

Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pearisburg Fire Department. Present for the meeting was Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard; Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Meredith; Assistant Town Clerk Hazelwood; Police Chief Martin, and Town Engineer Tawney. Also present was David Martin, Virginian Leader; Charlie Henderson, Scott Moye, Jeff Morris and Natalie Thwaites, citizens.

Harrell made a motion to approve and accept the Regular May 9, 2017 Council Minutes. Ballard seconded the motion. Voting yes: Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Vice-Mayor Eaton opened the Public Hearing on the Town of Pearisburg Annual Budget 2017-2018. Hearing no comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Clark reported on the Public Safety Committee. Clark reported that there was an item the committee deferred to full council and asked Meredith to discuss it. Meredith stated that a fireman had a pair of glasses broken while on-duty. Chief Stump had asked if the town would pay to replace them. Meredith stated that the replacement cost was approximately \$200. Ballard asked Chief Martin how reimbursement for personal property was addressed in the Police Department. Martin stated that the department paid for it and then it was submitted for restitution with the court. Eaton asked if we reimbursed the entire amount or the balance after the fireman had filed with their personal insurance. Meredith stated that the town had purchased glasses in September 2015 for a fireman. Ballard stated that we needed to be consistent. Hartley stated that the Council should adopt a policy to reimburse for personal property lost in the line of duty after employee or volunteer insurance had been billed and that the town manager could reimburse up to \$500 without a council vote.

Ballard made the motion that Council adopt a policy to reimburse for personal property lost in the line of duty after employee or volunteer insurance had been billed and that the town manager could reimburse up to \$500 without a council vote. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Journell reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. Recreation Director Martin was commended for all her hard work. She reported that the trustees were scheduled to start demolition on the concrete steps on the west entrance on June 19th, weather permitting. Journell stated that two dwellings in town had been found unfit for habitation and that Wilson was working with the property owners to correct the issues.

Harrell reported on the Finance Committee. She stated that a corrected copy of the special accounts had been given to everyone to review.

Eaton reported on the Public Works Committee. The water loss for April was 36.57%. She reported that leak detection was still being done by staff at night. She stated that the Troy Williams project was going well. Tawney had found a wet weather spring at the property and that there was no chlorine in the water when tested. No leak was detected there. The Macy parking lot project has started and the town is assisting in hauling dirt to the site.

Clark reported on the Farmers Market Sub-Committee. She stated that the Market was averaging nine vendors per day and that the Children's Art at the Market program was well attended. She stated that feedback from citizens and vendors had been very positive.

Meredith presented the Lease Agreement with New River Community Action, Inc.

Williams made a motion to approve the lease agreement with New River Community Action, Inc. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Meredith asked council to award the balance of \$2,870 to the Giles Arts Council. This would be applied to repair of the mural on the Ingram Building on S. Main Street. Meredith stated that he had contacted the owner and that she was in favor of moving forward with mural. Hartley asked if we had a license agreement or an easement that would run with the property for the town to make future repairs. Clark stated that she was uneasy putting money into this due to the property being for sale. She asked if the new mural would be the same design or different. Todd stated that the Giles Arts Council was getting cost estimates for the supplies and that a few changes were being considered. Hartley asked that Meredith advise him what the outcome was and they could get an agreement drawn up. Ballard asked if there would be two agreements, one with the property owner and another with the artist allowing us to make repairs. Hartley stated that was possible.

Clark made the motion to award an Arts Challenge sub-grant of \$2,870 to the Giles Arts Council for the mural on the Ingram building. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Eaton stated that Nikki Pynn needed to be contacted about the art at Elm Street. We need to get a completion date. Meredith will contact Pynn.

Natalie Thwaites addressed council and stated that she needed the plans for the park renovations approved so that she could begin to solicit funds. Meredith stated that he would like

to see the project broken into phases before solicitation began. He felt that individuals and businesses should know exactly what is being asked of them. Eaton asked if in the first phase the two ball fields and concession stand would be included. She asked if the fencing and sidewalks would be included in that phase. Thwaites stated that it could be broken into three phases: Ball fields, Tannery Road and the pool.

Charlie Henderson addressed council. He stated that the town had an opportunity to invest in the youth. He stated that the existing ball field and facilities had served their purpose. He stated that Thwaites was asking for permission to move forward. He stated that the first field would require little grading. He stated that field and the seating could be ready for the 2018 baseball season. He stated that the second field would require more grading as it was very rocky. He stated that he would donate a considerable amount for grading and providing the equipment and manpower for the work. He stated that each phase should be done as the funding allows.

Ballard asked if the funding ran out if the project would stop. Thwaites stated that she hoped not. Ballard asked what would happen if he donated to a phase and that project didn't happen. He stated that the town needed to be very clear when presenting the plans.

Journell asked if the solicitation letter would be specific as to what phase and what was included in that phase.

Scott Moyer then address council and stated that council needed to appoint a liaison to work with Thwaites. He stated that it may help improve communication with council. He stated that he saw the need for more frequent communications from council.

Hartley stated that a budget would be needed for Phase I that would include the terrace seating, two ball fields and a concession stand. He stated that the estimates should be very close. Journell stated that she knew we were discussing Phase I but want to know if there were still plans for a splash pool and volleyball court. Thwaites stated that was in the drawing provided for council. Journell asked if she was only asking permission at this time for Phase I. Thwaites stated that she was asking for permission to begin soliciting funds for Phase I and the project in entirety. Hartley stated that she needs to solicit for Phase I with clear definitions. He stated that you should not solicit for all phases as there was no guarantee of future funding.

Thwaites expressed that she would like to see a steering committee formed as soon as possible. She would like to start having the meetings so that work could start. In order for the first field to be ready for the 2018 baseball season the work would need to start as soon as possible and would have temporary fencing around it. Once the second field was completed there would be permanent fencing around the fields.

Journell asked how that would affect the Pearisburg Festival in the Park. She stated that the rides, car show and other vendors were over on that field. Moye stated that the Festival would have to find another location to put the rides and car show. The fencing would be permanent.

Eaton stated that the drawings that had been presented were a concept design and the actual park may not be exact. Meredith stated that he had talked to Hill Studios about the project. It was suggested that we scale back the concession stand.

Eaton stated that Meredith and Ballard would serve on the steering committee. Meredith will be getting names and contacting individuals to serve on this committee. Ballard stated that this project should not get tied up in politics and stated that he would serve on that steering committee.

Meredith gave an update on the online payment system. He stated that at the July council meeting he would have information and possibly someone to give a presentation.

Meredith presented a project the county has been working concerning a coordinated walking trail. The county would like to market many of the hiking trails for cardiovascular health. He stated that it would have no financial obligation to the town. He stated that the county was asking permission to design and place signage in town that would show walking trails.

Harrell made a motion that permission be given to Giles County to place the signage for the Wellness Trail. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Meredith presented the contract with Hurt & Proffitt for the Inflow and Infiltration Project. Hartley recommended that council approve the contract.

Journell made a motion to approve the contract with Hurt & Proffitt. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Ballard. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Meredith presented the council appointments that were expiring. Hazelwood stated that all members had been contacted and agreed to serve another term. Eaton expressed that Meredith had been attending the Giles County Public Service Authority meetings and that she would like him to replace Vittum as the town's alternate. After discussion, Council agreed that Meredith would be the alternate.

Williams made the motion that the list of Council Appointments for 2017-18 be approved as follows.

Planning Commission (4 year term)

Mike Collins July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2021

Re-Appointment

Board of Zoning Appeal (5 year term)

Anne Wheeler July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022

Re-Appointment

Library Board (3 year term)

Lawanda Robertson July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020

Re-Appointment

John Steenken July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020

Re-Appointment

Parks and Recreation Board (5 year term)

Edgar Williams July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2022

Re-Appointment

Board of Building Code of Appeals (5 year term)

Frank Cahoon July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022

Re-Appointment

Commerce Park (4 year term)

Rick Tawney July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021

Re-Appointment

Public Service Authority Board (2 year term)

James A. Hartley July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

Re-Appointment

Todd Meredith July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

Appointment

Ballard seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Eaton, Williams, Ballard, Journell, Clark and Harrell. The motion carried 6 to 0.

On a motion by Williams, seconded by Journell, passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members, Dickerson, absent, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council went into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code § 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; pay scale.

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

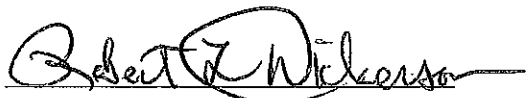
On a motion by Williams, seconded by Ballard, and passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members Dickerson, absent, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark yes; Council certified that the subject discussed in this Executive Session was the subject identified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

Journell made a motion to approve the pay scale for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget and salary increase of \$3,000 for the Town Manager. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Eaton; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

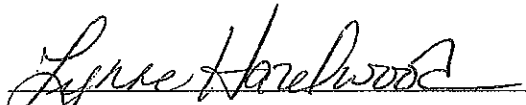
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor



Lyne Hazelwood, Assistant Town Clerk