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COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN OF MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City met in CLOSED SESSION on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in the Municipal Auditorium, 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of attorney/client privilege as per G.S. 143.318.11 [a] [3] [5]. Those in attendance were: Mayor Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Councilmembers George W. Ballou, Paul W. Cordova, David Horton, John F. Nelson, Demus L. Thompson, City Manager R. Randy Martin, City Clerk Jeanne M. Giblin and City Attorney Nelson W. Taylor, III.

Discussion of Street/Alley Closings

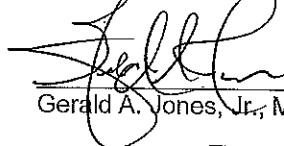
City Attorney Nelson Taylor advised the Council that the City owns a public easement, the right of the public to use the streets and alleys. By statute, cities have a way to close streets and alleys and it must be done the way the statute advises, that is by adopting a Resolution of Intent and then an Ordinance of Closure. The statute then states what automatically happens. The title to the middle of the street/alley then is acquired by each abutting property owner.

In the instance of Cherokee Partnership and the North Carolina Railroad Company [NCRR] and the end of Bridges Street, Cherokee and the NCRR have offered Morehead City improved public water access and parking improvements on their property in exchange for the closing of the right-of-way. There is nothing in the statutes that allows a municipality to sell a street or alley. Morehead City has previously adopted policies whereby an alley/street has been closed and moved for the convenience of the people in that specific block. Morehead City has never offered to close a street/alley for compensation.

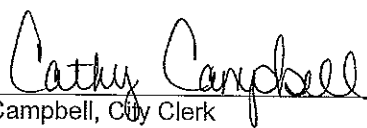
As a policy, Morehead City has wanted the public to continue to have access to the water.

Councilman Horton MOVED, seconded by Councilman Cordova, and carried unanimously, to return to OPEN SESSION.

TOWN OF MOREHEAD CITY


Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Manager

Attest:


Cathy Campbell, City Clerk

