



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
July 28, 2009 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem Truett and Councilmembers Blair, Johnson, Martin, Samples and Childs were present. A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Clerk Pinnell, Police Chief Christenson, Fire Chief Packard, Fire Inspector Faulkenberry and Special Event Supervisor. Attorney Mr. Smith was also present.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor of the approval of the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2009 meeting as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 3 minutes per speaker**

There were no public comments.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. ***First Reading Ordinance #09-0676: Publication of Town Financial Information***

Mr. Samples made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. ***First Reading Ordinance #09-0677: FOIA Requests***

Mr. Booth stated that as requested by council the transparency and FOIA ordinance previously submitted was broken down into two ordinances. Mr. Childs made a motion that all fees charged or collected for researching and providing information from the Town of Surferside Beach from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 to July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be waived. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mr. Childs added that this issue covers two individuals. Mr. Samples commended Mr. Childs for waiving those charges adding that he hopes that if council does adopt an ordinance that enough flexibility is provided to protect the interest of the tax payers by not making it so burdensome on simple requests for information. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Childs made a motion to table ordinance 09-0677. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. It was confirmed that tabling an ordinance would put it to rest unless it is voted again to bring it back up. Mayor Deaton stated that the town paid the attorney to present this ordinance and wanted to make sure that council wanted to table it.

50 Mr. Samples stated that the town has operated quite well in the past; there have been  
51 approximately 10 requests under the FOIA in the last two years and it has only been  
52 recently, this past June that the town began charging for these requests. Mr. Samples  
53 stated that he felt that not a lot of effort went into the previous requests adding that  
54 State law allows the town to charge for FOIA requests. Mr. Samples stated that it  
55 should be appropriate to charge for a more extensive request for information to  
56 protect the taxpayers. Mr. Samples stated that this is a small town and encouraged  
57 more people to get involved and ask questions. Mayor Deaton stated that this is an  
58 ordinance that rides on the back of the transparency ordinance and asked the town  
59 attorney to explain the necessity of the FOIA ordinance. Mr. Smith stated that Mr.  
60 Samples is correct in that there is a State FOIA ordinance; establishing a town  
61 ordinance gives council control over our process. The ordinance clarifies direction  
62 for staff and informs the public of procedure; this can be amended or changed at any  
63 time. Mr. Smith stated that the council can choose to “ride on the back of State law”.  
64 Mayor Deaton further clarified that council needs ordinances to give direction on  
65 policy and procedure; there is no way to know how long the current council will be  
66 seated and setting ordinances gives direction, guidance and continuity. Mayor  
67 Deaton stated that the ways things used to be done in Surfside Beach no longer  
68 works for the town; the town has grown.

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70 Ms. Blair asked who determines costs for information requested over 5 pages and  
71 Mr. Smith stated that this would be up to the town administrator. Mr. Johnson stated  
72 that he does not agree with charging individuals for information relevant to the town  
73 of Surfside Beach or any residence of which they reside. Mr. Johnson stated that he  
74 also does not agree with charging .25 cents per copy and does not agree with most of  
75 the ordinance presented. Mr. Johnson stated that the only reason this is being  
76 discussed is due to the fact that the town started charging for FOIA requests. Mr.  
77 Johnson suggested that the residents could make requests through their council and  
78 asked if council would be charged for information since they have not been up to this  
79 point. Mr. Johnson stated that he would vote for 1<sup>st</sup> reading but that it would need to  
80 be drastically changed before he would vote for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mr. Truett asked Mr.  
81 Childs if he motioned to table the ordinance due to the charges. Mr. Childs answered  
82 that the town can fall back on State law to cover themselves and there is no need to  
83 pass a town ordinance. Mr. Truett stated that he believes posting transactions will  
84 decrease many FOIA requests adding that a large percentage of requests take  
85 approximately 5 minutes to get. Mr. Martin stated that there is a huge amount of  
86 information on the current town webpage; the consolidated annual financial report  
87 for the last several years is on there, this years’ budget is posted and of course the  
88 agendas and minutes for council and committee members as well are on the website  
89 and it is available to whoever wants it free of charge adding that if anyone does not  
90 have a computer there are computers available at the county library in town. Mr.  
91 Martin stated that with or without this ordinance the town administrator makes the  
92 decision on how to deal with FOIA requests and that he is in support of the motion to  
93 table the ordinance. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

94 **C. *Decision Paper: Special Events Budget Increase Request***

95 Mr. Booth explained that this request comes from the Parks and Special Events  
96 Committee; they have requested a number of new events and there is now a need to  
97 increase the budget for these events. The request was to add \$60,000 for events and

98 a part time position. Mr. Booth stated that he believes that the hospitality and Atax  
99 will be coming in greater than originally anticipated and will cover this increase.  
100 Mr. Childs stated that there was a letter from the town administrator during the  
101 budget retreat on ways to keep employees without cutting employees; staff would  
102 not be replaced once someone left. Mr. Childs stated that there are seven people on  
103 the Parks and Special Events committee; they have met three times and they all have  
104 volunteered to assist the Recreation Department. Mr. Childs stated no one on the  
105 committee plans on dumping all of the events on the Recreation Department. Mr.  
106 Childs did not agree to approve the funds to change the part time position to full  
107 time. Mr. Samples agreed. There was further discussion regarding the decision  
108 paper that included both changing the part time position to full time with added  
109 funds for entertainment; the funds and added position were included in the \$60,000.  
110 Mr. Samples stated that it was determined that a code enforcement person would not  
111 be funded until the town council received updated budget information at staff  
112 recommendation. Mr. Samples stated that this council has been very generous with  
113 staff and he personally feels they have been overly generous. Mr. Samples stated  
114 that he has read all of the meeting minutes for the Parks and Special Events and  
115 noted that all of the members have volunteered to help. Ms. Blair stated that this  
116 motion would affect the amount being requested on the decision paper and Mr.  
117 Booth stated that this was correct; staff anticipated the cost for changing part time to  
118 full time would cost approximately \$10,000. Mr. Truett asked if the decision paper  
119 could be brought back at the next meeting with a new request for a precise  
120 number/amount for events. Mr. Johnson agreed. Mr. Truett made a motion to defer  
121 the special events allocation to the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the  
122 motion. Mr. Johnson stated that the decision paper received from council was very  
123 vague and asked for more detail on the next presentation. Mr. Booth stated that  
124 August 11<sup>th</sup> would not be enough time; he would like to go before the Parks and  
125 Special Events Committee before presenting this again to council. Mr. Truett  
126 agreed. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Samples stated that if  
127 funds would be coming from ATAX he would like it to go through the  
128 Accommodations Tax Committee for their recommendation.

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130 **7. WORKSHOP**

131 Mayor Deaton introduced Celia Urquhart, representative from Senator Lindsay  
132 Grahams' office who was in the audience.

- 133 **a. *Town Financial Position:*** Mr. Booth presented the current fund balances so  
134 council is aware of where the town currently stands financially. The current  
135 general fund balance is \$2,646,696; undesignated is \$1,142,666; reserves are  
136 \$1,504,030; they comprise of basically the capital replacement fund which is  
137 approximately \$667,000 which comes from a mill levy of 3 mills and comes in at  
138 about \$150,000 per year; this is off the 44 mills of taxes. The street improvement  
139 has approximately \$582,000 in that fund and the town gets about \$100,000 per  
140 year; this comes from the \$30 registration per vehicle in town. Mr. Booth  
141 reported that the town will take care of the roads; there is enough in reserves in  
142 the fund to pave all of the roads that need to be paved for the next 10 years with  
143 the town still getting \$100,000 per year. Hospitality has approximately  
144 \$1,590,000 and this has been designated for the construction of the fire station  
145 and it comes in at about \$700,000 per year and it is continually coming in  
146 especially during the summertime; this fund will be at \$2,000,000 more than

147 likely by about August or September. The stormwater has zero balance at this  
148 time but there is a 5 mill levy and about \$240,000 comes in per year; several  
149 million of this fund has been spent; some of it was to do the stormwater projects  
150 to the south and also to clean out the lakes throughout town. The two major  
151 lakes in town, Elizabeth and Dogwood have recently been mapped; they are 12 to  
152 15 feet deep and the town does not see a need to clean these lakes out at this  
153 point in time. The lakes need additional maintenance and that is what the town is  
154 concentrating on right now.

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156 The sanitation fund has approximately \$234,000 and is set up as an enterprise  
157 fund. Mr. Booth reported that once the town cleans out the area the town would  
158 possibly consider going into the business of large containers for commercial but  
159 this is a ways a way and will be brought back to council. The pier enterprise  
160 fund currently has \$41,000 and is building up fairly quickly; when the town is  
161 ready to do the maintenance projects the money will be there and then the  
162 payment to the town will be available to the town when it is ready next year. Mr.  
163 Martin asked for an idea of what the cash flow for the pier currently runs. Mr.  
164 Booth stated that at this time of year it comes in around \$20,000 per month  
165 adding that there is a slow time during the winter when the payments are not as  
166 high; Mr. Samples confirmed with Mr. Booth that there is little revenue coming  
167 in during those winter months and that \$20,000 does not come in every month 12  
168 months per year.

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170 Mr. Johnson asked for the status of the stimulus funds. Mr. Booth stated that the  
171 federal funding is still being reviewed and he feels that the Town of Surfside  
172 Beaches chances of receiving funds have risen over the last couple of weeks.  
173 Mayor Deaton added that Mike Wooten from DDC Engineers informed him that  
174 the Town of Surfside Beach grant was on the table and specifically discussed.  
175 Mr. Booth stated that if the town does receive this funding he will ask for another  
176 workshop.

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178 Mr. Booth reported on the future five year goals and needs of the staff and town:  
179 most of the fire engines need to be replaced, town hall needs to be replaced, the  
180 town needs to replace the recreation center with a community and wellness  
181 center, building of a new recreation complex, paving of roads and completing the  
182 stormwater projects. There was some discussion regarding road paving. Mr.  
183 Booth stated that most of the roads in the town have been paved in the last two  
184 years by the State. The State wants to turn them over to the town; the town has  
185 agreed to take them over once they are paved.

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187 Mr. Martin asked if there is an update on the Corp of Engineers request for the  
188 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North swash. Mr. Booth stated that the grant was turned down last  
189 year and the request is now for all of the swashes with the 11 million dollars  
190 which is part of the stimulus project and the Corp of Engineers is still fighting for  
191 this project. Mayor Deaton stated that Senator Grahams' office is aware of this  
192 as well. Mr. Booth stated that the town will be moving to the North with  
193 stormwater projects.

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**b. Fire Department Presentation**

Fire Chief Packard stated that he is looking for direction from council on the placing of the ceremonial cornerstone during the construction of the new building and added that the stone would have the names of the existing council, mayor and administrator. Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the cornerstone. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. It was confirmed that there is no cost to the town for the stone the only cost would be for the plaque that would go on the building and it would cost approximately \$200. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Packard stated that the discussion began on the retirement of some of the fire apparatus back in November at the budget retreat. Chief Packard stated that after discussing this with some learned colleagues and the finance director and reviewing the replacement schedule which includes three pieces of equipment that were scheduled to be replaced over the last 5 years. Engine One a 2000 model is the only vehicle that the town is supposed still have. A lease and lease purchase program was brought up.

Myrtle Beach Assistant Fire Chief of Operations Dan Cimini gave a presentation for the Town of Surfside Beach. Chief Cimini stated that he has been in the fire service for 47 years. Chief Cimini stated that Chief Packard asked him to speak to council on how Myrtle Beach approached the problem of replacing outdated apparatus and the need to comply with the new NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) specifications. More importantly was the safety of their firefighters; his council had directed him to begin looking into a replacement program. Chief Cimini then looked into leasing fire equipment; many fire apparatus manufacturers did not like the idea of leasing so he approached some leasing companies that liked the idea. Chief Cimini reported that Myrtle Beach went out for their first RFP in 2000 and the numbers that came back were all in the towns favor. Chief Cimini stated that Surfside Beach currently has 20 plus year old apparatus; 20 years used to be the normal time for replacements but since 1991 technology has changed so much in the fire service that updates of apparatus has been ongoing. Chief Cimini discussed the standard 1911 which deals with retirement of old apparatus and firefighter safety and maintenance. National statistics show that after 10 years the cost factor of maintaining an apparatus rises drastically and after 15 years it almost triples and at 20 years it becomes very expensive. Chief Cimini explained that if an apparatus is involved in an injury type accident the first question asked is do you comply with NFPA standards. Today an apparatus will not be built without complying to these 1901 standards; 1911 is a standard that requires testing, maintenance and the retirement of an apparatus at 20 years. In 2003 the 1901 edition was updated and standards were made where even the 2000 pumper does not comply; a lot of equipment and markings would need to be added to have it comply. The 1911 standard mainstay is firefighter safety and operations. Standardizing the fleet was a goal of Myrtle Beach; it reduced training time.

Chief Cimini discussed a leasing option stating that a 10 year replacement program would be ideal for Surfside Beach; the town would get “the most bang for the buck out of that”; over the life of the lease the town would only be paying for what it uses. Leasing would eliminate tying up capital funds or the need for

245 bonds. There would be zero down payments with a lease program and all lease  
246 programs can be customized. Myrtle Beach did a zero payment down and  
247 payment in the rears; payment is not made until after a year of use. This also  
248 puts equity into the current fleet. The lease could then be extended with the  
249 guaranteed rate with an option on interest, the trucks could be returned or they  
250 could be purchased. Chief Cimini stated that Myrtle Beach purchased their last  
251 entire fleet from the leasing company and then the town sold them, made enough  
252 money to purchase two new pieces; it ended up costing the city nothing. Leasing  
253 also increased the towns' cash flow since it would not have to put out a lot of  
254 money and it would not be locked into a purchase. Chief Cimini stated that the  
255 interest rate remains locked and it is written in the lease agreement regardless of  
256 when it is delivered; if an order was taken today in most cases there would be an  
257 8 to 9 month delivery time and at that time there would be a difference in interest  
258 rates; the rate would have been locked in. There are flexible payment plans  
259 available; the lease is retained by the manufacturer, there is no third party  
260 involved. When the guarantee trade value is set up it would be set up at a fair  
261 rate; if it is set too high the town could decide to not keep the truck at the end and  
262 it may not be worth the money they said it was worth; so they have to be  
263 accurate. The City of Myrtle Beach purchased the trucks at the end of the lease  
264 for \$130,000 and the sold them for \$230,000 average on the resale. The title  
265 passes to the town and the lease could be extended depending on how the plan is  
266 written beforehand. The normal term is 5, 7 and 10 years. Chief Cimini reported  
267 that the manufacturer makes the town the warranty center for the fleet and they  
268 pay the town by the hour to repair the fleet.

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270 Chief Cimini stated that the City of Myrtle Beach does performance specs; they  
271 tell the manufacturers what they want to do with the truck. The lease programs  
272 include a 5 year bumper to bumper warranty; there is no obligation for repairs  
273 within the first 5 years; repairs are being done by the town and they are paying  
274 the town to perform them. The only thing the town would need to pay for would  
275 be expendable items like tires, brakes and windshield wiper blades which would  
276 be included in the towns' budget. Chief Cimini stated that newer vehicles  
277 promote morale with volunteers but most importantly it is the safety features, the  
278 compliance with NFPA that fits all the needs for the towns ISO (International  
279 Organization for Standardization) rating. Chief Cimini also discussed  
280 alternatives which would include costs of refurbishing the equipment; the  
281 estimated cost would be \$35,000-\$40,000 for the 25 year old truck. The major  
282 drawback to refurbishment is once the 25 year old truck is refurbished it still is a  
283 25 year old truck.

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285 Mr. Childs asked if the town is still in need of the same amount of trucks since  
286 they are no longer first responder for the county. Chief Packard stated that the  
287 town was rated on the current equipment and the response within the town limits  
288 not out of town response; the town would need to maintain the same amount of  
289 equipment they currently have to keep the rating. Mr. Samples stated that with  
290 the purchase of the First Responder truck the town has increased the capabilities  
291 in town and added that council needs to answer what is the minimum "no  
292 kidding" requirements for the town in regards to equipment. Mr. Samples stated  
293 that the town is building a fire station and it recently purchased a new truck

294 adding that the council wants the fire department to have what they need. Chief  
295 Packard stated that there had been a previous discussion with Mr. Samples who  
296 instructed Chief Packard that if he could get this request in a framework that the  
297 town can live with he would be on board.

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299 Chief Cimini further explained the requirements of vehicles for the towns ISO  
300 rating. What is needed is a 95 foot minimum aerial, two pumpers to give a  
301 capacity of 2,500 gallons per minute and a reserve engine. The new responder  
302 truck was a good purchase in its need and use but it does not do anything for the  
303 ISO rating. Another option would be to purchase a new aerial, two new engines  
304 and then refurbish the 2000 truck.

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306 Mr. Johnson thanked Chief Cimini for the presentation stating that this is  
307 something that council really needs to look at. Mr. Johnson stated that he saw  
308 the new responder truck being towed about a month ago. Chief Packard stated  
309 that it is currently at a Sterling dealer in North Charleston being worked on. Mr.  
310 Johnson asked what it would take to further lower the town ISO rating and Chief  
311 Packard stated it would take hiring additional staff. Chief Cimini stated that  
312 manpower and equipment both factor into an ISO rating. It was confirmed that  
313 the new fire station building has no effect on the rating. Engine 562 per the  
314 town mechanic is the engine that is the most in need of being replaced.

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316 Mayor Deaton introduced Fire Chief Rick Baker from Conway who was in the  
317 audience.

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319 Chief Packard stated that the prices presented at the budget workshop included  
320 pricing for 2008 equipment and pricing has now risen; 2009 pricing on  
321 equipment with upgrades is now being factored in. Mayor Deaton requested  
322 Chief Packard to present council with options at a future meeting. Chief Packard  
323 stated that equipment is available from surrounding communities outside for the  
324 public and council to look at if they wanted.

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## 326 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

327 ***Joe Zoltak, 414 Pine Drive:*** “You kept making reference to the ISO rating and ISO 3  
328 and so I (SIC) for the betterment (SIC) homeowners insurance, so I tried following that  
329 information and I’m with State Farm and they said they don’t do anything about ISO.  
330 They don’t follow it. So what did I do wrong?”

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332 ***Tom Dodge, 1415 N Poplar Drive:*** “I want to thank the Rec department for the fine  
333 programs they’ve put on. I want to thank Mr. Childs and Mr. Samples for getting rid of  
334 my ridiculous bill and I want to thank Lindsay Graham for the great job he does.”

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336 ***Ann Dodge, 1415 N Poplar Drive:*** “I had two things that I wanted to bring up. In  
337 regards to FOIA requests. I think you could get rid of a lot of people asking questions  
338 under FOIA if they could raise a question to council and get referred to someone who  
339 will give them an answer. We had an incident where we asked a question, didn’t get an  
340 answer and when we questioned why we hadn’t heard anything we were told that this  
341 person didn’t like the way we asked the question and as a citizen that upsets me. We  
342 should be able to get information; we should be able to get an answer to a question in a

343 meeting if we feel that we need to get it. The other thing, in regards to ordinances, when  
344 you are voting on an ordinance the public doesn't know what those ordinances are.  
345 Would it be possible to give a brief overview of each one before you vote on it?"

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347 **Bill Black, 214 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S:** "I've been associated with the fire department for 30  
348 something years; a long time and I just want to basically address you guys to please  
349 consider this information. We've got a lot of apparatus down there that is really way  
350 beyond what's really considered safe anymore, considering standards and I'm a taxpayer  
351 and we would have not come to the council and ask for something; these aren't toys and  
352 I hear that comment sometimes about toys, believe me it's not a toy when your house is  
353 on fire and we've got to come in there and save lives and put out fires, it's not a toy and  
354 we really would not ask council for something unless we thought we were going to need  
355 it. Thank you."

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357 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

358 **Mr. Samples:** "Thanks everybody for coming. The workshops were great; the ordinance  
359 we passed tonight on financial transparency is a good thing and I hope that staff will get  
360 on it quick. Get that stuff on; keep it relatively current. City of Myrtle Beach is doing a  
361 great job keeping theirs on; it's something that will probably raise some questions in the  
362 beginning but that's good; that's healthy; people need to know how their money is being  
363 spent. There was an article in Myrtle Beach Herald and I normally like the Myrtle  
364 Beach Herald but there was a comment that I'm sure was taken out of context and it was  
365 an innocent comment made by our Mayor."

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367 **Mayor Deaton:** "Sir, I'm going to caution you right now. Let's not talk about specifics  
368 and do not get personal (SIC Mr. Samples was speaking over the Mayors comments).  
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371 **Mr. Samples:** "Well there was a comment; there was a newspaper article where there  
372 was reference to \$300,000 being wasted; I'm sure that was taken out of context and I'm  
373 sure that it was, if in fact anyone believes that \$300,000 were wasted than that is an issue  
374 that needs to be brought to this council and we need to address it and fix it."

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376 **Mayor Deaton:** "That's a non-issue sir."

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378 **Mr. Samples:** "The fact of the matter is the parking lot is underutilized. We don't deny  
379 that. Therefore it becomes a policy issue, I believe that council should fix."

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381 **Mayor Deaton:** (SIC).

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383 **Mr. Samples:** "Well if it was a problem then, it's a problem now; it's something we  
384 need to fix and Mr. Mayor I resent the fact that you're interrupting me during my  
385 comments."

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387 **Mayor Deaton:** "Sir, please, you're out of order; you're out of order, please be quiet,  
388 anyone else?"

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390 **Mr. Samples:** "My last comment . . ."

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392 **Mayor Deaton:** "Sir, you're out of order, I'm sorry, next comment, Mr. Martin?"



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**Mr. Samples:** “Point of order; point of order; point of order, Mr. Mayor.”

**Mayor Deaton:** “No, I’m sorry, you’re out of order.”

**Ms. Dodge:** “He should be able to . . .”

**Mayor Deaton:** “Ma’am please don’t speak.”

**Mr. Samples:** “Allen, you’re crossing the line.”

**Mayor Deaton:** “Mr. Truett? Mr. Johnson?”

**Mr. Johnson:** “Yes, thank you ladies and gentlemen for attending. I have attended council meetings for twenty some odd years if not more than that and never, in my time, have I seen this many people at a July meeting and I just thank you so much. This is your town, this is not this councils’ town, this is your town, we work for you guys and I just thank you for attending and if I could, I would like to defer the rest of my time to Mr. Samples.”

**Mr. Samples:** “I wanted to make one last comment and I know in our committee meetings, this town really relies on the volunteers a lot and we have some great volunteers and many of you are present, but it was reported that we are stretched so thin in our Public Works Department that we can’t take time to water. We can’t take time to water the plants that are being planted on town property. I’d rather see an issue paper, frankly, that says that I need to go out and hire a landscape contractor for \$5,000 or whatever it is, otherwise we’re wasting peoples time and effort and it makes no sense to me and that came to me from the Beautification Committee because it was a denied motion that we water, my God, excuse me, can’t we get a contractor out there with a hose? Bid it out.”

**Mr. Childs:** “I echo my colleagues comments, I, too, was approached this weekend about the lack of watering, now this goes back to last year, I know we put some sod down on 16<sup>th</sup>, beautiful sod and it started drying up and I did ask, why didn’t we water it (SIC) and the comment was, well I keep bringing it up and it can’t be done and I know we all have seen the pickup trucks with the big fiberglass watering things but we do, the beautification is doing a pretty job and we have a gentleman, Shelby Smith, is out there, must be out there every weekend planting something and he does have a problem getting that water so I wish we could address that; it’s almost useless to put things around, I know at my own house I spend about 2 or 3 hours a day just watering to keep my stuff alive but I told Mr. Shelby I’d be willing to help him water until the town was able to get a hold of that so that is something I wish you would look into.”

**Mr. Booth:** “It was taken care of today. It was brought to my attention and I hired a part time person already and that was the function of that part time person.”

**Ms. Blair:** “Thank you all for coming as always. It’s difficult to make the right decision and we need your input and guidance so that we do what you want and that makes the town a better place. Thank you for coming.”

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*Mayor Deaton:* “Thank you everyone.”

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Samples made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Approved: August 11, 2009

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Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

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K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

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Joseph P. Martin, Town Council

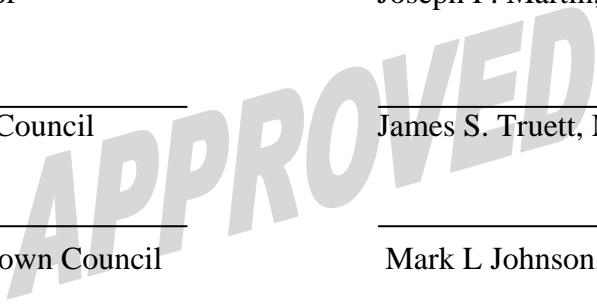
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Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

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Mark L Johnson, Town Council

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Robert F. Childs, III, Town Council



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