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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
Monday, July 10, 2017
7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

STAFF MEMBERS:

Patricia Vaughan, Andrea Erard, Town Attorney

PUBLIC:

Deanna Meredith with the Central Virginian; Kim Conway; Jim Harkreader; Dana Kraiwan; John Conway; Becky Vigon with the Farmers Market; Stephanie Koren; William Powell;

Public Comments: Becky Vigon spoke about the Farmer's Market and her concern about the code change in Louisa.

Adopt/Amend Agenda: Add under old business revisit trash pickup, and Best American Horse Parade compensation.

Motion to approve amended agenda by Tommy Runnett, this was seconded by Roy McGhee, with all in favor.

Approval of the June 12, 2017 Minutes: Add the word "water" between Louisa and Authority under engineering study of water system under the old business section.

Motion made by Tommy Runnett, seconded by William Thomas, with all in favor.

Approval of the July 2017 Bills to be Paid: Motion made by Roy McGhee to approve the July bills, seconded by Tommy Runnett, with all in favor.

Town Manager's Report: Sal shared that accepting the Updike contract has been put off and that the service will start the following Wednesday. He also shared that the Updike crew has been riding with the town maintenance men to take a look at the route. A new full time maintenance worker will start on Monday.

Sal shared the concern of the local businesses on trash pickup only being one day of the week, and that the cans that Updike will provide will have a letter to correspond with the business. Updike will deliver the cans this week.

Bernice Wilson Kube spoke about the poison ivy/oak again. Sal shared that the maintenance men have taken care of it. She shared that it looks bad and that she feels it will need to be looked at again.

Town Attorney's Report: The town attorney shared that she has received the list of properties from the town manager and that she has gone and visited all of them. She shared that she will need to correlate with the town manager regarding this. She also asked the town manager what kind of assistance have we received from the Louisa Building Inspector. She also asked about the enforcement of inoperative vehicles. She shared that she will be moving forward with these properties. The Town Attorney asked questions about the farmers market. William Thomas shared that they are a business and are zoned commercial. The Mayor shared that the location will change next year and the town assists them with the cutting the grass and helps with watering the flowers and bushes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Beautification/Anti-Litter Committee: Tommy shared that the streets look good, Bernice Wilson Kube asked Tommy Runnett if he would look into getting smaller banners.

Budget & Finance Committee: No report

Building Committee: No report

Cemetery Committee: The council agreed that there is no reason to hire the landscapers.

Economic Development Committee: No report

Personnel Committee: A new maintenance worker has been hired and will start next Monday at 10am.

Planning Commission Updates: Tommy Runnett shared the town of Mineral's planning commission is still working on the master plan, and is looking at more things to bring fourth to the council and that there is nothing that will affect us from the Louisa Planning Commission's meeting.

Police & Legal Matters Committee: No Report

Streets Committee: Mike Warlick shared the streets that need to have work done to them are Tollersville Road: Address the asphalt setting on East End, Tenth Street: The gravel needs to be graded, and Mineral and Third Street: The asphalt needs to be applied to a water leak. The mayor shared her concern on the area at 5th street that is ripping tires when turning right. She said that we need to get VDOT to get on this before a citizen takes matters into their own hands.

Walton Park: Tommy Runnett shared that the maintenance men have started getting the ditch dirt and are filling in the hole from taking the trees out. The Mayor shared that the park looked good at Final Fridays, and Bernice Wilson Kube shared that it looked good for the horse parade and that it was an excellent spot for the horses.

Water & Sewer Committee: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Landscaping Services for Spring Grove Cemetery-Proof of insurance and references:

The council decided not to hire a landscaping company at this time.

List of properties with long grass or derelict:

Horse Parade: Bernice discussed using the left over fund to help pay half to the Knights of Columbus and the other half to the SVCWED dancers. She shared that she will need to find out the final summon of money before she proceeds with this.

Motion to donate the left over money to Knights of Columbus and SVCWED dancers, by Tommy Runnett, seconded by Bernice Wilson Kube, with all in favor.

Trash Pickup: Michael Warlick wanted to revisit the trash pickup contract. He has heard from the local business and locals that they have no objection to having trash pickup two days for businesses and to change residual to a different day of the week. Tommy

Runnett shared his concern with what he had heard from the local home owners in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmers Market: Becky Vigon spoke to thank the town for keeping the farmers market maintenance up to date. She is concerned about the Louisa code change and how it will affect the Mineral Farmer's Market in the future. The Town Attorney spoke that there should not be a problem with the change, but that the council could vote on something tonight. William Thomas spoke to thank Becky on the success that she has made with the farmers market. The Town Attorney will put this on her list to look at adding this into the Mineral code.

Big Screen TV Donation to Walton Park: Ed Jarvis asked if the town was interested if we would like a big screen TV to use at Walton Park. The Town Attorney said that there might be certain license requirements to be able to use the TV for public viewing. The Mayor said that she will give them some other ideas about places that they could donate it to.

Flag Poles:

Doswell Pierce shared that there was 24 flag poles put in and that he found 18 out of the 24 in perfect shape.

William Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roy McGhee, with all in favor.