

**SNEADS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

The Town Council of the Town of Sneads, Florida met in regular session at the Sneads Town Hall on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

President Greg Lewis called the meeting to order with the following present:

Greg Lewis, Donovan Weeks, Mike Weeks,
Jimmy L Wright, Ricky Whittington; Councilmembers
Guy Green, City Attorney
Ed Kilpatrick, City Manager
Danielle Dickens, Deputy Clerk

and the following were absent:

Burt McAlpin, Police Chief
Sherri Griffin, City Clerk

Jimmy L Wright made the motion to adopt the minutes held in November, 2007 as presented. Donovan Weeks seconded. All voted aye.

First order of business was the opening of sealed bids for " White Goods/ Scrap Metal Removal " Councilman Greg Lewis opened the bids and read them as follows:

Cumbaa Enterprises Inc.	-	\$50.15 per ton
Wrights Recycling	-	\$25.00 per ton

Jimmy L Wright made a motion to award the bid to the highest bidder, Cumbaa Enterprises. Ricky Whittington seconded. All voted aye.

Council asked Ed Kilpatrick to make up a contract between the two of them so things could get started and to present it back to them when it is completed.

Next item was the opening of an account at Peoples South Bank now in Town. Ed Kilpatrick talked about the kind of account they were offering us. He said the account would earn interest at a rate of 2.72%, with no fees and no return check fees. He suggested that the Town move their Water & Sewer Account here. He explained that this account was one we make deposits to almost everyday and this would keep us from driving to Marianna . Mike Weeks stated that he would like to look at other accounts down the road to move as well, in order to get the banking back in Town. Mike Weeks made a motion to move the Water & Sewer Accounts to Peoples South Bank. Jimmy L Wright seconded. All voted aye.

Karen Fader with the Community Safety Coalition presented a letter to the Council asking for

money to help them with future funding & projects. She stated several things that they have helped the Town get done in the past. After discussion, Jimmy L Wright made a motion to give the Community Safety Coalition the \$750.00 they were asking for. Donovan Weeks seconded. All voted aye.

Sneads Baseball Boosters & Head Coach Mark Guerra came before the Council to discuss the baseball field wall issue at the ball park. Mr Guerra said he was aware that the wall had gotten a lot of complaints and wanted to thank the Council on having the wall taken down for them. He stated that he was here to work with the Council on fixing this problem and getting the wall put back up. He said the wall helps out in a lot of different ways. By having the wall it allows them to sell signs to help with funding. It provides a wind shield for the field that prohibits wind from coming through the fence. The main purpose of the wall is for the centerfield part, it provides a batters eye which allows the hitter to see the ball. However, the most important thing it gives them the distance of 350 feet which is what they need in order for the field to be used for district play. The sidewalk doesn't allow them to move the wall out, therefore they must go up to get this distance. Donovan Weeks asked if they allow the wall to go back up would it stay and would the backside look any better than it did before. Mr Guerra said he had some trees to go around the backside to help with the appearance. Harold Dunham with the Boosters said it would stay up this time, that they would use bigger, classified poles. Greg Lewis stated that his problem with the wall was first of all no one asked if it could be put up to begin with and that it wasn't maintained and became an eye sore. After discussion, Ed Kilpatrick told Council that he recommends allowing them to construct the wall. Council all agreed that any improvements or new construction needed to be presented to the Council for approval. Jimmy L Wright made a motion to allow the Baseball Boosters to construct the wall according to their diagram. Donovan Weeks seconded. All voted aye.

Ed Kilpatrick presented the Council with his Managers report as follows:

Update on rate study- Coy Donaldson with Florida Rural Water Association wants to schedule a workshop/ training session with the Council. The purpose is to formulated a rate schedule for Water and Sewer. Council agreed for him to work on getting the date set up.

SRA Financial Report - Jason Johnson, Vice- President, presented the report to the Council which showed them out of the red. He said they are closing out soccer and football which leaves them with a balance of around \$10,000. He stated that they have put many safe- guards in place that has helped them with their past financial problems. He also said that in the future the SRA wants to do their part at paying the user fees, however he can't commit to those at this time. Council said that they are glad to see them making money and that they are taking the financials serious.

Proposal for Laura Street - Mr Kilpatrick stated that Laura Street was in bad condition and needed some work. He requested the Council allow him to resurface it with milled asphalt, like they had done on Shady Street. Jimmy L Wright made a motion to allow Laura Street to be