



**Minutes**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council – Work Session**  
**Thursday, November 17, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

**Members Present:** Mayor A. B. Cooper, III; Mayor Pro Tem Danny Navey; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, Ann Batt, Eddie Briley, and John Rivers

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Arrington Moore, Management Assistant; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Bobby Partusch, Assistant Public Works Director; and Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

### **Presentation from Duke Energy Concerning Service In The Aftermath Of Hurricane Matthew**

Representatives from Duke Energy, Millie Chalk, District Manager; Tim Mills, Area Manager, Transmission; Gray Thompson, Account Executive; and Nick Norris, Supervisor for Transmission, were present to report to Council the issues and explain the lack of service after Hurricane Matthew.

Hurricane Matthew impacted Atlantic Beach overnight on Saturday, October 8. The entire Duke Energy service area of Atlantic Beach was without power from Sunday at 6:30 a.m. (after the storm) until Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Chalk reports that 1.4 million Duke Energy NC customers were without power at some point due to Hurricane Matthew, about 50% of the eastern region Duke Energy Progress customers were affected. 60 transmission lines and 115 substations were without power. This was the fifth worst storm in terms of outage numbers (only two ice storms and Hurricanes Hugo and Floyd were worse). They utilized 10,500 off-system crews from as far away as Nebraska and Canada and a total of six helicopters for aerial inspections of transmission lines. Flooding immediately affected their ability to move crews around. The Goldsboro operations office flooded and was evacuated. I-40/I-95 was closed for 1.5 days, US-70 and NC-24 closed corridors limiting the ability to move crews.

Atlantic Beach has a direct feed, which 95% of the time is a good plan, from the Wildwood substation in Morehead City. It is the only feed on the line. On Sunday afternoon they were able to get a helicopter to fly the area and on Monday morning identified the problem as an insulator failure on the west end of Morehead City. Areas in other parts of the state were affected terribly, causing repair to Atlantic Beach to take longer.

The Duke Energy website indicated the Town would not receive power for almost three weeks. Duke Energy understands the Town's feelings and position and is evaluating the situation to form a policy for better informing the Town and the public of the restoration timeframe.

Duke Energy is negotiating with Carteret Craven Electric Co-op, which services some of western Atlantic Beach and Pine Knoll Shores, to add equipment allowing Atlantic Beach to interconnect with Carteret Craven Electric Co-op in case of emergency.

Mr. Walker commented that Duke Energy was very responsive to his calls. He understands the hard work the crews have. He also understands this is a cooperate embarrassment and Duke will do everything they can to rectify the problems.

### Summary of Bids Received For Town Park Expansion Project

On November 16, we received three bids. Primus Contracting Inc. was the apparent low bidder. Their current low bid is \$37,000 lower than their original bid received on October 19. We will present the Primus Contracting Inc. bid at the November 28 Council meeting for approval. We are recommending an alternate to use PVC plumbing instead of copper for a savings of \$1,800. This is expected to be a 150 day project to be completed by May 1. Expenditures to date are:

Phase I	\$889,042	
Phase II	624,400	
Cameras	18,000	
Engineering/Contingency	30,000	
TOTAL	\$1,561,447	
	-600,000	County
	-125,000	Pepsi
	-65,000	Big Rock
Atlantic Beach	\$771,447	49.4%

### Mayor Council Comments / Advisory to Staff

None.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 9:54 a.m.

These minutes were approved at the December 19, 2016 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)

  
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

  
A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor