



The Richlands' Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session Tuesday evening, December 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm, at the Richlands Town Hall. Present for the meeting were:

Marvin Trott, Mayor
James Morgan, Mayor Pro-Tem
Steve Marshburn, Alderman
Tom Brown, Alderman
Carroll Beaty, Alderman

Also present for the meeting were: Eva Brown – Town Clerk, Gregg Whitehead – Town Administrator, Keith Fountain – Town Attorney, Thomas Bennett – Chief of Police, Johnathan Jarman – Public Works Director, Abby Cavanaugh – Advertiser News and the Honorable William M. Cameron, III, District Court Judge.

Approximately forty other citizens were also present for the meeting, including the three Newly Elected Officials.

ABSENT: Alderman John Chandler, job related.

Mayor Trott thanked everyone for attending the meeting, especially the Honorable William M. Cameron.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marvin Trott

INVOCATION: Reverend McKinley Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Steve Marshburn

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2007

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to approve the minutes for November 13, 2007, with the following correction: 1st page, fourth paragraph. Replace the word incumbents to the three newly elected officials. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Trott, Alderman Steve Marshburn and Alderman Tom Brown commended the outgoing board members, Aldermen James Morgan, Carroll Beaty and John Chandler for a job well done, during their tenure, with the Town of Richlands.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE / MAYOR PRO-TEM JAMES MORGAN

Mayor Marvin Trott presented a plaque to Alderman James Morgan, thanking him for his service and dedication to the Town of Richlands for 16 years.

Chief Thomas Bennett and 1st Sgt. Ron Lindig presented a plaque to Aldermen James Morgan, Carroll Beaty and John Chandler thanking them for their support to the Richlands Police Department.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Honorable William M. Cameron, III, District Court Judge administered Oaths of Office for the incoming Board and Mayor. The Officials sworn in were:

Marvin Trott, Mayor
McKinley Smith, Alderman
Steve Marshburn, Alderman
Hans Jacobsen, Alderman
Tom Brown, Alderman
Fran Pierce, Alderman

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Marvin Trott

NOMINATION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Alderman Steve Marshburn nominated Alderman McKinley Smith as Mayor Pro-Tem. Alderman Tom Brown seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to approve Alderman McKinley Smith as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TOWN CLERK & TOWN ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman McKinley Smith to appoint Gregg Whitehead as Town Administrator, Eva Brown as Town Clerk and Keith Fountain as Town Attorney. The motion was unanimously carried.

MAYORAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Public Safety: Alderman Tom Brown and Alderman Steve Marshburn
Public Works: Alderman Hans Jacobsen and Alderman McKinley Smith
Finance: Mayor Marvin Trott and Alderman Fran Pierce
Downtown/Revitalization: Alderman Fran Pierce and Alderman Hans Jacobsen

SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to table the above item until the next regular monthly meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING (REZONING REQUESTS) / CAROLINA SOUTH BUILDERS

A motion was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Steve Marshburn to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

ESSENTIALS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Trott informed the Board of the Essentials of Municipal Government Program. A program specifically designed for newly elected and veteran elected municipal officials. Mayor Trott encouraged them to read the information provided and follow up Gregg Whitehead on their interest in attending.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Thomas Bennett presented a copy of the Police Activity Report for November 2007. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS

Comments were given by Mayor Trott and Board Members concerning the future of working together as a whole.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Donnell Jarman commended the Mayor and Town Board for the new Christmas Decoration downtown.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Steve Marshburn, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Trott, Mayor

Eva C. Brown MMC
Town Clerk