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Pam Harlowe, Mayor
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Tom Runnett
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Doswell Pierce
Roy McGehee
William Thomas
Salvatore Luciano, Town Manager
Ti-Lea Downing, Treasurer/Clerk
Jack Maus, Town Attorney

Town Council meets for its regular session on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Persons wishing to be heard or having an item to be placed on the agenda should make their request to the Clerk of Council by the final Monday of the month preceding the meeting.

Town of Mineral Council Meeting
Sept 12, 2016
7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pam Harlowe, Mayor; Doswell Pierce, Tom Runnett, Roy McGhee, Bernice Wilson Kube and William Thomas

STAFF MEMBERS:

Sal Luciano; Town Manager, Ti-Lea Downing; Town Clerk and Jack Maus; Town Attorney

ABSENT:

Michael Warlick, Vice Mayor

PUBLIC:

Ronald Morgan, Ed Kube, Stephanie Koran, and Deana Meredith with the Central Virginian

Pam Harlowe opened the meeting with the invocation.

Adopt/Amend Agenda:

Addition to the agenda under old business;

-Previous approve conditional zoning

-Mr. Morgan reapplication for zoning

Addition to the agenda under new business;

-Trevilians School at Walton Park

-Jack Jouett Ride

-Homecoming Parade

Tom Runnett made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; this was seconded by Doswell Pierce with all in favor.

Approval of the August 08, 2016 Minutes: The certification needs to be placed after the authorization to go into closed session. *Tom Runnett made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; this was seconded by William Thomas with Roy McGhee abstained.*

Approval of the September Bills to be Paid: *William Thomas made a motion to approve the bills as presented; this was seconded by Bernice Wilson Kube with all in favor.*

Town Manager's Report: Sal Luciano updated that the street signs are now in; it will take some time to get them ready to be placed. A storm knocked out our transducer at the water tower, which is what the Enviromation bill is for. It was recommended to the Town to get lightning rods on the water tower previously to prevent this from happening. At some point a price was estimated and Town Council decided not to purchase them. As a result of the damage done from the storm, water was purchased from the county until the transducer was replaced.

Town Attorney's Report: With the research Mr. Maus did on proffers and conditional zoning, the only thing he found was that you cannot impose unreasonable proffers.

Standing Committee Reports

Beautification/Anti-Litter Committee: The Town is doing well.

Budget & Finance Committee: No report

Building Committee: No report

Cemetery Committee: The extra efforts from the maintenance men at the cemetery have not gone unnoticed. Sal Luciano stated there had been a couple families who have complained about personal items being broken at the cemetery. There are excessive items around some of the head stones; which is against our rules and regulations for the cemetery. Items need to be attached to the headstone itself per our guidelines. We will revisit this issue next spring considering grass cutting season is almost over.

Economic Development Committee: A few new businesses have opened within the Town.

Personnel Committee: Sal Luciano advised we have not hired anyone yet to fill the part time DMV/Town clerk position. There was an employment offer made that was not accepted. Sal concluded that applications will continue to be reviewed and a few more interviews will be scheduled.

Police Work & Legal Matters Committee: No report

Streets Committee: The street signs came in but it will take some time to get them assembled and placed.

Walton Park: It looks like it will be mid-October before the students start working on the Walton Park pavilion again.

Water & Sewer Committee: It was re mentioned that the water tower was struck by lightning. Tom Runnett stated there should be a ground rod at the tower, which should prevent lightening damage. He suggested to have this looked into as it is not the first time it has happened.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Button: Sal Luciano explained that the original estimate received was for wireless key fobs which had the capability to arm/disarm the building; this was not ideal. The wireless/stationary fobs are \$160.00 each. ***Tom Runnett made a motion to approve an addition \$150.00 for the purchase/installation of the emergency buttons; this was seconded by William Thomas with all in favor.***

Love Sign: The Love Sign was over budget by \$222.40. The Town will receive reimbursement for \$1,500.00 out of the total of \$1,722.40. ***Tom Runnett made a motion to approve the total amount of \$1,722.40 for the Love Sign; this was seconded by William Thomas with all in favor.***

Mr. Morgan: Sal Luciano relayed Mr. Morgan's intent to reapply for a zoning change on the old school property from residential to light commercial. Mr. Morgan also requested Mr. Maus verify whether a written request is needed. Mr. Maus stated that neither state law nor code answers this question. It was concluded that there was an insufficient majority to enact the new ordinance change, due to there being a 3/2 vote and a 4/2 would be needed to pass the new ordinance change. ***William Thomas made a motion to have a public hearing at the next council meeting; this was seconded by Doswell Pierce with all in favor.***

NEW BUSINESS:

Sponsorship of Louisa Art Center: The different sponsorship options were discussed for the Louisa Art Center. It was decided to table the Town's participation for 30 days.

Trevelians School House: Louisa Historical Society asked the Town if they'd be interested in donating the Trevelians School House for display. The historical society will restore the school and use the inside for demonstrations. ***Bernice Wilson Kube made a motion to donate the school house with the historical center being responsible for moving it; this was seconded by Tom Runnett with all in favor. The Town of Mineral will be held harmless for any damages incurred from the move.***

Jack Jouett Ride: The Town was asked if they'd be interested in participating in a TV show to show case the history of the Town. ***Bernice Wilson Kube made a motion to coordinate this along with Tom Runnett; this was seconded by Tom Runnett with all in favor.***

Parade: LCHS would like to have the homecoming parade in Mineral. ***Bernice Wilson Kube made a motion to allow the High School to have the parade in the Town; this was seconded by Tom Runnett with all in favor.***

Bernice Wilson Kube made a motion to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Tom Runnett with all in favor.