

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on September 9, 2014 at 7:30 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; Town Attorney Hartley; Chief Martin and Town Clerk Harless. Also present was Erma Higgs, Harold and Ann Price, Barbara Rushbrooke and Ruth Blevins citizens and Butch Mullins, Virginian Leader.

Councilman Munsey led the pledge of allegiance.

Williams made a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 Regular Council minutes. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Munsey, Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Erma Higgs of 1500 Cabot Drive addressed Council at this time. She stated that she was sick of looking at the building below the hill. She was referring to 7-Day Market. She felt that the Town should not house a burnt out building and junk yard. She had company in this past week and they could not believe what was in their hometown of Pearisburg. She has spoken with other neighbors and they want something done about it quickly. Council thanked Ms. Higgs for her concern.

Council approved the following Consent Items and Reports: Police, Finance, Library, Recreation, Building Permit, Manager, Water and Fire for August 2014.

Harrell reported on the Public Safety Committee. She stated that Paul Vinson is off work with an injury and Adam Burton will be off soon due to a medical issue. Police Department has a vehicle with a failing engine. It will probably be removed from service soon. There were no recommendations.

Munsey reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. The Committee reviewed a design layout for the boat landing at Whitt-Riverbend Park. The Recreation Director reported on the upcoming programs which include: K-3rd Basketball and Flag Football and Men's Fall Softball League. National Pool is scheduled to complete closing of the pool for the winter this week.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve the Whitt-Riverbend Park Boat Landing layout from Mark Cline with the only changes being the fence relocation constructed with wood posts and heavy duty fencing and the addition of a SST bathroom facility (unisex) adjacent to the existing parking area. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson,

Munsey, Williams, Eaton, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. A purchase in the Recreation Department was questioned and the recreation line item will be corrected by staff. They discussed the Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax publication list and asked that the list be published October 1 as it stands on September 30.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve abatement of 2013 Personal Property Tax in the amount of \$57.46 to Shalane Terry as this individual was not a resident of the Town of Pearisburg on January 1 of the tax year. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson, Munsey, Williams, Eaton, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve a Business Assistance Grant to Troy Williams Business in the amount of \$1,000. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson, Munsey, Williams, Eaton, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Nick Clark addressed Council concerning the Parade Permit Application submitted to hold a 5K. He stated that he would like to close the street for inflatable childrens entertainment and the sign up table. He indicated that Run About Sports will be bringing cones to block off areas and intersections. Mayor Dickerson asked how many participants he expected. Clark stated that his goal was 100 participants. Mayor asked Clark to tell the participants at the beginning of the race to stay on the sidewalk. Clark indicated he would like to have one lane of traffic for the first 15 minutes on Wenonah Avenue. Vittum stated that the Town has orange vests for the volunteers at intersections that will direct traffic. Munsey asked if he had enough volunteers to direct the participants. Clark stated that if they did not they would have some signs posted. He feels that have a sufficient amount of volunteers. Harrell asked about what time the event would be over. Clark said it would begin to wrap up around 9:50, then they plan to do a small kids thing and it should be over and off the street by 10:30. Vittum suggested Clark get with Chief Martin about the exact route. There were no more questions from Council.

Williams reported on the Public Works Committee. The water loss for July was 29.59%. The Committee made a recommendation to install a removable speed bump on Gale Road and signage warning of speed bump. Eaton asked about the cost. Vittum said that the estimated cost is \$750 to \$1,000 for a speed bump. Council discussed moving the speed bump to other areas in town. Williams said that the person that wants this is willing to pay for the speed bump, but he needs to make her aware it would be moved around. Council tabled any decision at this time.

There was no new business to discuss under the Public Service Authority, NRV Planning District Commission or Giles County Board of Supervisors.

Vittum updated Council on the Community Center. He stated that Spectrum has new information on options and cost estimates. Unfortunately, they were not able to come to the meeting tonight to discuss the matter. Council needs to decide if they want to wait until October or have it sooner. Munsey feels we need to schedule something.

Mr. Price asked who Spectrum was and Vittum explained that they were an architectural firm. They volunteered to give us some information and discuss potential use of tax credit financing at no cost. Vittum stated that the Town is not under contract at this time with Spectrum. They have just stepped forward to help us in our decision making process.

Vittum briefed Council on the Planning Project. There is a student from the Design Build Center at Virginia Tech doing their thesis. The student's thesis project will be looking at revitalization efforts and potential for developing farmers/product market. She will be working with us to develop that and information will be brought to Council to discuss it further.

Vittum reported on the Farm to Fork Program and stated that the Town had 12 classes. They have been very popular and successful. The classes have operated in the black. An AT Guidebook will be published on the AT website. They are trying to link it to the Chamber, Town and County websites. The realty offices think this would be a good marketing tool. Staff is currently trying to get a price on printing a certain number to have ready for that project. The first official gathering of material for the river sculpture has taken place. The Arts Council has picked their items and we are storing them at the Town Shop. They are waiting to see what artists want to do the sculpture.

Council discussed the vacancies for the Recreation Advisory Board and the Finance Committee.

Munsey made a motion to approve Parade Permit Applications submitted for a 5K by Pearisburg Eye Associates and the Homecoming Parade for GHS. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson, Munsey, Williams, Journell, Harrell and Clark. Abstaining Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Vittum reported that Staff had met with CHA on September 2nd and saw the presentation they gave to the PSA. CHA will be revising some of their comments to reflect concerns that were brought up. They plan to come to the October Council meeting to do a presentation. Vittum stated that charts were presented on transferring all personnel and equipment. The Town uses personnel and equipment for other items in our Street Department. The current debt was reviewed. Debt is not being covered out of the water revenue in the current County budget. The numbers they gave us would create over \$100,000 deficit to be covered out of General Fund or Sewer Revenue and then they were showing an initial cost of over \$8.00 as opposed to current cost of \$5.79. Staff is not close to being able to recommend this project. The immediate question is how do you cover the deficits. We have asked CHA to review numbers and factor in the concerns. Their intent is to come to Council and do a full presentation so we would be up-to-date. CHA is hired by the PSA. They are just asking localities for their information and then coming to each entity to do presentations. They are looking at seeing if all localities have the same concerns. Munsey has seen the presentation several times. His question is what it would cost the customer. Hopefully they will have the information and present it accordingly. Vittum stated that projection of 20 years is hard to predict accurately. Munsey told Council it would be worth it to hear the presentation.

Vittum reported on the Dogwood Farm Plan Revision for Lot #4. The County submitted a revised plan. They will need to do a lot line adjustment for the residential piece. The other item we compared was the supplemental chart. They made changes on the other lots. This triggered Planning Commission and Council review. He suggests they do a new plat with all the proposed lots and what will be placed on the lot to make sure the space is sufficient. If you approve the plat it becomes the standard. He said Chris McKlarney may decide to pull out information. The changes for Lot No. 4 are showing the locations of the buildings and the parking. He said it should not be a major issue and it

would not be real complicated to adjust boundaries. He will know more after he meets with Chris McKlarney. Mayor asked if Council had any other comments. Vittum stated it would go to Planning Commission this month.

Harrell made a motion to approve a Resolution for the November Council Meeting date change. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson, Munsey, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Eaton and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

RESOLUTION

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEARISBURG TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE PEARISBURG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 112 TAZEWELL STREET, PEARSIBURG, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Town of Pearisburg Town Council desires to hold their regular scheduled meeting for the month of November at an earlier time due to Veterans Day; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Council agrees to hold the November Regular Meeting on November 10, 2014.

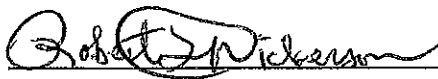
Motion made by Council Member Harrell, and seconded by Council Member Munsey, with the following votes recorded.

YES: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton

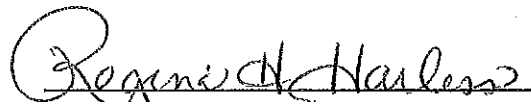
NO: None

Adopted this 9th day of September 2014.

APPROVED:


Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

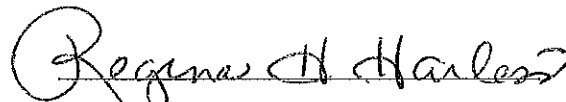
The Committee Meetings for October will be the Thursday before Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:


Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

