

CITY OF NEW FLORENCE

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on December 12, 2011. Present for roll call were Mayor John Burroughs and Aldermen Andy Johnson, Corey Johnson and Gerald Schindler. Also in attendance were City Superintendent Rick Fischer, Police Chief David Ingle, Attorney David Ferman and City Clerk Adell Jonas. Visitors included Tom Johnson, Steve Goodman, Steve Williams, Jr. and Darlene (Jones) Byrnes.

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

The first item of business under Mayoral Comments was a review of Roberts Rules by Mayor Burroughs. He stated they were pretty much in the trash after 2.5 years. He would like respect from Council to be shown to each other. He stated that in the meetings the Council has authority. He doesn't want them to have contact with the employees regarding telling them what they need to be doing. They are to tell Mayor Burroughs and he will direct the employees. He stated that they were not to bother the police department when they are doing their jobs and running radar. He stated that Roberts Rules was adopted by ordinance a long time ago. He suggested that the aldermen be team players while in the meetings. Alderman Schindler questioned the part about coming in and talking to the employees. He also wanted to know who was interfering with the cops. Mayor Burroughs indicated that this discussion would be more appropriate in closed session. Burroughs stated that abstaining is an illegal move unless it involves nepotism or conflict of interest.. Alderman Schindler stated that he was going to write a letter to the Attorney General.

CONSENT ITEMS: Clerk Jonas added a wire transfer for \$13,341.17 for the quarterly sewer payment to the claims. The consent items, which included claims and November 14 regular and closed minutes were then approved by a motion from Alderman Andy Johnson and a second by Alderman Corey Johnson. All voted aye.

VISITOR COMMENTS: There were no visitor comments.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Public Works – Rick Fischer presented his report and asked for questions. Alderman Andy Johnson inquired as to the status of the guardrail. Fischer stated he was 99% finished with the roof project and the guard rail was next. He anticipated having the guardrail finished this week or next. Alderman Schindler asked about the wall between City Hall and Don Talbot's building. Fischer indicated he had spoken with Don's son. Schindler asked if they planned to cap it. Fischer indicated it would probably be tuck pointed. He will talk to Talbot. Alderman Andy Johnson inquired about bids for the Main Street project. Fischer indicated that although he had called them several times, he has not yet gotten their bid. There were other questions regarding the amount and price of cinders and working on the Ford dump truck again. He had been doing a lot of locates for this boring crew putting in cable. Alderman Andy Johnson inquired about the trencher for sale and whether there was any news. The answer was not yet.

Police – Chief Ingle presented his report and stated that he had nothing further to add. He fielded several questions from the Board regarding whether

his department was issuing tickets on “late” plates and whether some tickets are being amended to a school zone violation. Alderman Schindler again asked who was interfering with the police.

Legal – Attorney Ferman stated that the court was going along. This week is court. He stated that he is finishing the contract with the Johnson ground. Alderman Andy Johnson asked about the equipment on the water tower. Clerk Jonas stated that she had been informed that John Miller would be removing his equipment by the end of January, 2012.

Administration – Clerk Jonas presented her report. She reminded everyone that filing for Alderman in Wards I & II for the April election opened the next day. She showed them ripped and damaged utility bills that had come back in the mail. Some residents have not received their bills or received them late. Alderman Schindler asked whether she had contacted anyone regarding the sewer extension. Alderman Corey Johnson stated the shortest distance was to go from behind Dad’s Junction Café rather than behind Sunny Hill Farms. He stated we would need a lift station and asked whether we needed to hire an engineer or a surveyor. Alderman Schindler made a motion to contact SKW for a bid to get the system out there. Alderman Andy Johnson seconded. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS- Resolution 2011-04 for the Natural Gas Agreement tabled from the prior month was back on the agenda. Ferman thinks the agreement was informational only and that it does not need any action taken on it.

NEW BUSINESS- There was no new business.

Alderman Schindler moved to go into Closed Session. Alderman Andy Johnson seconded. Roll call was as follows-Alderman Detweiler absent, Alderman Andy Johnson aye, Alderman Corey Johnson aye, Alderman Schindler aye.

Upon return from closed session where motions were made and votes taken, Alderman Andy Johnson then made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Corey Johnson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Adell Jonas, City Clerk

John Burroughs, Mayor