

**MINUTES
CITY OF DUNN
DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The City Council of the City of Dunn held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dunn Municipal Building. Present was Mayor Oscar N. Harris, Mayor Pro Tem N. Carnell Robinson, Council Members Buddy Maness, Bryan Galbreath, Billy Tart and Chuck Turnage. Also present was City Manager Ronnie Autry, Public Works Director Billy Addison, Public Utilities Director Dean Gaster, City Planner Steven Neuschafer, Chief Building Inspector Mike Blackmon, Recreation Director Perry Hudson, Police Chief B.P. Jones, Police Captain Jimmy Pope, City Engineer Ed Powell, City Attorney P. Tilghman Pope, City Clerk Debra West, and Daily Record Reporter Reece Murphy.

Council Member Joey Tart was absent, excused.

INVOCATION

Mayor Harris opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked Council Member Maness to give the invocation. Afterwards the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, seconded by Council Member Maness to adopt the June 5, 2008 meeting agenda with changes, if any, as listed below.

Items Added to the Agenda:

- none

Agenda Items Removed:

- none

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Harris opened the floor for a (30) minute public comment period.

Hearing no comments, the Public Comment period was closed.

Mayor Harris opened public hearings at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**DEMOLITION OF HOUSE
305 N. WILMINGTON AVENUE**

Mayor Harris stated that the public has been notified that oral and written comments will be heard and received concerning the demolition of the dwelling owned by Charles Saunders, James Saunders, and Jessie Petrus and located at 305 N. Wilmington Avenue.

The public hearing was duly advertised on May 22, 2008 and May 29, 2008.

Mayor Harris summarized the *Unsafe buildings condemned statute*:

1. Inspection of property
2. Notification of hearing to owner(s) no more than ten days
3. Notification and order after hearing to repair or demolish within sixty days
4. Owners right to appeal (optional)
5. If no appeal, at the end of allotted time, take to Council to adopt ordinance authorizing inspection department to abate the violation.

Minimum Housing Code Statute:

1. Inspection of property
2. Notification of hearing to owner(s) no less than 10 days nor more than 30 days
3. Notification, findings of fact and order after hearing. To repair or demolish (90) days.
4. Owners right to appeal (optional)
5. If no appeal, at the end of allotted time, take to Council to adopt ordinance authorizing inspection department to abate the violation.

Mayor Harris asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this demolition.

Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

**DEMOLITION OF HOUSE
507 N. ELLIS AVENUE**

Mayor Harris stated that the public has been notified that oral and written comments will be heard and received concerning the demolition of the dwelling owned by Stanley S. Williams and located at 507 N. Ellis Avenue.

The public hearing was duly advertised on May 22, 2008 and May 29, 2008.

Mayor Harris asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this demolition.

Mr. Stanley Williams, 210 S. Magnolia Ave., Dunn, NC, owner of the property, requested an extension of time. Work has begun on the house and certain things were delayed. He needs more time to complete the repairs. Today, he spoke with Council Member Galbreath and shared with him that he had received a telephone call informing him that one of the council members said that the house was due to be demolished today. Also, workers who were there, said someone stopped by yesterday, and said the house would be demolished today. He was concerned that perhaps there had been a meeting that he did not know about. He hopes that this council, as a body, holds itself to a higher standard than the comments that were made. He added that work is being diligently done and he has spoken with the City Manager and Building Inspector. He stated that Mr. Galbreath has walked through the house, has seen what has been done, and what needs to be done. He again requested an extension.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Williams what progress had been made to the house to merit an extension. Mr. Williams responded that the bathroom has been renovated, walls have been repaired inside, renovations are continuing inside, and the outside is being repaired and renovated and it hasn't been completed.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Williams how much time he needed. Mr. Williams responded that 45 days would be sufficient.

Council Member Turnage asked Mr. Williams, if 45 days would bring the house to minimum housing standards or to a standard for someone to move in it at that time. Mr. Williams responded that his intent is not to rent the property to a family but to use it for something else; and it would be brought up to code with City standards.

Council Member Billy Tart asked Mr. Williams when he started working on the house. Mr. Williams responded that work began about 1 ½ months ago. Mr. Tart asked Mr. Williams if he notified the inspector that work was being done to the house at that time. Mr. Williams responded that someone else met with the inspector for him, because he was not in town at that time.

Mayor Harris stated that the hearing for this property was held on February 22, 2008 in the office of the chief building inspector with reference to this dwelling; noting this was a significant span of time advising Mr. Williams of the condition of this dwelling, without receiving a response.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Williams if building permits have been issued for the renovation of this house. Mr. Williams responded that he spoke with Mr. Blackmon. He added there are two parts of the renovation process that he plans to proceed with that he specifically mentioned that he needed permits for. That discussion was held today.

Council Member Galbreath asked Mr. Williams what two permits did he need. Mr. Williams responded to repair the floor in the porch area of the rear of the house and for the electrical work to be completed.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson stated that although the communication was not correct, he was on site at this property yesterday and what he actually said was that the property was scheduled for demolition on the agenda for tonight. Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Williams who has been contracted to do the renovation. Mr. Williams responded Michael Young is the contractor.

Council Member Billy Tart asked Mr. Williams if Michael Young has all the required building permits to remodel. Mr. Williams responded to the best of his knowledge, he does.

Council Member Galbreath stated that he would like to know if all the proper permits are in place. Attorney Pope stated that would be appropriate when the Council considers this issue during decision and not during the public hearing.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

**DEMOLITION OF HOUSE
709 E. PEARSALL STREET**

Mayor Harris stated that the public has been notified that oral and written comments will be heard and received concerning the demolition of the dwelling owned by Edward and Sharon Brinson and located at 709 E. Pearsall Street.

The public hearing was duly advertised on May 22, 2008 and May 29, 2008.

Mayor Harris asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this demolition.

Eddie Brinson, Elizabeth City, N.C., owner of the property, stated that he received a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Steven King, in reference to a disgruntled tenant that was evicted. Mr. King surveyed the property and advised him that the house only needed to be painted, roof replacement and other minor repairs. He lives out of town approximately three hours away. He was in an automobile accident on January 8, and he is still under a doctor's care. Since then, he and his daughter came down in May and met with Mr. King again and walked through the house. At that time, he asked Mr. King if the house was structurally unsafe to be inhabited and Mr. King responded no.

Mr. Brinson stated that he is a plumbing contractor in Elizabeth City and he does not know any local contractors that do this type of work. He has contacted Johnathan Johnson of Ideal Maintenance about the repairs (replacing the roof, windows, installing siding, etc.) and he has written a statement that he would be able to do this work. Mr. Brinson stated that when he and his daughter met with Mr. King in May, they asked him if they needed to start work and Mr. King advised them to wait and see what the City Council decided. He spoke with Mr. King on several occasions.

Mr. Brinson stated that he found out about the meeting tonight by a lady from the bank that called him and told him it was on the agenda.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Brinson what time line did Mr. Johnson give him to complete the repairs. Mr. Brinson responded that weather permitting, 60-90 days.

Mayor Harris stated that the hearing for this property was held on November 5, 2007 in the office of the chief building inspector. Mayor Harris asked Mr. Brinson if he appeared for this hearing. Mr. Brinson responded that he spoke with Mr. King by phone because he was told they could conduct the hearing via telephone. Mr. Brinson stated that when he received the first letter, he called Mr. King.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Brinson when he had his wreck. Mr. Brinson responded January 8, 2008. Mayor Harris stated this was subsequent to the hearing by the building inspector. Mayor Harris added that to date, Mr. Brinson has not done anything to comply with the order. Mr. Brinson stated that he met with Mr. King and he has secured a contractor to take care of everything.

Council Member Billy Tart asked Mr. Brinson if he secured the contractor today. Mr. Brinson responded that he talked to the contractor in person today, but he has been talking to him via phone for about a month.

In referring to the certified letters sent to Mr. Brinson, Council Member Tart asked Mr. Brinson if he was saying that he did not know the property was being condemned until today when he was notified by the bank. Mr. Brinson responded that is correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson asked Mr. Brinson how long has this property been vacant. Mr. Brinson responded that the tenant was evicted September 26, 2007; adding the tenant should not have been there when the inspection took place on October 12, 2007.

In referring to a certified mail signed receipt dated December 21, 2007, Council Member Maness asked Mr. Brinson if he is claiming that he had no knowledge of the condemnation. Mr. Brinson responded that he had no knowledge of condemnation. He added that he has not received a condemnation notice from Mr. King, only notice that repairs do not exceed 50% of the value of the structure.

Council Member Maness pointed out that Mr. Brinson received notice in October and then again in December. Mr. Brinson's accident was in January.

Mr. Brinson stated that it took some time to reach Mr. King, and he was trying to settle the estate of his late mother-in-law.

Council Member Galbreath stated that someone was living in the house in January, 2008. Mr. Brinson disagreed.

Shae Brinson, daughter of Mr. Brinson came forward. She stated that the tenant's eviction notice was on August 26, 2007 and her last date to even be at this location was September 26, 2007. Ms. Brinson stated that if the inspector came on the property in October, then he trespassed. She added that folks have broken into the property and if someone was in this house in January, they were not suppose to be.

Mr. Brinson asked for an extension to make the proper repairs.

Mayor Harris asked if there was anyone else present to speak for or against this demolition.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

**FISCAL YEAR
2008-2009 BUDGET**

Mayor Harris stated that the public has been notified that the City Council of the City of Dunn will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning approval of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget.

The public hearing was duly advertised on May 22, 2008.

Mayor Harris thanked the City Manager and department heads for their efforts in putting together the budget. Mayor Harris summarized highlights of the budget.

Mayor Harris asked if there was anyone present to speak about the proposed budget.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Harris closed public hearings and reconvened the regular agenda at 7:33 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson requested that Consent Item #12 Destruction of Records (Police Department) be pulled for further discussion.

The following consent items were approved:

#7 Minutes-Council considered approval of minutes of the May 1, 2008 Council meeting.

#8 Minutes-Council considered approval of minutes of the May 13, 2008 Special Call/Budget Work Session meeting.

#9 Minutes-Council considered approval of minutes of the May 22, 2008 Special Call/Budget Work Session meeting.

#10 Tax Releases/Refunds-Council considered approval of Tax Releases/Refunds #175 - #178. *Copies of Tax Releases/Refunds are filed in the office of the Tax Collector.*

#11 Budget Amendments-Council considered approval of Budget Amendments #14 (correction), and 17 - 27. *A copy of budget amendments #14 and 17 - 27 is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #1.*

Motion by Council Member Maness, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve all consent items. **Motion unanimously approved.**

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Destruction of Records (Police Department) (Pulled from consent agenda)

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson asked Chief Jones to explain the retention policy. Chief Jones stated that these particular records have exceeded the N.C. Retention schedule. Records such as murder investigations of serious crimes or felony cases are not destroyed. These records for destruction consist of log calls. In an effort to make room for more space, some of these records are 15 to 25 years old and have already exceeded the retention schedule. Manager Autry stated that the City exceeds the minimum requirement in retaining records.

#12 Destruction of Records (Police Department)- Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, seconded by Council Member Billy Tart to approve the destruction of records that have exceeded the required retention time pursuant to the Municipal Disposition Schedule. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A list of those records that have exceeded the required retention schedule and approved for destruction is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #2.*

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH HOUSE 305 N. WILMINGTON AVENUE

Mayor Harris entertained discussion and/or a motion with reference to this demolition.

Motion by Council Member Galbreath and seconded by Council Member Turnage to adopt the ordinance directing the Building Inspector to proceed with the demolition of the dwelling located at 305 N. Wilmington Avenue. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of this Ordinance (02008-06) Directing the Building Inspector to remove/demolish the structure located at 305 N. Wilmington Avenue is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #3.*

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO DEMOLISH HOUSE 507 N. ELLIS AVENUE

Mayor Harris entertained discussion and/or a motion with reference to this demolition.

Motion by Council Member Turnage and seconded by Council Member Maness to adopt the ordinance directing the Building Inspector to proceed with the demolition of the dwelling located at 507 N. Ellis Avenue.

Mayor Harris asked if there was further discussion or questions of the building inspector.

Council Member Galbreath asked Inspector Blackmon if this house can be rehabbed within 30-45 days and have the proper permits been obtained by Mr. Williams. Mr. Blackmon responded that the appropriate permits have not been obtained; adding that Mr. Williams was correct in his statement that he talked with him today about the permits. Mr. Blackmon stated that he stopped by today to see how the progress was going on the house. In response to rehabbing the house in 30-45 days, Mr. Blackmon stated that if you have the capabilities, the manpower and dollars to spend, then anything is possible.

Council Member Maness asked Mr. Blackmon if he went by the house today and did he go inside the house. He responded that he did go by the house, did not go in but looked inside the front door. Mr. Maness asked Mr. Blackmon if he observed anything inside the house. Mr. Blackmon responded that what he observed today and in the past, is it appears that some walls have been removed around the masonry chimney and supported by 4 x 4 posts. The ceiling appears to be sagging. Mr. Maness stated that he drives by the house everyday on his way to work and in viewing the photographs provided, there appears to be a tremendous amount of work to be done. Mr. Blackmon stated that from the pictures, it appears that the roof has been leaking over a period of time which is evident by some of the ceiling boards falling, the front porch has support problems and is sagging in the center, the plumbing would have to be completely replaced, and the wiring may be unsafe, the back porch is rotted. Over the last two to three weeks, Mr. Williams has had some individuals scraping the exterior paint, getting it ready to paint and in the last four to five days, he started painting the exterior of the house, and trimmed some bushes in the front yard.

Council Member Maness observed from the report, foundation damage, no electrical meter and plumbing issues as well. Mr. Blackmon stated that the plumbing and wiring is hanging, the meter has been removed from the meter base. He is not certain of the length of time the house has been sitting vacant. Mr. Blackmon recommended that Mr. Williams re-wire the entire house, and to add smoke detectors. Mr. Blackmon commented there was significant work to be done to this house.

Mr. Maness asked Mr. Blackmon how many times did Mr. Williams attempt to make contact with him over the last 90 days. Mr. Blackmon responded that Mr. Williams was notified via mail on February 14, 2008 that the house had been condemned and of a hearing scheduled for February 21, 2008. On February 22, 2008, a letter was sent to Mr. Williams advising him that a hearing was held with no attendance. Up to the week prior to April 21, 2008, he had no communication with Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams called him and Manager Autry the week prior to April 21, 2008 and asked for a meeting on April 21, 2008. On April 21, 2008, Mr. Williams was not able to attend for whatever reason and he sent Ms. Elizabeth Crudop to appear on his behalf. Shortly after April 21, 2008, the plywood was removed from the windows and there was evidence that it was being prepared to repaint.

Council Member Maness asked Mr. Blackmon if a repeal was requested. Mr. Blackmon responded no.

Council Member Maness asked Mr. Blackmon if he thought the outside painting would be the type of repairs that would need to be done before other major repairs such as structural issues, wiring and plumbing. Mr. Blackmon responded no, he would have addressed the structural issues.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Blackmon if he thought sufficient work had been done to merit an extension. Mr. Blackmon responded that structural damages should have been done first. Painting, removing of debris off the back porch and trimming bushes is all the work he has seen taking place.

Motion to demolish unanimously approved. *A copy of this Ordinance (02008-07) Directing the Building Inspector to remove/demolish the structure located at 507 N. Ellis Avenue is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #4.*

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE
TO DEMOLISH HOUSE
709 E. PEARSALL STREET**

Mayor Harris entertained discussion and/or a motion with reference to this demolition.

For clarification purposes, Mr. Blackmon stated that this dwelling has not been condemned. A minimum housing inspection was conducted in October, 2007 and an order to repair was issued December 19, 2007. Repairs must be made before the house can be inhabited and to date, those repairs have not been made.

Under the minimum housing ordinance, an owner is given 90 days unless they appeal that decision. Based on the letter sent to the owners, they were given 90 days. The 90 days would have expired in March or early April, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson asked Mr. Blackmon if there were extenuating circumstances that prohibited him from condemning this property and the time lapse. Mr. Blackmon responded that this was a complaint driven inspection by the former tenant. He explained that the lapse of time was attributed to man-power issues. Mr. Blackmon stated that this house has potential to be rehabbed, but the owner was given an order to repair and that order has not been followed through with.

Further discussion was held about the procedures followed, once the order to repair is issued. Property that is deteriorated such as this is different than a dilapidated structure which is more severe as the previous structures on the agenda. A dilapidated structure is given less time to bring up to code than a deteriorated structure.

Mr. Blackmon stated that deteriorated means the house can be repaired for less than 50% of the value of the house. Dilapidated means it cannot be repaired for less than 50% of the value of the house.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Blackmon if 60 days would be adequate to bring it up to standards. Mr. Blackmon responded that anything is possible with enough funding.

Mayor Harris asked Mr. Brinson if he agreed to a 60 day extension with a progress report on a weekly basis. Mr. Brinson agreed.

Motion by Council Member Galbreath and seconded by Council Member Turnage to grant Mr. Brinson an extension that repairs must be complete in 60 days with weekly progress reports and a certificate of occupancy issued and if not complete, the ordinance will be brought back to the council for consideration. **Motion unanimously approved.**

ADOPTION OF FY 2008-2009 BUDGET

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, seconded by Council Member Maness to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget as presented (to include the budget ordinance, certain planning/zoning fees, rental housing inspection fee and cemetery lot transfer fee). **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of FY 08-09 budget ordinance (O2008-08) along with the increased fee schedules is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #5.*

Mayor Harris again thanked the Manager and department heads in putting this budget together and he thanked the commitment and time given by the City Council in their deliberations.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LAND CONVEYANCE

Manager Autry explained that the City Council is being asked to consider a resolution conveying a 50' x 140' parcel of property containing .17 acres, more or less and located at 704 S. Fayetteville Avenue to Habitat for Humanity of Harnett County, Inc.

The City is authorized to convey real property to a not for profit corporation which carries out a public purpose.

Once approved, a 10-day publishing notice of the proposed action must take place prior to the disposal of the property.

Motion by Council Member Maness, seconded by Council Member Turnage to adopt a resolution to convey the property at 704 S. Fayetteville Avenue after due notice and advertisement as required by law to Habitat for Humanity of Harnett County, Inc. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of Resolution (R2008-09) conveying the property at 704 S. Fayetteville Avenue to Habitat for Humanity of Harnett County, Inc. is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #6.*

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS
TO DUNN EMERGENCY SERVICES**

On April 10, 2008, the City Council approved the Contract and Agreement for the Creation of Dunn Emergency Services, Inc.

As part of the contract, under Item (2) **Reorganization of Dunn Rescue Squad, Inc. to form Dunn Emergency Services, Inc.**, Section C. states that the Board of Directors shall amend the by-laws of DRS to provide that immediately after the consolidation of the Dunn Fire Department (DFD) with the DRS, that the DES will be governed by a Board of Directors that shall consist of seven (7) members. The by-laws shall specify that the initial members of the Board of Directors of DES shall be appointed or chosen as follows: (i) the current DRS Board of Directors shall appoint two (2) members; (ii) the City Council for the City shall appoint two (2) members; (iii) the Averasboro Fire District Board of Advisors shall appoint two (2) members; and (iv) the volunteers of the consolidated DFD and DRS shall elect one (1) of their members as a member to the Board of Directors.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, seconded by Council Member Turnage to appoint Mr. Eddie Draughon and Mr. Arvle Tart to Dunn Emergency Services Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2008.

Mayor Harris asked if there was further discussion.

Council Member Galbreath stated that he is not opposed to the two individuals that were proposed, but he feels the process was not correct. He was first informed that Council Member Turnage along with himself would be making the recommendations and then he was informed that all the Council would be submitting names and then he received a phone call yesterday informing him of the individuals selected. He is not comfortable with voting on this and for that reason he would like to abstain on voting on this issue. Mayor Harris stated that the process is the wishes of the council. He added that he did ask Council Member Galbreath and Turnage to make some recommendations but he did not mean to delineate any other council members from making recommendations.

Motion unanimously carried.

**Clerks Note: NCGS§ 160A-75. states that no member shall be excused from voting except upon matters involving the consideration of the member's own financial interest or official conduct or on matters on which the member is prohibited from voting under G.S. 14-234, 160A-381(d), or 160A-388(e1). In all other cases, a failure to vote by a member who is physically present in the council chamber, or who has withdrawn without being excused by a majority vote of the remaining members present, shall be recorded as an affirmative vote.*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Harris asked that the board appointments be deferred to the July 8, 2008 meeting with the exception of the Dunn Housing Authority which is a Mayoral appointment.

Dunn Housing Authority- Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Harris re-appointed Charles McNeill as tenant representative with a term ending June 30, 2009.

Mayor Harris appointed Eric Sinclair to the Dunn Housing Authority with a term ending June 30, 2013.

Mayor Harris asked that the entire council apply their contacts with reference to filling the other vacancies on the boards and bring forth recommendations. He stressed the importance of the advisory boards.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, seconded by Council Member Maness to table the remaining board appointments until the July 8, 2008 council meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION
REVISING THE 2008 REGULAR
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE
CITY OF DUNN CITY COUNCIL**

At the May 1, 2008 Council meeting, it was unanimously approved to change the regular City Council meeting date from the first Thursday of each month to the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. effective July 8, 2008.

Attached for Council consideration, is a resolution revising the 2008 regular meeting schedule. Please note that the second Tuesday in November is a holiday (Veterans Day) and the first Tuesday is Election Day; therefore, it is proposed that the Council meet on the first Thursday in the month of November.

Motion by Council Member Billy Tart, seconded by Council Member Turnage to adopt the resolution revising the 2008 regular meeting schedule for the City of Dunn City Council. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of Resolution (R2008-10) revising the regular meeting schedule is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #7.*

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
AND/OR DECISION**

**CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT A
GRANT APPLICATION
H & H PRODUCTS**

Motion by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Maness, to authorize Mayor Oscar N. Harris, on behalf of the City of Dunn, to execute the resolution by governing body of the applicant related to NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grants Program for H & H Products and to submit the application referenced therein, but subject to the condition that if such grant is awarded, that certain conditions and agreements must be reached between the City of Dunn and H & H Products prior to acceptance of the grant to the satisfaction of the City Council. **Motion unanimously approved.** *A copy of Authorizing Resolution (R2008-11) to file an application with the Rural Center for a NC Building Restoration and Reuse Grant on behalf of H & H Products is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #8.*

**CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL
4-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE
INTERSECTION OF E. MORRIS CIRCLE
AND COLE STREET**

Mayor Harris asked that this issue be deferred to the safety committee within the Police Department. Mayor Harris asked Council Member Turnage if he concurred that this issue be studied further.

Mr. Turnage stated that during the early morning, he has a concern that this area is being used as a by-pass to get from the north side of Dunn to the west side of Dunn. There are a lot of walkers during this time. This is a 35 mph speed zone and he would like to see it reduced to 25 mph in this residential area.

With Council consensus, the Mayor requested that this item be deferred to the Safety committee of the Police Department with the Chief of Police serving as Chairman.

**TABLED ITEM
MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL
MS-01-07 WITH VARIANCE REQUEST
PIN #1516-07-7694.000
100 PECAN LANE
(Ref. November, 2007)**

A motion was made by Council Member Turnage to remove from the table, Minor Subdivision Plat Approval MS-01-07 with Variance Request – PIN #1516-07-7694.000 (William and Patsy Powell - 100 Pecan Lane) for placement on the July 8, 2008 agenda for Decision. **Motion died for lack of second.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Motion by Council Member Galbreath, seconded by Council Member Billy Tart to accept the Administrative Reports. **Motion unanimously approved.**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Council Member Turnage invited all veterans to the veterans breakfast on June 7, 2008, hosted by the America Legion Post 59 beginning at 8:00 a.m. He thanked Manager Autry for the recent lighting installed to illuminate the flag in front of City Hall and for his expert work on the budget preparation. Mr. Turnage reported that he participated in Town Hall Day and met with Senator Harris Blake about various issues such as BRAC.

Council Member Maness thanked all the city employees and citizens of Dunn that participated in the annual clean-up day.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson stated that he also attended Town Hall day yesterday and it was an informative day. He congratulated the upcoming graduates and he encouraged them to continue to work and live in the City of Dunn.

Council Member Galbreath congratulated the class of 2008 graduates. He thanked Recreation Director Perry Hudson and the parks and recreation department for repairing the bathrooms at Codrington Park. An additional list of items will be forthcoming to the Recreation Department.

Mr. Galbreath asked that the City Manager, Building Inspector and City Attorney Pope address the issue of the property located in the 700 Block of E. Divine Street, which has been in disarray for years. He along with Mayor Harris and Mayor Pro Tem Robinson looked at this property. It is now time to clean up this area. Car fluids are being dumped there, and this property needs to be cleaned up and he asked that immediate work begin to clean up this area.

Manager Autry thanked the council for their deliberations during the budget process. This budget is a step forward in retaining good employees and he is grateful to the council. He thanked the city employees and department heads for the job they do for the City of Dunn.

Mayor Harris reported that the McKay House has been sold while retaining 20 feet of land for the library. The City has received a check for \$25,425.00.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Tart and seconded by Council Member Turnage to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Oscar N. Harris
Mayor

Attest:

Debra G. West
City Clerk