

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at the Town Hall.]

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

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Cox, Shelly Lester, Roy Peters, Richard Richard Hubbard, Ross and Michelle Jenkins, Jan Jenkins, Tim Addington, Layton Bentley, James Berry, Eric McMurray, Ron and Debbie Kindle, Tommy Quillin, Jim and Judy Crawford, Chuck and Theresa Newton, Betty Spears, Chris Johnson, Charles Quillin, Jr., Eddie Joe Estep, Delta Purkey, Kenny Hammond, Allen Ison, Robert McGee, Brenda Estep, Bob Barker, Henry McGee, Glen McGee, Lisa McCarty, Arlieha Newton, Lisa McCarty, Pat Loggans

Mayor Mark Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

At this time, invocation was provided Layton Bentley.

At this time, the pledge of allegiance was provided by Chuck Newton.

At this time, Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the public hearing on Street Renaming.

Linda McNutt sent a letter to the town asking the town to name a street after Ezra McNutt, who cleaned the streets of the town for years.

Tim Addington told the council that a family member of Ezra McNutt would have to sign a release form to allow a street to be named after Mr. McNutt.

Frances Perry told the council that she got a call from Mr. Whiten asking that the town name a portion of McConnell Street be changed to Whited Drive instead of Ash Street.

Mrs. Fields asks the council if Sherman Street is going to stay the same.

At this time, Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing on street renaming.

At this time, the council goes back into regular session.

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

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to approve street names, as amended, the spelling of gazebo and the changes made. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to approve Ezra McNutt and Whited for street names in Gate City. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, and Rita Tipton. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to approve the minutes from the January 2005 Regular Meeting. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opens the floor for Public Comment.

Tommy Quillin tanked Mark Jenkins and Matthew Horton for the meeting they had.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed Public Comment.

There was no unfinished business.

The park committee needs two new members, one member of the planning commission and one town council member. The park committee meets one Wednesday a month at 4:00 pm. Michelle Jenkins ask for an extension before appointing a planning commission member.

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

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to advertise for a public hearing to amend 5.4 and 5.8 A.1 of the Town's Wrecker Policy. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to table the repayment of Steve Jennings for work done for the town until Town

Attorney Mike Carrico and review the legal side of the matter. 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, Mr. James Berry asks about the paving of Paul Wade Street. The town installed water and sewer there and patched up the blacktop that they removed to install the lines.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico told Mr. Berry that the private drive have never been owned by the town and the town only had an easement to install the water and sewer lines.

Kenny Hammonds asks the council what procedures the residents on the private drive would have to take to get the town to take the street in.

The residents would have to repair the streets and bring them up to state specs before the town could take the street in.

It would be unlawful for the town to pave the street the way the street exists now.

The town can take a look at the variance for a forty foot right of way. Town Attorney Mike Carrico will look at this matter and see what would be legal to go to the street.

Kenny Hammond asks if the town would look into what would be legal to do to the street because most of the streets are not forty feet in the town.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico told Mr. Hammond that the town cannot take the street in until the street is brought up to state specs. Mr. Carrico also told Mr. Hammonds it was possible for the town to take over the private drive and maintain it but the private drive could never be turned over to the state.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to defer to the street committee until next month's meeting. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, and Rita Tipton. There were no opposing votes.

Gate City Child Passenger Safety Week is February 13-19, 2005. Police Chief Jason Cox is going to attend a PTA meeting at Shoemaker to inform the students and parents of Child Passenger Safety. Pizza Plus and Pal's gave coupons to give to the children. The activity books will contain the coupons to give to the children after the child properly buckles themselves in or is buckled in by a parent. Chief Cox is planning on doing this program again during the summer and possibly even a child seat inspection station.

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

There has not been an official report submitted by Dean Henderson on his recommendations for the water plant. Mayor Mark Jenkins report and Dean Henderson's report will be combined and reviewed by Dan Danko.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Steve Williams, members voted to have Dan Danko supervise the necessary repairs to the water plant. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins, Town Manager Matthew Horton, and Tommy Herron went to the Board of Supervisors meeting, asking the county for help in enforcing the town's building codes on the building in town. The Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the town saying they are looking into helping the town in enforcing the codes.

Robert Mullins is the Wise County building official and he is willing to come and help the town do the building inspections. Robert Mullins is a Building Maintenance Official. When a building is inspected by Mr. Mullins, the business owner will be given 30 days to do what is recommended by Mr. Mullins or further action will be taken.

Upon a motion by Jack Anderson and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to hire Robert Mullins as a Building Maintenance Code Official. Voting in favor of this motion was Jack Anderson, Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

Police Chief Jason Cox presents the monthly police report to the council. Jason discusses the problems the town is going to have with the new regional jail. Jason also informs the council of the plain clothes operation that took place over the weekend to help stop the litter and alcohol problem in town. The town also helped recover a four wheeler that was stolen in September 2003 from the Department of Forestry. Gerald Cox has been hired as the new full time officer for the Gate City Police Department.

Dwayne presents the Public Works report to the council. The public works crew started Phase II Water Project on Monday. The town cannot pave the ruts in the road going to Food Lion until the asphalt plant starts producing asphalt again. The town has been filling the ruts in with gravel until they can get asphalt to pave them.

The sewer plant's drives went out and had to be replaced.

The Sanitation Authority Meeting will not be held until next week.

The Gate City Wastewater Treatment Plant is going to be abandoned. The town had brought up the option to use the plant as a septic tank truck dump station but a permit would have to be required by the county to use the plant as a dumping station.

Town Manager Matthew Horton gave his monthly report to the council.

The final proposal from the Bright System was given to the council. The system would allow the town to link into the council to help out with the town taxes.

Michelle Jenkins makes the comment about the paper system that is in order with the town now.

The town will have to get three bids before selecting a system.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to advertise for bids for financing and software for the town. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

The water line extension is complete on Terrace Avenue. The total cost was approximately \$4,500 to \$5,000.

The town has jointly \$20,000 to do the trail at the park so it is very important that two members are appointed to the park committee.

Gate City High School has ask for organizations to donate money to purchase cups and car flags to sell to raise money for sports.

A meeting will be held on February 23 for downtown revitalization and grants.

The Appalachian Regional Collections have collected 33.2% of the back taxes.

The street committee looked at the street Robert Barker spoke to the council about at the last town council meeting. The town is going to get estimated on clearing and paving the street. The trees on Rollins Street are on private property and V-DOT has been contacted about trimming the limbs on the trees. Cherry Street needs to be looked at to remove the present pavement that remains and replace it with gravel.

At the planning commission meeting, Pat Loggans came to present Broadwater Drug. The drug store wants to fill in the hole beside of the store and they need the towns help to redirect the water that currently drains in that hole and the run-off from Willow St. The papers from V-DOT are on the way for the permits.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to find an alternative to redirect the water out of the hole. Voting in favor of the

motion was Rita Tipton, Steve Williams, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to approve car crossing across the sidewalk when Broadwater Drug builds the drive through and parking lot. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Frances Perry, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Richard Hubbard gave a report on the Main Street Program.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to ask the town to sponsor one business leader and one from the town's government to join the Main Street Program. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to ask the town to complete the application to join the Main Street Program. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Rex McCarty of EDRC met with Lora Lee the chief technology of Rick Boucher. The Virginia Economic Bridge wants to set up two surveys. The EDRC will combine the surveys to tailor it to the needs of the community. \$4,990 has been budgeted for things like this. The EDRC would like to ask the council to allow some of the money to go towards the survey. An assessment will have to be done before any grants can be received.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to allow some of the money to be used for the survey. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members recommended the starting pay of \$8.50 an hour for the new police officer. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Jack Anderson and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to pay the bill in the amount of \$11,298.88 from the General Fund and \$4,196.07 from the Water Fund. Voting in favor of this motion was Jack Anderson, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Voting in favor of this motion was Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, and Tommy Herron.

There were no opposing votes.

MAYOR

RECORDER
