

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session jointly with Pearisburg Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pearisburg Town Council Chambers. Present for the meeting was Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Clark, Harrell, Ballard and Williams (Planning Commission Member); Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Meredith; Town Clerk Harless; Planning Commission Members Collins, Moye and Muncy; Building Official Wilson; Police Chief Martin; and Treasurer Hope Harrell. Also, present were citizens Gerry Clark, Marilyn Shafer, Linda Lafon, Ruth Blevins and Judy Stafford; County Administrator McKlarney and Board Member Jeff Morris; and Amelia Whittaker with the Virginian Leader.

Mayor Dickerson presented the County with a donation from the Town for the ACCE Program in the amount of \$5,000 and for County Travel and Tourism in the amount of \$2,000. Chris McKlarney, County Administrator, thanked Council on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. He stated that the ACCE Program was near and dear to their heart. There have been 232 students to-date participate in the program. He thanked the Town for all the work and collaboration over the past year. Meredith thanked the County for their assistance this past weekend repairing a difficult to reach water break in the Town.

Pearisburg Red Devils presented the Town with a donation from the alumni for \$3,045 towards the renovation of the building to Mayor and Town Council. Council thanked the alumni for their generous donation.

Ballard made a motion that Council approve the minutes to the December 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on a Conditional Use request for a parcel (25-35Q) on Thomas Drive by Gerry Clark. Collins called the Planning Commission to order. Meredith stated that the applicant proposed to construct storage units on the parcel. This is a Conditional Use in the B-2 District. Mayor Dickerson recessed Council for Planning Commission to meet and consider a recommendation. Collins stated that Planning Commission recommends that Council approve the Conditional Use request with one condition that the applicant install security lighting. After hearing no comments Mayor Dickerson closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Dickerson opened Public Hearing on a request to consider abandoning a portion of an alley way. Meredith stated the applicant Gerry Clark desires the alley way between Johnston Avenue and Grand Avenue, further identified as 421 Martin Lane (40A-14-3) be abandoned. Mayor Dickerson recessed Council for Planning Commission to meet and consider a recommendation. Collins stated that the Planning Commission recommends Council approve the request to abandon the alley way. After hearing no comments Mayor Dickerson closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on the proposed closing on long-term financing by the Town of Pearisburg. The estimated maximum amount of the financing to be issued is \$180,000 at 3.15% for a term of 15 years. Meredith stated that the proposed use of the loan proceeds is to finance the costs associated with the purchase and renovation of the land and property for the new Police Department located at 1611 Wenonah Avenue, Pearisburg. After hearing no comments Mayor Dickerson closed the Public Hearing.

Council moved to approve a recommendation from Planning Commission on a Conditional Use for parcel (25-35Q) on Thomas Drive by Gerry Clark to construct storage units with one condition that the applicant install security lighting. This is a Conditional Use in the R-2 District. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Council moved to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission to abandon a portion of an alley way between Johnston Avenue and Grand Avenue, further identified as 421 Martin Lane (40A-14-3) Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Williams made a motion that Council move forward with closing on long-term financing by the Town of Pearisburg. The estimated maximum amount of the financing to be issued is \$180,000 at 3.15% for a term of 15-years to purchase and make improvements to the new Police Department at 1611 Wenonah Avenue. Ballard seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Clark reported on Public Safety Committee. The Fire Department is still waiting to hear the results from multiple grant applications that were submitted.

Ballard made a motion to approve the Monthly Police and Fire Reports. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Ballard reported on Property and Recreation Committee. Staff updated members on town projects at the Library and Police Department.

Williams made a motion that Council approve the Monthly Recreation and Building Reports. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. She stated that the Committee deferred to full Council for discussion of a Town donation to the Giles Business Competition. McKlarney updated Council on the competition. He stated there would be 4 to 6 weeks of training for business owners. The business owners will present their ideas. Then the judges will evaluate the proposed ideas and name a winner. This competition is set up to assist entrepreneurs in the community and create awareness of resources available in the Commonwealth. McKlarney stated that the County appreciates council's consideration in supporting this competition. Clark asked if the Town would consider waiving the \$30 cost of minimum business license, waive the water/sewer deposit fee, and possibly offer a stipend for rental expenses around \$1,000 to \$1250. Meredith suggested stretching the rent over 3 months. Hartley suggested seeing what the business needs are and how many employees they might support. He stated that rather than set a stipend, wait and see what they need at the end of the process. The Town could more carefully tailor an incentive package once the needs are better known. Council recommended that Meredith draft a letter to the County stating that Pearisburg is interested in awarding incentives to be named later.

Meredith stated that he recommends that Council extend the agreement for Ms. Johnson using one of the office spaces in Shelton Place until February 21, 2019. Ms. Johnson was late getting moved in and missed most of the Holiday Season traffic. Meredith stated that he felt it was appropriate to give her more time in the space to make up for the missed opportunity to be open in early December.

Williams made a motion that Council extend the rental subsidy assistance for Ms. Johnson until February 21, 2019 at Shelton Place. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Williams reported on the Public Works Committee. The Committee discussed leak detection and leak repairs for December. Meredith stated that the town goal was to replace old service lines on Mountain Lake Avenue prior to paving so the Town can reduce the likelihood of cutting in to new pavement to repair service line leaks.

Harrell made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget Calendar presented by Meredith. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Ballard made a motion that Council adopt a Proclamation recognizing Healthy Relationships in Pearisburg. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, violence in relationships often begins during adolescence creating long-term negative behavioral and health consequences leading to dangerous and unhealthy patters in future relationships; and

**Whereas**, many young people may be afraid, embarrassed, or may not recognize the severity of the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; and

**Whereas**, parents and other adults can be uncomfortable or unaware of the occurrence of abuse; and

**Whereas**, technology such as cell phones, email, and social networking sites play a major role in an adolescent's life, but these same tools are sometimes used for control, stalking, and victimization; and

**Whereas**, the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley is one of hundreds of organizations across America hosting events to promote awareness of violence of any type and to empower the community to take actions to prevent it.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that February 2019 is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the Town of Pearisburg, Virginia; and

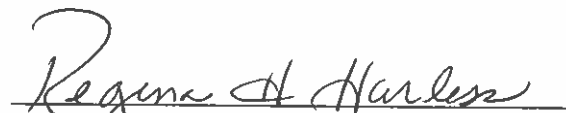
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that all men and women, young and old, of the Town of Pearisburg are encouraged to prevent violence of any type by educating themselves and others about the facts and modeling respectful behavior in all their relationships.

This 8th day of January 2019.

APPROVED:

  
Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:

  
Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

Meredith explained the need for Council to appoint a Council Member to serve on the DHCD Planning Grant Committee. The Committee will review the proposals for Conceptual and Design work. Overall, this will be the first part of a two-step process. Once an award has been made to a firm, they will generate a plan to be used in the CDBG grant application. He stated that Roger Jones along with a Rich Creek Council Member would be serving. Meredith stated he would also be serving on the Committee.

Williams made a motion that Ballard serve on the DHCD Planning Grant Committee and Clark serve as the alternate member. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Ballard, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 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, yes; Journell, absent; 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, yes; Journell, absent; Clark yes; and Harrell, yes; Council returned to regular session.

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

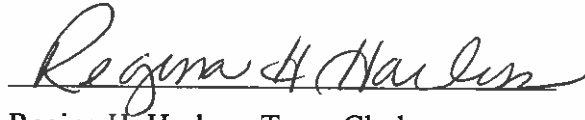
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk