

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 6:00 pm at town hall.

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

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Dwayne Rhoton, Richard Hubbard, David Roberts, Althea and Chuck Newton, Police Chief Jason Cox, David Wells, Michelle and Ross Jenkins, Brian Hurt, Jan Jenkins, Eddie Joe Estepp, Jeff Parkey, Kurt Lane, Jeff Parkey

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

Invocation was provided by David Wells.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Newton.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to approve the minutes from the July regular meeting and special called meeting with the change from Jean Goff to Ms. Woods in the second paragraph on the second page. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the floor for public comment at this time.

Kurt Lane spoke to the council about the driveway leading to his house on Terrace Avenue. He wants to know about the summer schedule for paving.

Dwayne informs Mr. Lane that he would be on the list of streets that need to be paved.

Town Manager Jason Stewart will find the list of streets that need to be paved.

Michelle Jenkins asks the council about the fire whistle located on the top of the police department. The whistle is very disrupting to some of the businesses in town. She asks if the whistle could be moved to the new E-911 building.

Mayor Mark Jenkins told Mrs. Jenkins that the town would check into moving the fire whistle.

Richard Hubbard spoke about the news reports on the neglect of the town to provide help to local businesses. He commends the work the town has actually done for businesses located within the town.

Mark Jenkins spoke to the audience about the things that are beginning to take place with local businesses.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggests that Jason Stewart go around and speak to business owners.

Jeff Parkey requests that the personnel committee meet in closed session at this time.

Chuck Newton asks the council about publishing the town's ordinances in the newspaper.

Mayor Mark Jenkins responded that radio time was offered to broadcast the ordinances over the radio free of charge.

The hiring of a patrolman will be discussed in closed session.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggested that Steve Jennings' request be deferred until the next regular meeting when more information is received.

Hobert Glen Pierson requested that the council discuss the closing of an alley located between Cherry Street and Elliot Drive.

The council will have to hold a public hearing regarding the matter and property owners around the street will have to be informed regarding this matter.

The street committee also needs to meet to discuss the closing of the street and make recommendations to the council.

Gerald Cox joins the meeting at this time.

Police Chief Jason Cox handed out his monthly report at this time.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks Jason about the Breaking and Entering listed on the monthly report.

Jason informed the council that he is locating bids to replace the police car that was totaled. He has received one bid and is still waiting on two more.

The carnival is in town for an extra weekend and has requested extra patrol.

The police department is working on grant money.

Dwayne Rhoton hands out the public works monthly report.

The remainder of the touch read meters have been ordered. The meters will be installed over the next few months.

The water plant is still pumping around 300,000 gallons a day.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks Dwayne about the Elliot tank overflowing and the cleaning of the water basin.

Town Manager Jason Stewart hands out and discusses his monthly report.

Delta Purkey joins the meeting at this time.

Mayor Mark Jenkins commends Jason Stewart on his work as a town manager.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks about a pool of money for revitalization for the town.

Rita Tipton recommended the VHDA for help with money for revitalization.

The street committee has not met.

Robert Barker will have to go around the hill due to the slope of the land for access to his property located on Estil Heights.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggests that the town wait until Mr. Barker has a potential buyer of the land before the town begins to grade the property for access.

The Planning Commission recommended that the council vote to allow Mr. Mark Guyer to sale the lots located across from Thriftway at an auction to contribute money to the West End Cemetery Association.

Michelle Jenkins commented on the recommendations made from the July meeting. The recommendation on the land located in Moccasin Gap on U.S. Highway 23 would not be recommended to be rezoned if a right-of-way was actually present.

The planning commission also recommended that the council explore a way for the ordinances of the town for coding and updating.

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to allow the West End Cemetery Association to subdivide and auction the property located across from Thriftway. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Sanitation Authority met on Monday.

The EDRC will be hosting a broadband conference at the town hall on August 31, 2005 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Upon a motion by Jack Anderson and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to go into closed session. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Gate City Town Council has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-7312 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gate City Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification applies and (2) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Gate City Town Council.

VOTES: **AYES:** Steve Williams, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Mark Jenkins

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to go back into regular session. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

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

Jeff Parkey needs to meet with the Town Manger and the Personnel Committee.

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

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Voting in favor of the motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

MAYOR

RECORDER
