

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pearisburg Town Council Chambers. Present for the meeting was Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Clark, Journell, Harrell, Ballard and Williams (Planning Commission Member); Planning Commission Members Collins, Moye and Muncy; Town Manager Meredith; Town Clerk Harless; Building Official Wilson; and Police Chief Martin. Also, present were citizen Gerry Clark and Amelia Whittaker with the Virginian Leader.

Williams made a motion to approve the October 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Ballard and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Joint Public Hearing with Pearisburg Planning Commission to consider re-zoning a parcel of land (Tax Map #25-35Q) on Thomas Drive owned by Gerry Clark. Clark desires to construct storage buildings on the parcel. The property would need to be rezoned from R-2 Residential District to B-2 General Business. Eaton inquired if the property could be accessed from both sides. Clark answered that it would be accessible from two ways. Mayor Dickerson closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Dickerson recessed Council for Planning Commission to meet and consider a recommendation on re-zoning property.

Collins stated that the Planning Commission recommends a parcel of land on Thomas Drive (Tax Map# 25-35Q) be rezoned from R-2 Residential District to B-2 General Business. Council approved the recommendation. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Ballard and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Journell reported on the Public Safety Committee. Harrell explained an error on the Police Report that reflected \$25,919.41 in Court Fines, Cost, and Forfeitures. She stated that it was a typing error and that the funds were managed and transferred properly. The Committee supports the development of a Budget Committee within the Fire Department. Eaton inquired about the monetary incentive for recruiting new fireman. Meredith stated that was still in early planning and that he expected to have more details in the coming months. In concept, some fire department are evaluating a plan to distribute a bonus at Christmas or a performance incentive to help with recruiting efforts.

Ballard reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. Ballard inquired if the concrete for the flags had been poured. Wilson stated it had been completed. Clark asked about

the list of items to be completed at the Police Department. Wilson stated they would be completed during the winter.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve a request from Barbara Johnson to waive the business license requirement for her to establish a temporary business in Town for the duration of one month. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Ballard and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Meredith stated that Buzz Johnson would like to open a Bike Shop in Shelton place where Dodson Realty once rented. He repairs bikes and is considering other sales and rentals. Johnson is proposing no rent from December 2018 through March 2019 then pay rent from April through June 2018 between \$250 to \$300. Meredith emailed Town Attorney Hartley about the liability the town has with Johnson renting the building. Clark felt that an insurance policy may be needed to protect the town. Meredith spoke with Tara Lockley previously and she stated that she only needed a statement from the Town outlining the rent agreement. Clark stated that she feels the town is the tenant and sees the agreement as a form of subletting the property; therefore, creating liability concerns for the Town. Meredith suggested Council approve the rental agreement subject to a written agreement and Town Attorney approval.

Clark made a motion to approve a Rental Agreement with Buzz Johnson for him to occupy the former Dodson Realty space of the Shelton Place building with no rent from December 2018 through March 2019 with Mr. Buzz Johnson's portion of the rent increasing to \$250 per month for April 2019 through June 2019 subject to a written agreement and Town Attorney approval. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Ballard and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Williams reported on the Public Works Committee. The Committee discussed several items concerning concrete repairs, fire hydrants, water service lines and overgrown lots.

Clark asked if the Town planned to have an Open House or gathering at the new Police Department. Meredith stated he would like to see some of the work completed first. Clark asked if other projects could be placed on hold. Wilson stated the Library could be put on hold. Wilson stated that the work at the Police Department could easily be done in a few days. He stated that re-routing the hot water to the kitchen has been a challenge. Wilson was not opposed to setting

up a target date for repairs to be completed. Cathy stated she would like to assist in setting up the event and sending out invitations. She inquired as to whether it was too late in the season to power wash the outside of the building. She would like to see the Town staff put their best foot forward and have the new facility looking its best.

Clark reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. She has been in contact with Charlie Henderson and he still plans to help the town on the Parks & Rec Revitalization Project. He asked Clark to keep him updated on the project. Williams stated that at the retreat Council needs to discuss plans on moving forward with the project. Clark informed Henderson that Council had not confirmed their plans yet. Ballard stated that his business would sponsor one of the Town's youth basketball teams.

Clark reported on Library Advisory Board. She stated that the library has a need for space. Librarian Long is engaging people and there is a lot of traffic coming and going. Clark stated that there is flooring that needs to be replaced, the bottom floor needs a lot of attention, and damage from ground water on the walls in the basement needs to be repaired and the HVAC system is on its last leg. She realizes the town can't refurbish everything at once. She would like to see the town start budgeting for some of these items because this facility is heavily utilized by Town residents. She felt it has been on the back burner for some time. She would like to see the library get needed attention.

Clark asked Wilson about the foundation of the library. Wilson stated the foundation was good. Town staff had to tear off one wall due to a two-inch hole where the water infiltration was entering the facility. They had to tear out the inside and replace it. Library Director Long has applied for a grant and received a grant for \$5,000. Wilson, Meredith and Long will discuss the best option for the \$5,000. Wilson would like to seal the foundation from the inside and finish the rooms back up and use for floor covering. Wilson stated that money is in the budget to renovate the downstairs bathroom. Clark would like to see staff work on the upstairs flooring.

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

Meredith discussed having the Council Retreat in January. He stated that Council could set the date at the regular meeting in December.

Meredith stated that he had a request from Charlie Mullins to use a room at the Community Center for the Court Recovery Support Group. It assists in helping individuals overcome drug and alcohol addictions. They would like to hold these meetings every Wednesday.

Clark made a motion that Council approve of allowing the Court Recovery Support Group to use a room in the Community Center once a week every Wednesday at 7pm at no charge. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell, Ballard and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

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

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

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

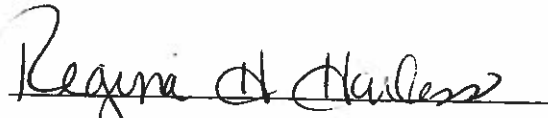
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk