

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Special Session on September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pearisburg Town Hall. Present for the Meeting were: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Munsey, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Eaton, and Clark; Town Manager Vittum; Assistant Town Clerk Hazelwood and Recreation Director Myers. Also present was Marilyn Shafer, Gladys Lucas, Judy Stafford, Janice Hollar, Timothy M. Hollar, John Givens, Russell Davis, Gail Davis, Harold Price, Ann Price, Ruth Blevins, Barbara Rushbrooke and George Psathas Pearisburg Red Devils; Chris Venable, Lenore Ervin Spectrum Design; and Butch Mullins, Virginian Leader.

Mayor Dickerson called the meeting to order. He introduced Chris Venable and Lenore Ervin and explained to the audience that they were here to give a presentation.

Venable presented each Council Member with handouts showing options for the Community Center Renovation Project and his presentation was based upon that. Also distributed to Council members was the compiled statistics from the survey they had completed earlier.

After the presentation, Eaton asked about how the kitchen floor would transition to the new ballroom space in the auditorium. Venable stated that they would use ramping or raise the floor. Munsey asked if tax credits were a guarantee. Venable said that they were not a guarantee. He stated that it could be more difficult to get the tax credit because the building was outside of the historic district. He also stated that the age of the building made it a possibility. He said that we would not know about the tax credits until the Department of the Treasury put their stamp on it.

Munsey asked how it would work if we decided to do the renovations in sections such as doing the plumbing then electrical. Lenore stated that we would have to do it by space. It would have to be done as a completed section not just a piece of a section. Munsey asked if work in its entirety had to be completed in order to get the tax credit. Ervin stated no but the section has to be completed to the Department of the Interior standards. Venable stated that once you had gotten tax credit on a section that you could not go back to get additional credits on that same section. Journell asked if you could phase the work. Ervin stated that you could but you would not get the money back until the work is 100% complete. Venable stated that once the building had been approved that the work was confined to the defined spaces.

Venable stated that people normally wanted to purchase the tax credits at the start of the year and schedule completion of work for the fall. Venable stated that he did not see an end to the program but it is a government program that has to be renewed each year. If pieces of the building were done and not the entire project, he couldn't guarantee the funding. Ervin stated that constructions loans have been more difficult to get over the past five years. If we completed the project in a timely manner we would be able to collect the tax credits quicker. It is always a risk that the federal government could cancel the program. Ervin stated that there was a time frame to complete the project. She thought it was 36 months but would check on that and get back with that information.

Ervin stated that it could take some time to get the Community Center on the Historic Registry and that the support of the Red Devils could be utilized there. She stated that we shouldn't proceed to far into the plans until we know that the building can be registered.

Dickerson thanked Venable and Ervin for the presentation .

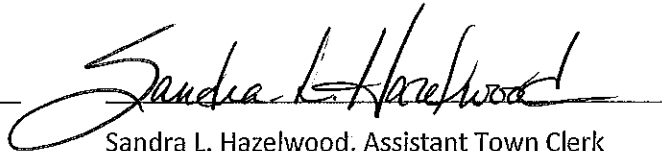
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Mayor Robert L. Dickerson



Sandra L. Hazelwood, Assistant Town Clerk