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Ti-Lea Downing, Treasurer/Clerk
Andrea Erard, 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
April 10, 2017
7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Michael Warlick

STAFF MEMBERS:

Sal Luciano, Town Manager; Ti-Lea Downing, Town Clerk; Town Attorney, Andrea Erard

PUBLIC:

Stewart Cameron, Kelly Taylor, Trenton Van Vickle, Ed Jarvis, Joseph Haney with the Central Virginian

Public Hearing is now open for polling location hearing

The current location is at Mineral Baptist Church and will be changed to the Town Hall.

Public hearing is now closed

Public Comments:

Adopt/Amend Agenda: Under new business: add Ribbon Cutting at the new Pack and Ship, cutting of trees on the dump property and Discussion of Family Dollar. ***Tom Runnett made a motion to approve agenda as amended; this was seconded by Bernice Wilson-Kube with 0 opposed.***

Approval of the March 2017 Minutes: ***Tom Runnett made a motion to approve minutes as presented; this was seconded by Roy McGehee with 0 opposed.***

Approval of the April 2017 Bills to be Paid: ***Tom Runnett made a motion to approve the March bills to be paid; this was seconded by Tex Pierce with all in favor.***

Town Manager's Report:

The Town Manager gave a brief overview of his manager's report with an additional report that well #4 is currently not pumping.

Town Attorney's Report:

Mrs. Erard advised council of the items that she worked on this past month to include: the ad was worked on for the polling location, a letter to Mr. Morgan concerning new garbage. The attorney also came early tonight to view the property owned by Mr. Morgan, and asked if the Council would be interested in file a motion on cleaning up the property deeming it as a nuisance.

William Thomas made a motion to pursue that our attorney to go to court to explore cause of action, motion seconded by Bernice Wilson-Kube. Motion passed with all in favor.

Standing Committee Reports:

Beautification/Anti-Litter Committee: The beautification festival is scheduled for April 29, 2017 and large item trash pickup is scheduled for April 19th. The mural at the farmers market was worked on this past Saturday.

Budget & Finance Committee: There is a proposed budget for 2017-2018 that will be voted on in June's meeting. This proposed budget will need to have a public hearing in May. **Tex Pierce made a motion to recommend the budget as presented for advertisement to hold a public hearing in May, Tom Runnett seconded it. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Building Committee: No report

Cemetery Committee: Friendly Oaks will be doing a cleanup at the Spring Grove Cemetery when the weather turns nice. The Boy Scouts worked on Woodlawn on Saturday, numerous amounts of recyclable were picked up. The Mayor suggested that a thank you letter should be sent to the Boy Scout Troop 183.

Economic Development Committee: No report

Personnel Committee: An ad for a part time maintenance person has been run in the Central Virginian with a cutoff date of April 28th.

Police & Legal Matters Committee: No Report

Streets Committee: Tom Runnett reported that VDOT made some repairs to the corner of 5th Street and Richmond Avenue and did some repairs.

Walton Park: The scrap man has been in cleaning up, there seems to be a dumping problem at the park and we are working on that problem. Electrician has been down to review the supplies needed to fix the hanging wires and once the electrician completes his work we will get the concrete poured under the pavilion.

Water & Sewer Committee:

The water purchased from the county was drastically reduced this past month. Well #4 needs to be looked at, due to it not currently pumping.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trash Service Contract:

Kevin with Updike came to the Council meeting to answer any questions that Council may have.

Tom Runnett made a motion for approval of the trash contract with final approval of the wording on the contract by Town Manager and Town Attorney, seconded by William Thomas, Motion passed 4/1 with Tex Pierce voting against.

Review of Code section 197-3:

Members of Mineral Baptist Church came before the Council to give a brief overview of the program that the church offers based on archery. The program has usually taken place mostly inside the buildings but they would like to have some events outside. The current town code does not allow for shooting bows in town. The attorney suggested that wording be added that unless by written permit by Town Manager, this would call for a public hearing.

Tom Runnett made a motion to remove 197-2, and have the wording added to 197-3 and have a public hearing on this at the May meeting, seconded by Bernice Wilson-Kube with all in favor.

Intersection of 1st and Mineral Avenue: VDOT provided their recommendation to Council concerning vehicles using it as a right turn lane. Discussion followed.

Motion made by William Thomas to do the marking of the intersection of 1st and Mineral Avenue as recommend by VDOT, seconded by Bernice Wilson-Kube, motion passed 5/0.

Center turning lane: VDOT asked if council would like a center turn lane painted down Mineral Avenue. **Motion made by Tom Runnett to NOT put in a center turn lane with Tex Pierce seconding, motion passed 5/0.**

Parking places along Mineral Avenue was discussed. Tex Pierce to add parking spaces along Mineral Avenue, William Thomas seconding motion passed with 4/1 with Roy McGehee voting against.

Recreational Access Grant – Discussion followed on VDOT taking the road leading into Walton Park into their secondary system so that it would become 6th street. Estimated cost of \$74,000 but it would cost us nothing because the grant is for \$250,000.

Motion made by Bernice Wilson-Kube seconded by William Thomas, with all in favor.

Concrete under the pavilion at Walton Park – spend up to \$5000 to pour concrete under the pavilion.

Tom Runnett made motion to pave and use the bama grant and Bernice Wilson-Kube seconded this with all in favor.

Letter to VDOT: When the timber was cut off of the old dump property there were trees left along the road. During the last storm a couple of them fell across the road taking out the power. VDOT recommended council sends a letter to them requesting them to take the trees down.

Tex Pierce made a motion to write a letter to VDOT requesting them to take the trees down, seconded by Tom Runnett. Motion passed with all in favor.

Tex Pierce makes a recommendation to write a letter apologizing to the citizens involved with all in favor.

Tom Runnett made motion to approve polling location for Town election to be in the Town Hall, seconded by William Thomas, with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planting trees at Spring Grove Cemetery: Mr. Luciano made a recommendation to plant 15 autumn blaze maple trees along the front of the cemetery for a cost to not exceed \$1650.

Motion made by William Thomas to plant the trees and to not exceed \$1650, seconded by Tex Pierce, with all in favor.

Ez Ship of Louisa: They would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony early next week.

William Thomas made a motion to have the ribbon cutting on Tuesday April 18th, Seconded by Tom Runnett, with all in favor.

Tom Runnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Roy McGhee seconded the motion, with all in favor.