

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 11, 2010
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Tim Karan, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner John Stallings and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present was Tom Mercer, City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk and Attorney Tom Currin.

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Stallings

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mr. Ken Kernodle of Duke Energy addressed the Board and presented the following Plan for a Sustainable Energy Future:

Challenges We Face:

- Customer Demand for Power is Growing
- Power Plants must be modernized
- Keen Eye on Our Environment

A Few Pieces of Our Plan:

- New Generation
- Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy

New Generation:

- New Coal Plant: 6 years
- New Nuclear Plant: 10 year
- Duke Energy Carolinas hasn't built a base-load plant since 1986

Cliffside Coal Station:

- Being modernized with state-of-the-art unit
- Will allow us to take thirteen older, less efficient units offline
- Helps us bridge the gap between current coal usage and where we ultimately want to be

William States Lee III Nuclear Plant:

- Proposing a fourth nuclear power plant in Cherokee County, SC
- Cost of nuclear generated electricity is stable and economical
- Reliable, clean energy source
- Significant capital costs
 - Working to identify partners

What We're Doing:

- Duke Energy Carolinas is spending \$50 million a year on new energy efficiency efforts.
- Why would Duke Energy encourage people to use less energy:
 - When you manage your energy use, you save money.
 - When we produce less power, we reduce our environmental footprint.
 - The power plant is the one you don't have to build.
- Right now we are rewarded for selling power-not saving it.
 - Save-a-watt would change that.
- Smart Grid Technology
 - Establish digital, two-way communication between utilities and customers
 - Allow customers to make better informed choices about their energy usage
 - Expected to lead to significant energy efficiency gains

What You Can Do:

- CFL Smart Saver Program
- Home Energy House Calls
 - Test for air leaks
 - Check insulation levels
 - Test heating/cooling systems
- Personalized Energy Reports at www.duke-energy.com
- Switch to CFLs in high-use lamps
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Raise thermostat settings, turn on ceiling fans
- Lower temperature of water heater
- Dry full loads of clothes & avoid over-drying
- Turn *off* moisture control heater in fridge

It All Adds UP!

- \$257 - \$415

Renewable Energy:

- An energy source that produces few or no emissions or pollutants and has a minimal impact on ecosystems
- Hydro, biomass, geothermal, solar and wind
 - Largest solar farm in Davidson County, NC
 - Mini-solar power plants on 400 rooftops
 - Wind projects scattered across the U.S.
 - ◇ 500 MW in operation; 5,000 MW in pipeline
- Challenge: Some sources are untested/unreliable on the scale we need

Mr. Ken Kernodle expressed that Duke Energy customers can go to www.duke-energy.com and sign up for an energy analysis and also request an energy savings kit.

Mayor Moss suggested that a link be added to the City's website to access Duke Energy.

Mr. Ken Kernodle said that he will contact the City Manager and work with him in reference to an assessment for cost efficient energy savings.

Mayor Moss thanked Mr. Ken Kernodle for his presentation.

SPECIFIC ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Business Development & Transportation Project Manager addressed the Board and gave a brief overview of the Granville County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. She said that she previously sent the Board a link to the CTP report. This report proves the narrative and details of the maps that have already been approved and adopted by the City, County and NCDOT.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Stallings to formally support the Granville County Comprehensive Transportation Plan report. The motion received a unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager expressed that the City received six bids for the Joe Peed intermediate pump station on December 30, 2009. The proposals were based upon the original estimates before knowing the need to move the pump station over a little per SGWASA's specifications. Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager said that staff would like to award the contract to J.F. Wilkerson Contracting Company in the amount of \$673,173.96. After review, with the contingencies added the total amount is \$870,625. If the Board so chooses to approve this amount staff has prepared a budget amendment for the Board's approval. The Budget Amendment is to increase the revenue from \$780,000 to \$845,000 and increase the Joe Peed Booster Station expenditure to \$871,000.

Attorney Currin expressed that if this is approved this evening the City will have to go to Construction Grants and Loans for approval of the change in funds. The engineer will prepare the new contract documents with the change. The documents should be here with the Construction Grants and Loans approval before the February Work Session.

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Piper to approve the change for the Joe Peed intermediate pump station. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Stallings to adopt the 2009-2010 Budget Amendment #3. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager expressed that the Pyrotechnico contract needs to be signed by January 15, 2010 to receive the same pricing as last year. Commissioner Wilkerson has been communicating with Mayor Tom Lane of Butner in reference to the location for the fire works display. He said that the location has not been confirmed with the owner of the property; however he does not foresee a problem.

Mayor Moss suggested that the Board authorize the signature of the contract contingent upon lease of the land.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Stallings authorizing the signature of the Pyrotechnico contract. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tom Mercer presented dates and times to meet with the Board Committees as a follow-up from the January 9, 2010 Retreat. The results are as follows:

Thursday, January 21, 2010:

3:00 p.m. Public Safety

4:00 p.m. Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental

Thursday, January 28, 2010:

3:00 p.m. Transportation Infrastructure

4:00 p.m. Community & Economic Development

February 4, 2010:

3:00 p.m. Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

COMMITTEES:

Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental:

Commissioner Karan had nothing further to report.

Public Safety:

Commissioner Piper had nothing further to report.

Mayor Moss expressed that he would like to have a gang awareness education seminar in Creedmoor. He expressed that there were three citizens from Creedmoor that attended the gang awareness presentation in Oxford. Mayor Moss asked Chief Benware to give gang awareness education some thought.

Transportation Infrastructure:

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that as discussed at the Board Retreat he wants to make sure that NCDOT is contacted to fix the drop-off places in the road on North Main Street. There are two locations that need to be fixed, 1) corner of Hwy. 56 & N. Main Street; 2) by Eakes Funeral Home on N. Main Street.

Ms. Scottie Wilkins, Business Development & Transportation Project Manager advised that she contacted the contractor, Triangle Grading and they advised that NCDOT has suspended all paving activity until March 15 because of the weather. Triangle Grading said that with the anticipated warmer weather they are going to try to fix those places. Triangle Grading also commented that most of the paving companies are closed and it is difficult to get asphalt. Ms. Scottie Wilkins expressed that they are trying to accommodate the City; however, they also have to work with NCDOT.

Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that he also wants the hole on Cozart Street repaired.

Mayor Moss expressed that this will be discussed at the committee meeting to be held with the City Manager on January 28, 2010.

Community & Economic Development:

Commissioner Stallings referred to the NLC Newsletter offer for discount prescriptions.

Commissioner Karan expressed that the City already has this program through the County. He said that this is provided through NACO. He said that there are brochures at the front counter at City Hall. Commissioner Karan also referred to the CVS Cares program.

Commissioner Stallings suggested that the City give citizens a review and print it on the utility bills. His concern is that people come in to pay their water bill and are not looking at the brochures.

Commissioner Karan said that the prescription plan was presented at a previous meeting; however, it was not printed in the local newspaper.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to go into Closed Session on the matter of Attorney/Client Privilege in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to regular session, moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Stallings to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor

City Clerk