old Pensacola Road. While no match is required, it is hoped that the upcoming budget will include funds to construct 1200' of sidewalk this summer.

Judy Buchanan made a motion to adopt a Resolution to support these proposed D.O.T. projects. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Staff Vacancy – Council was told of the pending retirement of an employee assigned to the wastewater treatment plant, and the need to fill the position prior to May 1st. A request was made to lift the hiring freeze so advertising, hiring, and training can begin.

Ron Powell made a motion to lift the hiring freeze for the aforesaid purpose. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Supplemental Agreement with D.O.T. for Waterline Project to Micaville – Anthony Hensley updated Council on progress thus far with the Micaville waterline, mentioning that McGill Associates has completed the design. Available for consideration was a supplemental agreement for the project that is required by the D.O.T. as soon as possible.

Ron Powell made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement mentioned above. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Consideration of Declaring Town Vehicle Surplus Property – Council was told that a 1994 S10 Truck, VIN IGCDT14W4R8132111, which is in need of work, is of no further use to the town.

Ron Powell made a motion to declare the aforesaid truck surplus and authorize its disposal by the Public Works Director. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

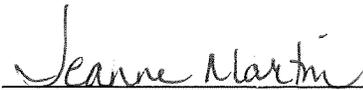
Open Burning and Its Relationship to Solid Waste - Fire Chief Niles Howell began a discussion about inconsistencies between state law and our newly-adopted ordinances on open burning. The state will allow open burning in a municipality as long as brush pickup is not provided by the municipality. Since the town provides brush pickup, open burning needs to be removed from the town's ordinances. Conversely, if the town did not provide brush pickup, open burning would be permissible in town limits.

Council heard comments from residents Miguel Cruz and Dallas Miller, and entertained various options, including the option of appealing to state representatives for a change in legislations.

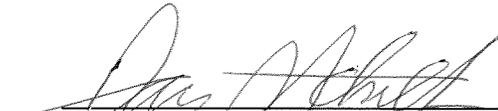
Judy Buchanan made a motion to leave the solid waste ordinance as is, and have the Mayor draft a letter for Council approval to state representatives requesting consideration of a legislative change. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Meanwhile, open burning will not be permitted in town limits. Jody Higgins agreed to announce the change in the newspaper.

Other – Council member Bill Wheeler advised that the ABC store is close to a loan agreement with the bank. Todd Bailey plans to ask the town on April 4th to submit a document waiving distribution.

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



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Danny McIntosh, Mayor