

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2010 – 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jay Thomason, Rose Ann Woods, Erick Chapman, Berry Woods, Jr., Matthew King, Mayor Gary Long. Celia Tuttle was out of town.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Woods, Eddie Case, Van Broad, Mike Pitman, Gwen Britt, Tammy Finley, Chris Barrineau, Attorney David Holmes, Steve Ivester, Roger Case, Keith Morton, Ronnie Myers

VISITORS:15

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Rose Ann Woods

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Recreation Trail Grant

Chris Barrineau reviewed the request for funding to upgrade the Fairview Street trail behind the old mill from a 5' trail to a 12' trail. Currently two people cannot walk side by side on this trail. This will also connect to the "safe routes for school".

Walt Tanner – spoke in favor of upgrading the walking trail for him and his family to enjoy.

Land Water Conservation Fund

Chris Barrineau explained the use of this money will be used for Phase 1 Woodside Park revitalization.

Wesley Thompson, Coach – spoke in favor of the grant. This is the start of attracting kids to Fountain inn.

Jim Boroff – asked if the concession stand money goes toward the recreation department
Chris Barrineau affirmed that the concession stand money currently goes to the recreation department.

Freda Boroff – asked if the Fourth Street Park is going to adjoin.
Chris Barrineau confirmed it would connect to First Street and connect to the existing cul-de-sac. There will be a much better entrance.

There being no additional comments the public hearing was closed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Reports were read and are on file with the City Clerk.

Mayor long expressed sympathy for former Councilman Charlie Thackston who passed away today.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval 2/11/10 and 2/2/10 Council meeting minutes

Approval of February 2010 budget report

MOTION BY MATTHEW KING: to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

R 2010-004 Allocation of GC CDBG and HOME Funds for program year 2010

Mayor Long commented that we had a public hearing on the use of the funds last month.

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS, JR.: to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

ARC Funds Depot Street – Myrick Dixon

Myrick Dixon explained that the ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) funds of \$200,000 will be used for streetscape construction of Depot Street. He asked Council to approve authorization to use the funds for the streetscape project.

MOTION BY MATTHEW KING: to approve the ARC Funds Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Variance Board

MOTION BY BERRY WOODS: to approve Scotty Yearwood to represent Ward 5 on the Variance Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Wayfinding Sign Policy – Van Broad

Van Broad showed Council photos of the inadequacy of not having Wayfinding Signs to help visitors know how to get around the town. He will be meeting with SCDOT to help with the signs on the interstate. Lori Cooper is working with the City Attorney on a Wayfinding Sign Policy.

Gulliver Street Speed bump recommendation/traffic calming device

Rose Ann Woods reviewed the outcome of the public meeting that was held last Monday night concerning the request for a speed bump on Gulliver Street.

Roger Case explained that DOT has approved the speed hump permit. There was also discussion of putting in a two way stop sign, but DOT does not favor them. He would also have to get a DOT permit for the stop signs.

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David Holmes was concerned that emergency vehicles would not be able to get through the speed humps quickly in case of an emergency. He has not had experience with speed humps on “through” streets.

Keith Morton commented that he was concerned about the emergency vehicles as well.

Ronnie Myers commented that he didn’t think it would be an issue for the fire dept. His only concern was that the residents may complain about the length of time to respond, but it would only be a matter of seconds.

Matthew King explained the committee approved one hump, but they would observe and see if a second one was needed later.

Mayor Long asked Keith Morton to put a counter on Gulliver Street to get up to date data.

MOTION BY ROSE ANN WOODS: to approve the speed hump on Gulliver Street. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel matter, Legal briefing, Contract matter

MOTION BY JAY THOMASON: to meet in executive session.

Roger Case, Sandra Woods and Mike Pitman were asked to remain.

Back in session

Mayor Long explained Council discussed several contract matters, but no votes were taken.

MOTION BY MATTHEW KING: to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra H. Woods
City Clerk/Treasurer