

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 11, 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 and Williams; Town Manager Meredith; Town Clerk Harless; Building Official Wilson; Recreation Director Collins; Police Chief Martin; and Town Treasurer Harrell. Also, present were citizens Cody Rhodes, and Amelia Whittaker with the Virginian Leader.

Williams made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Cody Rhodes addressed Council on the Parks and Rec Revitalization Project. He reviewed new estimated costs for the ballfield portion of the project he worked on with Natalie Thwaites. He indicated that the cost for one ballfield and fencing could be greatly reduced. He has companies that are volunteering to help financially. He works for Salem Stone and they will donate the rock. Rhodes along with his father have equipment to use at no cost to the town. He can also install the drainage system for a minimal cost. He felt that benches without dugouts would be a good start to help keep cost down. He knows of 20 angle iron that can be cut and reused. His father can weld the benches and put a powder coat on them to look nice. Rhodes stated that the fencing company has volunteered to put the fence up for only the cost of supplies. Rhodes stated he would like to talk to Motor Mile Stadium in Pulaski about donating used bases and batting cages. They could also assist the town in creating the layout for the fields to get it right. He stated he had spoken with several companies about donating. He indicated Charlie Henderson could start excavation with two-week notice.

Eaton asked if the total estimated cost for one field was \$15,000 which included fencing and costs involved with Mr. Henderson excavating. Rhodes said the quotes were for one field. He stated he would be at the project to see it through each step. He has heard negative comments about the project and is sure he can help to make it happen. Journell questioned whether the project on the fields could move forward before the bleachers were removed and land graded. Rhodes stated she was correct. Eaton questioned the suitability of some of the seating proposals.

Rhodes stated the proposed layout was marked at the field. He stated there was even a spot for a new football field. Meredith asked about the erosion and sediment control plan. Rhodes stated it was for construction. He proposed using rock inside a cage to control erosion

on the hill near the walking trail, which he could get the rock at no cost. He stated Marcell Martin had volunteered to donate his truck and transport the rock.

Rhodes stated to Council that he felt the overall cost estimate provided by Hurt & Proffitt was high and that he could assist the town in greatly reducing it with volunteers and donations. He wants to help make the project happen for the kids. He feels it's a great project. He thought the area behind the concession stand would be nice for a football game or practice field.

Eaton asked about the amount of time it would take to complete the proposed project Rhodes had discussed. Rhodes stated that once the project was approved the drainage can be done in a day, the bleachers can be built offsite and 90 percent of the material will be donated. Eaton asked if the lighting was enough for now. Rhodes stated it could be addressed later. Meredith asked about running the conduit for underground cables. Rhodes stated that it would be run under the promenade on that separates the two fields. The outfield fencing would be temporary and easily moved for the festival. The infield fencing would be permanent. Rhodes felt the project could be completed by the upcoming spring. There was talk of getting Shelor Motor Mile to donate infield covers for winter time. The Mayor and Council thanked Rhodes for his efforts in providing additional information for the Revitalization of the ballfields.

Journell reported on the Public Safety Committee. Williams asked how much it would cost to repair the fire alarms at the fire hall. Wilson stated that the estimated quotes for a heater on the siren head was \$3,000. He is looking at a way to change the power source. To change the controls over to AC power the cost will exceed \$5,000 to \$6,000. The AC power is more conventional. He stated that local contractors are more familiar with AC. He feels that the siren can be back in operation expeditiously. WG Simmons Co. has been in communication with the manufacturer. He stated that this winter the alarm may blow another diode and need to be replaced. Wilson stated that he needs to look at controlling access to the box and is authorized to complete work on it. Williams stated would like to see the alarm repaired as soon as possible.

Williams reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. He recognized Danielle Collins Recreation Director for all her hard work. The ductless HVAC unit has been installed at Community Center in Room #2.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. The Committee discussed whether publishing names of delinquent taxes was a good method of collection. The cost just to publish was \$571 last year. Williams asked if publishing helped get payments. Harrell has never been in favor of

publishing delinquent taxes. Treasurer Harrell stated that the list was preliminary. She stated there were other methods of collecting such as DMV stops.

Williams made a motion to not publish delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes this year in the local paper. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Williams reported on the Public Works Committee. They were updated on projects in town such as the Carilion addition and Epperley and Jennell Development. They went over leaks and leak detection efforts for July and water loss.

Clark reported on the Pearisburg Community Market. She has spoken with some of the vendors and the Lions Club about ideas for next year. The last market will be held September 27th.

Clark reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. Collins will need to keep an eye on any debris that might get into the pool during the upcoming storm. The drainage system in both the pools should keep the water levels from overflowing.

Meredith briefed Council concerning a letter in PSA packet about a Grant for Water Loss Mitigation. It's not time sensitive, a decision can be made in October or a later date. He was told there was no match. Meredith stated that he would try to meet with PSA officials to discuss the proposed grant application further.

Meredith shared information on two requests to release performance bonds. He stated that if council has no objections he would release the Goodwill Project. He asked Wilson to comment on quality of work and satisfaction. Wilson stated there has been plenty of rain with no problems to date. Meredith stated Cantrell Martin asked for his bond to be released for property in Robinhood Subdivision. Wilson commented that the purpose of the Bond was to ensure the development was carried out and part was to cover Erosion & Sediment Control. He commented the area had been stabilized. There have been no problems for several years.

Williams made a motion that Council approve the parade permits for Giles High School Homecoming and Annual Fireman's Parade. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Meredith updated Council on the Downtown Business Incentive Grant. He stated that the deadline and supporting information had been placed on Town Website and Facebook. He visited most of the businesses in the downtown handing out material on the grant. The only complete packet was from Clarity Eye Care. Pembroke Management building showed interest. The Clarity Eye Care improvement project was paving for a new parking lot behind the building. Pembroke Management was considering replacing their exterior awning above the doorway. Meredith stated that Council budgeted \$7500. Council can award a single grant up to \$5000 per person. Clark asked if the deadline could be extended. Journell asked how many vehicles the new parking lot for the eyecare would accommodate. Wilson stated that 3 to 4 vehicles would fit comfortably. Meredith stated the rules for awarding the grant are set by council. If Council desired, they could wait until October to award. Council tabled any decisions until next month.

Eaton made a motion to extend the Downtown Business Grant award to October. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Journell, Harrell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

On a motion by Journell, seconded by Williams, 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 Journell, 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.

Council discussed further the Pearisburg Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project. Concerns were discussed regarding the ability to adequately fit two baseball fields into the space, the ability to serve all affected stakeholders, and the ability to fully fund the proposed project.

Meredith expressed concern about possibility of caves and sinkholes in the area. He stated that the Town should consider contacting Hurt & Proffitt with regards to completing some geotechnical work in the area before work begins on a project in the area.

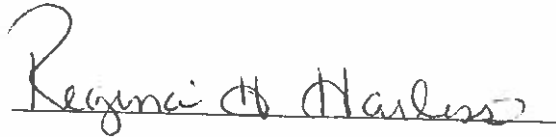
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk