

CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF CHADBOURN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
January 27, 2011

Mayor Kenneth Waddell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Council members present were Fax Rector, Rashad Roberts, Brian Edwards, Donald Ray Bass, and Phillip Honeycutt. Others present were Town Manager Stevie Cox, Town Attorney Harold Pope, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Patricia Garrell, Public Works Director Michael Foss and Police Chief Steven Shaw. Councilman Roberts gave the invocation and Mayor Waddell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Mayor Waddell asked for the approval of the Agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Rector to approve the agenda with an addition of adding a closed meeting after the public meeting. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 by ayes vote.

2. **Proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan:** Howard Capps with Howard Capps and Associates gave an overview of the results of the proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. Mr. Capps stated that he had been asked to assist with the development of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan which will be a vital component of the Town's Parks and Recreation Trust Fund application. Mr. Capps stated that the Town sent out about 1,100 surveys and received 100 of those surveys back. Mr. Capps stated that this represents about a 9 percent return on the surveys. Mr. Capps stated that the Master Plan is a required component to the PARTF application.

Mr. Capps stated that the proposed Community Center will serve as a major catalyst for downtown redevelopment as well. Mr. Capps covered the major components of the Master Plan and this includes cost figures. Mr. Capps also reviewed the site plan for the Community Center as well. Mr. Capps stated that the Town has sought public involvement by the surveys and meeting with civic groups. The civic groups included were: Chadbourn Chamber of Commerce, Chadbourn Community Development Corporation, Chadbourn Lions Club and the Chadbourn Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Each of these groups and boards provided letters of support for the project.

Mr. Capps stated that the top priority needs based on survey results was for the Community Center with 65 out of 100 responses.

Mr. Capps stated that if the PARTF Grant application is successful, it would reduce the cost of the project for the Community Center by \$500,000. The PARTF application deadline is January 31, 2011. The Town will receive a notice of award in either May 2011 or July 2011. Mr. Capps stated that at this time, he is ready to receive any comments from the public or the Board.

Mr. Capps provided an overview of the following components of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. Those components were:

- Site Analysis;
- Recreational Needs;
- Program Description;

- Physical Needs;
- Project Costs for Property Acquisition and Capitol Improvements;
- Site Plan;
- Public Involvement;
- Presentation to Local Civic Groups;
- Presentation to Advisory Board; and
- Public Meeting.

Edwin Roberts asked what is the capacity for the number of people to use the building. Mr. Capps stated that the capacity for the building would be set by the Fire Marshall. Mr. Capps stated that at this time, he cannot give an exact number. Mayor Waddell stated that the rooms are going to be designed to expand to accommodate more people. Mayor Waddell stated that the actual interior of the building was not set in stone.

Mr. Honeycutt asked what was the actually square footage for the three multi-purpose rooms. Mr. Capps stated that it would come to about 2,000 square feet. Mr. Capps stated that the aerobics room could be used as well.

Mr. Edwin Roberts asked that how many tax paying addresses were the survey sent to and why were not all of the taxpayers sent a copy of the survey. Mr. Capps responded that 1,100 surveys were sent to water and sewer users in Chadbourn.

Mr. Rector asked was this facility available for basketball. Mr. Capps stated that it was not.

Ms. Shalon Brown asked how preliminary are the floor plans for the Community Center. Mr. Capps stated that the preliminary floor plan is open for some discussion. Ms. Brown stated that the floor plans needs to more openness of the building and placing some seating along the front of the building so people traveling through Town would be influence to stop and see the building. Furthermore, it would draw some interest in the Downtown area.

Mayor Waddell stated that the proposed Community Center has been paired down twice. The current proposed Community Center is an achievable project.

Mrs. Jimmie Sue Ward asked that how many surveys were sent out. Mr. Capps stated that we sent out 1,100 surveys.

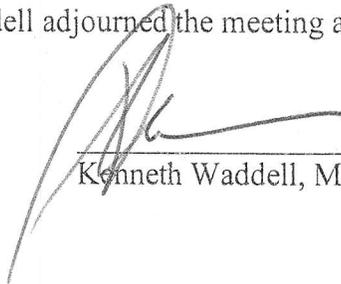
Ms. Ginny Haley stated that the proposed Community Center would be a great benefit to our Town. Mrs. Becky Freeman stated that the Community Center would open a lot of doors for our Downtown area. Furthermore, it would provide us with some other cultural events.

Ms. Brown stated that she was concerned with some opening façades to draw interest for the Community Center that would help visually with this project. Mayor Waddell stated that it is his hope that the proposed Community Center will dominate the block. Mr. Honeycutt stated that it is proposed to open up Railroad Avenue and would lead people to the Railroad Depot. Mr. Honeycutt stated that we are considering adding some decorative lighting, landscaping and seating to go along with the project.

Mr. Rector made a motion to approve and adopt the Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bass. The motion was approved unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the submission of the PARTF application. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Honeycutt. The motion was approved unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

With no further business, Mayor Waddell adjourned the meeting at 1:37 PM.



Kenneth Waddell, Mayor

Attest: 

Stevie Cox, Town Manager