

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 6:00 pm at the town hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Jenkins, Vice-Mayor Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Town Attorney Mike Carrico, Town Manager Matthew Horton, Recorder Heather Lane

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dwayne Rhoton, Police Chief Jason Cox, Jan Jenkins, Richard Hubbard, Ken Pierce, Gerald Cox, J.B. and Bea Swiger, Michelle and Ross Jenkins, Ron and Debbie Kindle, Lisa McCarty, Tim Addington, Melissa Farmer, Jeff Buchanan, Ken Smith, Damien Hughes

Mayor Mark Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation was provided by Ken Pierce.

The pledge of allegiance was recited at this time.

Bea Swiger presented a \$16,000 check to the Town of Gate City for Grogan Park from the Gate City Civitan Club.

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to approve the minutes with a change to page five adding “duly seconded” to a motion, change to Ron Baker’s name, and typo errors corrected. Voting in favor of this motion was Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the public hearing on the Cross Connection Ordinance.

The ordinance is to prevent backflow into the Gate City water system. There are no ordinances in effect at this time to prevent this from happening. If the pressure drops on a line to less than ten pounds a spring or well hooked into the main line could backflow into the town’s water system. Public Works Director Dwayne Rhoton will be taking a class to become an inspector to inspect houses and business in Gate City for backflow.

Jack Anderson asks if people will have to hook onto the city’s water system.

The ordinance would be enforced by charging the owner with a misdemeanor, and the owner would be written a letter to allow them to fix the problem within a 30 day

time period. If the owner does not repair the problem within 30 days their water service will be terminated. It will affect new constructions within the town and any suspicious homes or businesses that could possibly have a cross connection.

Steve Williams interpreted the ordinance to read that a house can only be inspected if it is a health hazard.

Ross and Michelle Jenkins ask how the ordinance reads.

The ordinance will cover cross connection and backflow prevention.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing on the Cross Connection Ordinance.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the public hearing on the vehicle ordinance.

Police Chief Jason Cox spoke about the abandoned vehicle ordinance. The changes to the ordinance have been submitted to Mike Carrico, the town attorney, for review.

The ordinance needs to be changed to keep the responsibility off of the town after a vehicle has been towed.

Jack Anderson asks Police Chief Jason Cox about the progress of vehicles being on people's property.

Another public hearing will be held to cover the Cross Connection Ordinance and the Vehicle Ordinance when all the material is prepared to present to the council.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing on the vehicle ordinance.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the floor for public comment.

With no public comment, Mayor Mark Jenkins closed public comment.

Tim Addington presented the town with a photograph of the downtown area. Anderson and Associates did a survey on the house numbers located in the town. The E-911 needs an ordinance for renaming and address resolution passed by the council. Mr. Addington discusses what the resolution would consist of for the street renaming and addressing.

Employees of Anderson and Associates spoke at this time about what a difference the resolution would make within the town if accepted by the council.

The point of origin is currently at the courthouse and this would change the point origin off of U.S. Highway 23 onto Kane Street.

The town needs to pass the resolution in support of the counties' ordinance that has already been passed.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to accept the E-911 Renaming and Addressing Ordinance Resolution. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, Steve Williams, and Frances Perry. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded Tommy Herron, members voted to pass the by-laws of the Building Board of Appeals as written. Voting in favor of the motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to appoint Ron Bellamy to serve a 3 year term on the Building Board of Appeals, Ronnie McMurray and Kermit Rhoton to serve as alternates on the Building Board of Appeals, Dane McClellan to serve a 5 year term on the Building Board of Appeals, and Darrell McMurray to serve a 4 year term on the Building Board of Appeals. There were no opposing votes.

At this time, the council discussed the opening of the side street off of Quillen Circle. There are questions about how the road would be paved due to the slope of the road. A lot of grade work and drainage work would have to be done.

The council agreed to table this matter until next meet upon recommendations from the street committee.

The council needs to appoint a citizen member to the Main Street Program.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to appoint Robin Norris as a citizen member to the Main Street Program. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, Steve Williams, Frances Perry, and Tommy Herron. There are no opposing votes.

At this time, the council discussed the zoning ordinance on yard sale signs within the town. The zoning ordinance states that a yard sale sign must be removed within 10 days after the event. A public hearing needs to be held to set guidelines on the yard sale signs in the zoning.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke to the council at this time about the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club buys school supplies and clothing for approximately 219 needy children within the county. He is asking the town to consider making a contribution to the rotary club to help supply clothing and school supplies to these needy children.

The council agrees to table this matter until next month's meeting.

At this time, the council discussed the deadline of April 13, 2005 to make a decision on putting the town seal on the new street signs being installed in the town. The county has agreed to buy the signs under the condition that the town would maintain the signs and replace them if one of the signs are damaged or stolen.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to put the town seals on the new street signs at \$2.70 per logo. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. There were no opposing votes.

At this time, the town discussed making a donation to the Crooked Road Foundation.

The council agreed to table this matter until next month.

Police Chief Jason Cox hands out his monthly police report. Jason spoke to the council about bids on a Glock Model 22 .40 cal. The town does not provide a weapon or ammo for the town's police officers. Most of the money needed to purchase the weapons is already budgeted into the police department's budget for the 2004-2005 budget years.

Steve Williams asks Jason about the laser sight/tactical light combo.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to purchase the weapons as described from the lowest bidder, Town Police Supply. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. There were no opposing votes.

Jack Anderson asks Jason how long it would take to get the weapons.

Jason told Jack it would probably be three to four weeks after they are ordered to arrive but the officers would have to qualify to use the new gun and they cannot qualify until September.

Public Works Director Dwayne Rhoton hands out the monthly public works report.

Mayor Mark Jenkins thanked Dwayne for getting the water softener for the water plant so quickly.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks Dwayne about installing his water tap on Moccasin Hills.

The town's brush truck needs new springs installed.

The town crew has installed 36 new touch read meters.

The water usage has been reduced because of the installation of new water lines.

Town Manager Matthew Horton handed out his monthly report to the council at this time.

V-DOT bid out the work to repair the paint on the wall coming into town. The bids came back three times higher than they expected and they are going to re-bid the work. The parking problem on Jackson Street can only be fixed by repaving the road.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to send a resolution to V-DOT over the parking situation on the main street of town. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

V-DOT also installed the street lights on Kane Street and turned them over to the town. The town will have to hire contractors to change out the lights because the town does not have the equipment to change the lights out.

Michelle Jenkins asks the council about replacing all of the lights instead of just replacing a few of them.

Mary Maya approached Town Attorney Mike Carrico about closing the west end of Cypress Street near her house.

A public hearing will have to be held to receive comment on the closing of the west end of Cypress Street before it could be closed.

A resolution will have to be passed for the town to become an affiliate member of the Virginia Main Street Program.

A public hearing will have to be held before a resolution can be passed for the Main Street Program.

The town has a problem with goats inside the town's limits. The matter is currently going to court with the county and the citizen who owns the goats.

The park committee voted to have a soil and erosion and a topographical map drawn of the walking trail only.

The street committee has not met.

The planning commission discussed an access road at Food Lion at their last meeting. The planning commission thought another boundary adjustment would be necessary for the town to take in more of the Red Hill Community. The original boundary adjustment did not take in Adkin's Subdivision or Robert Barker's property although Mr.

Adkins asked to be taken into the town when the boundary adjustment was discussed and the Planning Commission passed this suggestion on to the council for consideration. The Planning Commission passed a resolution for the council to review the current boundary adjustment.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, member voted to entertain another boundary adjustment to the intersection of Rt.667 on Red Hill Road. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

The Planning Commission also discussed the counties plan for a new manned waste site on U.S. Highway 23 coming into town.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted not to allow the change to the zoning ordinance to allow the new dump site. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Town Manager Matthew Horton discussed with the Planning Commission about installing new town signs to welcome people to the town.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to contemplate the purchase of new welcome signs and have the signs placed in suitable areas. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

The Planning Commission also discussed the county's E-911 ordinance and the Relay for Life to be held on June 12, 2005 at Legion Field for the Scott County Cancer Society.

The Gate City Sanitation Authority and the Economic Redevelopment Committee has not met this month.

The general and water bills were not prepared for this meeting.

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to approve the bills upon review. Voting in favor of this motion was Steve Williams, Tommy Herron, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, and Rita Tipton. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Steve Williams, members voted to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 8:15 pm. Voting in favor of the motion was Rita Tipton, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, Tommy Herron, and Frances Perry.

MAYOR

RECORDER
