

Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on May 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pearisburg Municipal Building Council Chambers. Present for the meeting was Mayor Robert L. Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Member Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton; Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Vittum; Town Engineer Tawney; Police Chief Martin; and Town Clerk Harless. Also present was Nikki Pynn, citizen and TJ Atkins, Virginian Leader.

Williams made a motion that the Regular April 14, 2015 Minutes be approved. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Nikki Pynn representative for LoCo Arts and Giles Arts Council addressed Council regarding the murals to be placed on the PATS Building is being submitted. She stated that the Arts Council did not like the earlier design that had been chosen and rejected it. Pynn presented a new proposal for the windows and doors on the PATS Building. Pynn stated that she liked this design because it reflects what is happening in the park on the other side of the building. Council likes the idea of using sign board.

Munsey asked how the Arts Council chose the artist who gets to paint the mural. Vittum stated that the Giles Arts Council put out a call for artists. Pynn was not sure who had made the original decision but the current members were not involved and wanted to be a part of the grant process in choosing the mural. The Arts Council placed a call for artists by advertising.

Pynn stated that they are ready to move ahead and paint the murals once they have MDO Sign Board (Medium Density Overlay). Eaton asked Pynn if there was any prep work needed prior to the murals being painted. Pynn suggested that staff make sure there were no rotting boards and replace some loose shingles on the building. Tawney asked about some type of protective covering on the murals when they were finished. Pynn stated that a type of sealer will be put on them to protect them from flaking and graffiti.

Vittum stated that he has been working with Chris Sterling of VCDC about repairing the downspout on the Woodrum Manor building which is damaging the mural on the side of the building.

Williams made a motion to rescind Councils earlier choice on the murals for the PATS Building. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Clark made a motion to approve the artist design for the PATS Building that was presented to Council tonight by Nikki Pynn. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council approved the following Consent Items and Reports: Police, Finance, Recreation, Building Permit, Manager, Water and Fire for April 2015.

Harrell reported on the Public Safety Committee. The Fire Department Open House and 70th Anniversary is July 18. Stump will be getting T-shirts made up. The Committee looked at the current fees for rental of the community room. An email was received commending the fire department for efforts to fight a fire on Stoney Creek. Harrell stated that when Town Officers have Transports for Mental Health Patients the cost to transport is the responsibility of the town. There were no recommendations.

Clark asked what happened to the door at the fire department. Vittum stated that the door hit a truck and the door was damaged. We are applying for a Safety Grant that will put in an air operated safety device. Clark asked if the door could still be used. Vittum stated that some temporary repairs were made. This incident was filed with insurance.

Munsey reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. He stated that VDOT has problems with the parking at Whitt-Riverbend Boat Landing. We need to re-work the plan to get it off of VDOT's Right-Of-Way or relocate the end of VDOT's state maintenance. VDOT informed McKlarney that the Bluff City Boat Ramp has some problems that need to be addressed.

Vittum stated that Council should discuss work at Whitt-Riverbend Park area. The work will begin as soon as Bluff City is completed. In reviewing the plans VDOT does not want parking on VDOT Right-Of-Way. The parking needs to be moved beyond the gate or VDOT needs to abandon the 500 feet of Right-Of-Way so the boat launch would be on Town property

and not VDOT. Vittum felt it might be easiest to abandon the property. He stated that our existing parking is on VDOT Right-Of-Way. Now that VDOT has seen the plans for the boat launch they do not want parking on the Right-Of-Way.

Clark asked if VDOT would continue to maintain the road. Vittum stated that the Town had done the paving of the parking lot. He stated that VDOT would not continue to maintain the parking area after abandonment. Eaton asked if we had already moved the gate. Vittum stated that we had not moved it yet but were planning to move it back about 200 feet.

Williams asked if the gate would be close to the picnic shelter. Vittum felt the new location would not present a problem. Vittum stated that the design was approved a few months ago.

Williams made a motion to authorize staff to work with VDOT to abandon the Right-Of-Way to where the pavement starts. Munsey seconded. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Eaton asked about the results of ASSA ABLOY visiting the Community Center and looking at changing the locks and having a key system that would be tiered. Staff reported that the estimated cost is between \$5,000 to \$6,000 to re-key the building.

Eaton and Clark requested that the Status Report on Property Conditions go in the Council packets.

Clark asked if Council needed to go into Executive Session in order to discuss 7-Day Market building. Hartley stated that Council could discuss it now if they desired since there was nothing confidential. Clark asked if a letter could go to Mr. Patel asking him to give us an update on what is happening to prove he is telling the truth on how things are progressing and if what he is telling staff is actually what is taking place. Hartley stated that normally an insurance company makes a claim fairly quick. The insurance company can not release its decisions for the property until investigation is complete. He stated that the Town would need to ask Mr. Patel to give release from his insurance to release information to the Town. He stated that if Mr. Patel has a mortgage payment it is very likely he has insurance. If there is insurance, the mortgage company or the bank will let him redo the loan where he can rebuild the business. Hartley stated that ultimately the Town has the authority to condemn the

property and the cost to fix it up by the Town will be a lien against the property. The underground storage tanks need to be considered. Hartley stated that Rodney Wilson had talked to other localities with similar experience and got their advice which was to be patient. Clark stated that it had been a year and half. Hartley stated that there could be another issue if the bank has not foreclosed they may not want to take possession. Eaton inquired about a Mechanics Lien. Eaton asked if it would go in front of the mortgage or would it come first. Hartley stated that was a good question and he would need to look into that. He stated that the Town would need to be ahead of the mortgage. The real estate taxes are ahead of the mortgage. Eaton asked about a plat of the business property and residential home. She asked if it was owned by the same person. Staff would need to research this further.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. Vittum stated that staff only placed a limited number of DMV Stops the first time to make sure the system was working correctly. The Committee noted that staff efforts had resulted in over \$5100 in revenue since collection efforts started. They discussed the progress on the budget. The Public Hearing is set for June 9th.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve refund of Real Estate Taxes for Disabled Veteran's in the amount of \$695.16 as shown below:

Disabled Veterans Tax Relief Real Estate Tax Refunds

APRIL 2015

Name	Tax Map Number	Year	Refund Amount
James M Burton	40A -3-5	2014	\$ 130.98
James M Burton	40A -3-6	2014	\$ 23.25
		TOTAL	\$ 154.23
Richard Eugene Doyle	40D 2 42	2013	\$ 279.00
Richard Eugene Doyle	40D 2 42	2014	\$ 261.93
		TOTAL	\$ 540.93
GRAND TOTAL REFUNDS			\$ 695.16

Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve a Small Business Assistance Grant of \$1,250.00 to Ann Wheeler to help with paving the parking lot for Pearis Mercantile with funds being paid out of the FY 16 Budget after July 1st. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Full Council discussed the request for payment from the Smith's on their Small Business Grant for \$500. The work has been completed but the scope of the work had a slight change. All the windows were replaced and 3 doors instead of 5 doors. The replacement costs were more than anticipated, therefore all 5 doors could not be replaced as first presented.

Williams made a motion to approve awarding the \$500 for the Business Incentive Grant to the Smiths. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Williams reported on the Public Works Committee. He stated that the water loss for March was 40.98%. The Committee discussed the upcoming paving for the Town and the Bluff City and Whitt-Riverbend Park Boat Ramps.

The Committee made a recommendation to approve the bid from Virginia Asphalt Paving LLC at \$109.00 a ton for FY 15 Paving. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Eaton asked if the rate has been about the same the past few years. Tawney stated that we currently pay \$70 a ton just to pick it up. Munsey asked if staff had contacted the PSA to help us with water loss. Tawney had spoken with Kevin Belcher about water loss.

Vittum updated Council on the Community Center Renovations. The paint in the kitchen was refreshed. Wilson has ordered the pipe for the hallway. Once it comes in it will be installed and tested and then we will start on the ramp.

Vittum briefed Council on the Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant. He stated that Council has the report before them and no action was needed at this time.

Williams made a motion to approve the Parade Permit for the Bible Bus Parade. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Harrell made a motion to approve and accept the Resolution to Paint Pearisburg Purple in June. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

RESOLUTION

Help Giles County Relay Teams Paint Pearisburg Purple

In an effort to raise Cancer Awareness,

We are asking permission to display purple bows

On the street poles for the month of June.

We are also asking businesses to display purple

In their windows and storefronts.

Our Relay Committee will help with this decoration.

Giles County Relay Committee has permission to decorate

The streets of Pearisburg purple during the month of June.

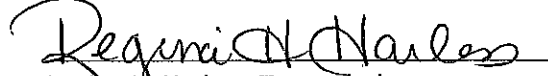
Approved this 12th day of May 2015.

APPROVED:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

Williams made a motion that the Town donate \$100 to the Town Relay for Life Team. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council decided to have a planning session on May 30th at 10:30 a.m. after the Ribbon Cutting at the Farmers Market.

On a motion by Williams, seconded by Munsey, passed by the following recorded vote, Mayor Dickerson, yes; Council Members Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Munsey, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council went into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion, consideration or interviews of candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the Town of Pearisburg – Town Manager; Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7), for consultation with legal counsel, and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely effect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Town; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Town regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; and as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(29), for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the Town.


On a motion by Williams, seconded by Munsey, passed by the following recorded vote, Mayor Dickerson, yes; Council Members Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Munsey, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council returned to regular session.

On a motion by Clark, seconded the Journell, and passed by the following recorded vote, Mayor Dickerson, yes; Council Members Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Munsey, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council certified that the subject discussed in this Executive Session was the subject identified in the motion to go into Executive Session and only that subject, and that Council discussed no other subject while in Executive Session.

Clark made a motion to increase the Town Manager salary for FY15-16 by \$1,000. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

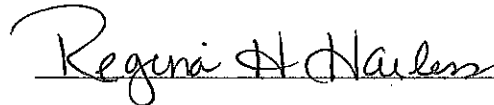
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk