

Shallotte Officials Plan Changes In Sewer Policy

BY DOUG RUTTER

Shallotte officials plan to change a policy so people developing land outside town would have to request annexation if they want to hook on to the sewer system.

The existing policy leaves it up to the board of aldermen to decide if sewer lines should be extended beyond the town limits. In the past, the board has handled requests on a case-by-case basis.

But aldermen said last week they'd like to do away with the discretionary aspect of the policy and leave no doubt that developers who want town sewer service will first have to request annexation.

"Maybe we need to update our ordinance so it's just that plain," Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wayne Reeves said at a town meeting last Wednesday.

Aldermen want their town attorney revise the policy so that a request for annexation would be a prerequisite for out-of-town sewer service.

In a March 18 letter to Mayor Sarah Tripp, the Shallotte Planning Board had recommended that aldermen review the sewer extension policy.

Planning Board Chairman Herbie Ward wrote that several developers feel the town can provide water and sewer service outside town because the town can recover some of the cost through development fees.

Shallotte increased its capital reserve fees and implemented new acreage fees last year to raise some of the money that would be needed to expand the town's treatment capacity. The fees outside town are double in-town fees.

However, Ward stated in the memo that planning board members don't think the intent of the development fees was to provide water and sewer service to people outside the town.

Reeves, who serves on the planning board, said its members don't think sewer service should be extended outside town unless the landowner intends to request annexation and come into the town.

"Personally, I feel the same way," Mrs. Tripp said. "In all of our discussion...I never got the impression we were going to extend sewer outside because of our space."

Town officials said last week they don't mind extending water service out of town because there is virtually no limit on the water source.

It's a different story with sewer, however, because the town has about a 200,000 gallon per day limit on the capacity at its plant.

Alderman Wilton Harrelson said the fees for out-of-town landowners were designed for people who requested annexation. "The town is in the business of providing a service

rather than selling a service," he said.

Other Business

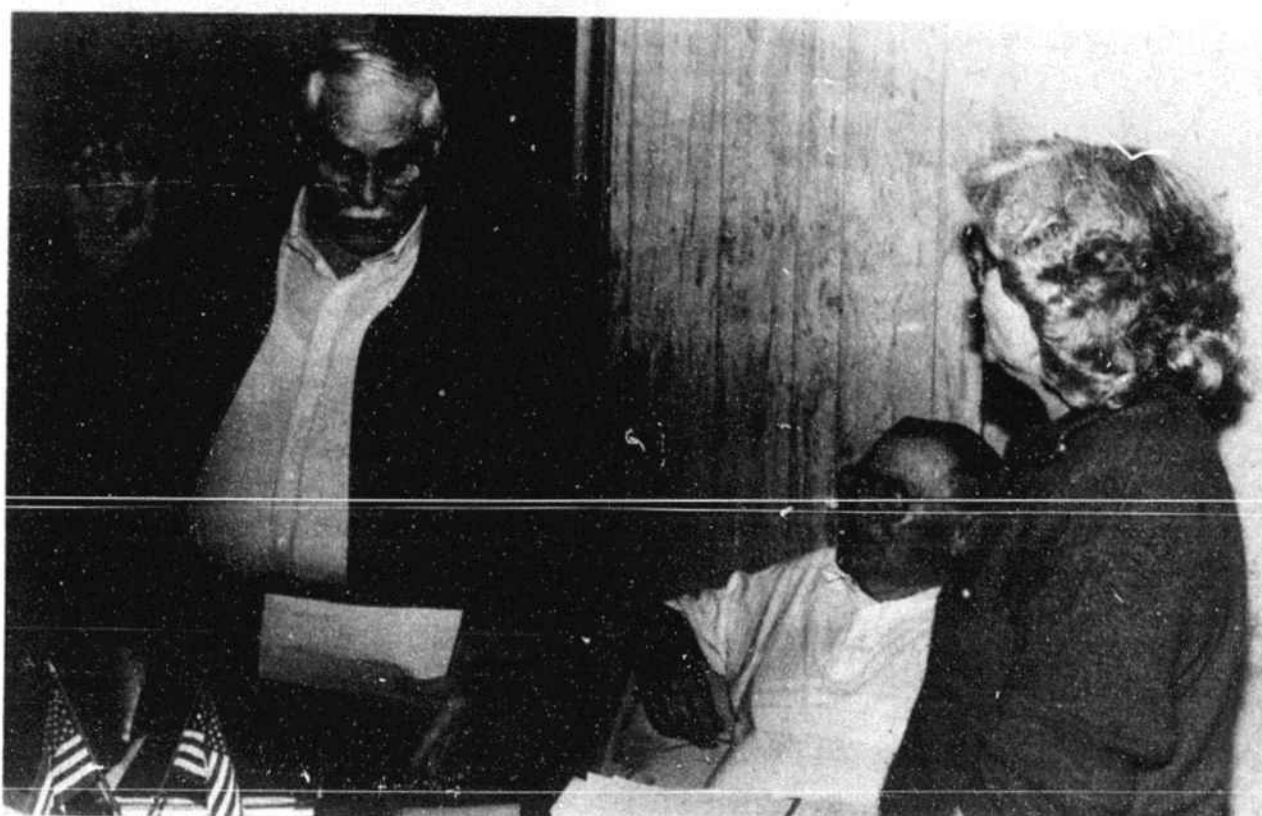
In other business last week, aldermen:

■ Annexed approximately two acres in Brierwood Estates, as recommended by the planning board and requested by the owner, Brierwood Golf Promotions. The land is located at the intersection of Country Club Drive and Brierwood Road.

■ Rezoned about 15 acres owned by Henry and Betty Carter. They had asked for the land to be rezoned from RM-10 (residential) to Highway Business. The property is located off U.S. 17 near its intersection with N.C. 130 East.

■ Asked the town attorney and town staff to research a proposed contract between Shallotte and Brunswick County. If the contract is accepted, Police Chief Rodney Gause said the county insurance policy would cover town officers if the sheriff's department called them for assistance, and vice versa.

■ Tabled action on a proposal to repair the police department roof until bids could be obtained. The board also tabled a request for the town to pay insurance on a vehicle fire fighters use to run errands and for training. Fire department officers were unable to attend last week's meeting.



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JOE HEWETT, left, was sworn in last week as a new member of the Shallotte Board of Aldermen. He was appointed March 6 to fill a vacancy on the board. Also pictured are Alderman David Gause and Town Clerk Mary Etta Hewett.

ON DISPLAY APRIL 6-7

Show Features Quilts In Every Form

Colorful, practical, creative, beautiful.

All these words can readily be used to describe the quilts that go on display April 6 and 7 at the Brunswick County Extension Homemakers' Quilt Show '91.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Shallotte Middle School. Admission is \$1 per person.

Held every other year, the event showcases the work of area quilters, but that's not its main purpose.

Typically the show stimulates interest in heritage skills such as quilting, encourages the continual improvement of quality in local quilt-making and promotes membership in extension homemaker clubs.

Though dreaded by some, judging is an excellent way to learn how to improve one's skills as a quilter, said Mary L. Russ, home economics extension agent. The judges' comments help a quilter see what can be done to improve their finished product.

The work of both amateur and professional quilters will be featured.

Quilters are expected to enter work in all these categories: first

quilt (amateur only); applique; machine quilted; hand quilted; whole cloth; quilt; wall quilts/hangings, crib quilts, group/team quilts, quilted wearing apparel and miscellaneous.

Also to be entered are quilts made by other techniques, a catch-all category which may include embroidered, cathedral window, candlewick or other quilts, but no yo-yo quilts because of their fragility.

Homemakers will also display items they have made for donation to the Ronald McDonald Home in Durham.

Items will be entered for judging or for exhibit only.

First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each judged category. Special ribbon awards will be presented for best in show, best hand workmanship, best machine workmanship and viewer's choice.

Viewer's choice is determined by vote of all those attending the show and is presented at the close of the show.

This year's show also features a quilt block competition. Quilters enter one or more unquilted blocks fashioned in their choice of either

mauve, blue, green or earth tones. The names of the crafters participating are pooled and one is selected to receive all of the blocks.

This year's show will also feature a merchants mall and crafts demonstrations.

The mall will feature "home collectible" items such as quilted articles, quilting and crafts supplies, small home decorating items, arts and crafts. Cost is \$25 per booth.

Homemaker clubs and individual members may also have sales tables set up, while the county extension homemakers council will sell country aprons and bonnets and other crafts at its table.

A double quilt made by Anna Day, a professional quilter formerly from Boiling Spring Lakes, will also be presented following a drawing at the close of the show on April 7. The drawing is a fund-raising project for the extension council.

Expected demonstrations are setting a quilt in a frame, quick piecing, making Battenburg lace, ribbon rose-making, template applique, crazy quilting and Seminole patchwork. A demonstration schedule will be posted at the show.

Car Sets Ocean Isle Condos On Fire

A car that burst into flames Saturday at Ocean Isle Beach caught part of a condominium project on fire, causing an estimated \$50,000 in damage.

A Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Joseph and Dana Duca, of Lyndhurst, Ohio, was parked in a space beneath the Ocean Cove condominiums, according to Ocean Isle Beach Police Officer Jerry Bass' report.

Dee Trodgon of Route 7, Shallotte, told officers that she heard an explosion at the condominiums. When she turned to look, she saw a ball of

fire coming from beneath the building where the car was parked.

A neighbor, Shelly Gurganus, called the Ocean Isle Beach Police Department. Officer Bass reported that he and Ocean Isle Beach volunteer firefighters arrived on the scene at approximately 12:53 p.m.

The car had been parked there for about two hours prior to the fire, Dana Duca told police. She stated that some children had been spotted earlier playing with fireworks near the car, Bass reported.

"We were lucky," said Ocean Isle Fire Chief Terry Barbee. "We had

plenty of people on the beach and put it out rather quickly."

Barbee said six condos at Ocean Cove sustained either electrical or smoke damage from the fire. The plywood beneath the building caught on fire.

The car was also parked next to an electrical panel box that burned in the blaze. Electrical service will not be restored to the building for possibly four weeks, Barbee said.

Brunswick County Fire Marshal Cecil Logan estimated damage at around \$50,000.

Ocean Isle Commissioners To Name Firm To Design Sewer System Expansion

Ocean Isle Beach Mayor Betty Williamson says she expects the board of commissioners to choose an engineering firm next month to design expansion of the town's sewer system.

Commissioners met with representatives of three companies last Thursday to discuss plans to expand the system so it can serve the entire town.

Representatives of Andrew and Kuske of Shallotte, Houston and Associates of Shallotte and Boney and Associates of Raleigh attended the workshop.

Mrs. Williamson said the board probably will choose one of those

three firms at the April 9 town meeting.

The discussion last week was similar to talk at a Feb. 19 workshop when the board met with a half dozen engineering firms.

"We just got into a deeper discussion about some of the alternatives the town needs to look at," Mrs. Williamson said.

Ocean Isle officials are considering adding a holding pond at their sewer plant so wastewater could be stored until it could be applied to spray fields.

The town could use the holding pond in the summer to store excess wastewater, and then spray the wa-

ter in the fall when the tourists are gone and water usage slacks off.

Earlier this year, town officials were considering taking a lead role in establishing regional sewer facility that could serve more than just Ocean Isle Beach. But town leaders decided at their March 12 meeting to limit the expansion to serve the town only. The east end of the island is the only area that isn't served by the existing sewer system.

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