

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
October 27, 2008

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on October 27, 2008 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Beady, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain and Mrs. Kehoe.

Additions: No additions to the agenda.

Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to congratulate Mayor Praediger on his becoming a grandfather again and he wants to wish Mrs. Kelleher well.

Mr. Denelsbeck discussed the hearing to accept public comment on the renewal of the franchise agreement with Comcast Cable. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Bresnan if this was a standard agreement that all municipalities signed. Mr. Bresnan advised that because we are renewing the franchise agreement there is a public input requirement no matter what the agreement itself looks like. The public has to be given the opportunity to say what they think is right or wrong, good or bad or things that they would like to see added. We are using the informal method of negotiating with them; the borough has not announced any intention to terminate the agreement with them.

Mr. John Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue, once again as he says every year when budget time comes around council tries to not increase taxes and this is very much appreciated. The franchise fee once again is basically a tax. He spoke about the franchise fee. This new agreement is for ten years.

There were no more comments regarding the franchise agreement. Mr. Bresnan advised to go ahead and motion to accept contract and he will check to see if an ordinance needs to be done. If it does then we can just do an ordinance. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept new franchise agreement. The vote was taken and it was 5:0.

Law and Planning: Mr. Beady advised of ordinance 606, an ordinance of the Borough of Rockledge amending Ordinance 303 relating to trash collection, codified at Chapter 20, Part 1 of the codified ordinance, to confirm that use of the Borough's contracted hauler by certain residents is mandatory; making the trash fee modifiable from time to time by resolution; leaving the remainder of the ordinance unaffected; effective upon adoption.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we went to apply for our 902 grant from the state and they looked at our paperwork, and it doesn't say that you have to use the borough's trash system if you are a resident in a single family home. Ordinance 606 basically says that you have to use the borough's trash system unless you live in a unit that is more than 4 residents, a quadplex all owned by the same person, which there are a few of. The vote was taken and it was 6:0. Ordinance #606 is adopted.

Finance: Mr. Casey advised that at the end of the meeting, we will start work on the 2009 budget.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain had nothing at this time.

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey advised of Ordinance 607, an ordinance of the Borough amending the Police Pension Ordinance to provide certain benefits mandated by state ACT 600; further amending the ordinance by including a deferred retirement option program alternative; correcting a portion of the ordinance to define the maximum member contribution at five percent; leaving the remainder of the ordinance in full force and effect; effective upon adoption.

Mr. Denelsbeck had a question for Mr. Bresnan. He wanted to know if the original ordinance did not say that it was a maximum of 5% we could have been charging them more. Mr. Bresnan advised that no it said that it had to be 5% all the time according to the MMO calculation. Does the actuary get to determine that? Mr. Bresnan stated yes, he does.

This Ordinance is to add the DROP Program that they asked for and to clean up some things that we did not have right. The vote was taken and the vote was 6:0. Ordinance #607 is adopted.

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: Mr. Beady advised that Mr. Kelleher did not give him anything in his absence.

There is a resident camering their lateral at Burke and Daley. This will be done on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Mr. Diegel will be there while they are doing this. The blockage is 90 feet from the lateral and the property is not 90 feet from the street.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

Mr. Goldberg would like to remind everyone that Election Day is November 4. Hope to see you there.

Mr. Kirby stated that he called Mr. DePaul about the punch list. Mr. DePaul will contact Mrs. Metzinger. Mr. Kirby was informed that Mr. DePaul did indeed contact her.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk