

Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pearisburg Municipal Building. Present for the meeting was Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Clark, Journell, Ballard, Williams and Harrell; Town Clerk Harless; Building Official Wilson; Chief Martin; Treasurer Harrell and Officers Ratcliffe, Spicer, Journell and Burton. Also present was Alyssa and Mel Lawrence (Kountry Boy Photography), Terri Dunford and Debbie Morris citizens; Amelia Whittaker, Virginian Leader.

Williams made a motion that Council approve the minutes to the Regular July 10, 2018 and Special July 17, 2018 Meetings with corrections on the public hearing. Ballard seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Sergeant Danny Ratcliffe addressed Council along with other Town Officers. He thanked Council for their new Police Department Building. He expressed that they were very excited and greatly appreciative. Ratcliffe extended a thank you to Wilson for his and staff assistance on the renovations. Mayor Dickerson stated that Council wanted the police to have a nice facility.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on leasing Town owned Real Property for an amount equal to the cost of utilities for a term of six months facility formerly known as the Community Action Building located at 110 Elm Street. Mel Lawrence, the potential renter, addressed Council and stated that he planned to use the building as a photography studio. Eaton asked if all the repairs been made. Wilson stated that some repairs were still needed before it would be ready for occupants. Mayor Dickerson closed the public hearing.

Journell made a motion that Council approve the Lease Agreement between the Town and Marvin Lawrence, II T/A Kountry Boy Photography for the building at 110 Elm Street, Pearisburg with a lease term to begin after the leak has been repaired and for a term of six (6) months. Ballard seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Debbie Morris, President of Pearisburg Woman's Club, addressed Council about fundraising for Town Park Revitalization. Council was able to see a sample of the bricks for the walkway between ballfields. The cost per brick is \$50 and clip art for an additional cost.

Morris wanted to commend Chief Martin and Hope Harrell on Police Night Out. It was a wonderful event.

Terri Dunford addressed Council on behalf of her sister Drema McMahon concerning her mother's home on Clifford Street. She stated that her mother's basement had been flooding and that she believed that it was due to run off due to drainage issues on High Street. There has been a new french drainage system installed, the roof edge has been extended, and larger drainage system put in place. These improvements have not solved the problem. Mayor Dickerson stated that Interim Public Works Director Wilson was going to be looking into the matter.

Journell reported on the Public Safety Committee. They discussed the possibility of placing a firing range for the police department at Whitt-Riverbend Park. Council and staff will look further into the firing range.

The Committee recommended that Council approve the Transportation Aide Agreement for the Police Department. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

The Committee recommended that Council approve the purchase of one in-car video system at the cost not to exceed \$5475. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Ballard reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. The ductless mini-split HVAC system will be installed in Room 2 mid-August in time for the Red Devils Reunion. They discussed a letter from Bill Opengari concerning the upper field at Whitt-Riverbend Park. The gentleman is concerned about several species of butterflies including two rare ones. Wilson stated that Town Staff currently mows the lower end of the park and a gentleman cuts the upper end for hay. Opengari stated that by the end of November the butterflies will be gone. Journell asked if this will affect Mr. Jamison's first cutting of hay next year. Wilson stated that during the winter Public Works will cut the field. He stated there was no monetary trade between the town and Mr. Jamison. The grass will be cut the end of August early September.

Williams made a motion that Council approve of not doing a late cutting at Whitt-Riverbend Park to not affect the migration pattern of butterflies in late fall. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. She explained the recommendation on the tax notifications. Staff would like to outsource having taxes compiled and printed. The Committee felt there was no real cost increase in outsourcing with BMS Direct. Several localities in Virginia currently outsource with this company. The Committee reviewed sign options for the new Police Department. Harrell stated Wilson was looking into a sand blasted sign. She stated that Meredith had indicated we have the funds in the budget or we can finance it on the loan.

The Committee recommends that Council approve outsourcing the Tax Notifications for a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

The Committee recommends that Council approve the purchase of a sign for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 and two flag poles at a cost not to exceed \$1500. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Williams reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. He stated that staff is checking on a back-up mower for the Mowing Crew. The current mower is getting some age and soon it will be expensive to keep it up. Journell asked about the fire whistle/siren at Fire Department. Wilson received some information and cost estimates were high. He stated that there had been problems with it icing up. Staff is exploring the idea of a heater and the cost of converting it over to an A/C system. Wilson stated that it really should have been in the design phase of the original building project.

Clark had no new report on Farmers Market or Parks and Recreation Advisory Council at this time.

Ballard made a motion that Council approve a Parade Permit for the Scarecrow Festival on October 13. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

On a motion by Williams, seconded by Journell, passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members, Dickerson, yes, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; and Harrell, ; 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.

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

On a motion by Journell seconded by Clark, and passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members Dickerson, yes, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, yes; Journell, yes; Clark yes; and Harrell, 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.

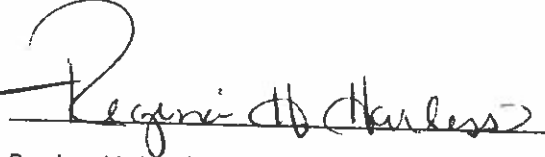
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk