

**ADJOURNED MEETING** of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 6:00 pm at the town hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mark Jenkins, Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, Town Manager Matthew Horton, Recorder Heather Lane

**ABSENT:** Jack Anderson and Town Attorney Mike Carrico

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jan Jenkins, Michelle and Ross Jenkins, Jeff Deboard, Richard Hubbard

Mayor Mark Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Invocation was provided by Jeff Deboard.

During this time the council reviewed the Board of Building Code of Appeals by-laws and made changes to the by-laws.

The council also discussed some options of people to serve on the Building Board of Appeals. Building Inspector Robert Mullins suggested that master electrician, a master plumber, a master contractor, and a master engineer to serve on the board.

The town already has a street, parks, and buildings committee already in place in the town ordinance referred to as the street committee. The safety committee could also be used for the inspections.

Three members will be appointed to the board and 2 alternated will also be appointed. The members will serve a 5, 4, 3 term appointment. Heather Lane will serve as the recorder/secretary for the board. A \$40 fee will be charged for an advertisement for the paper. The cost of the meeting will be will be same as the cost for advertising an ad in the paper to advertise the meeting. Building inspector Robert Mullins is going to send an application for appeals to be submitted in writing to the Building Code Board of Appeals.

Some names mentioned to serve on the board were:

Ron Bellamy  
Darrell McMurray  
Mario Duquette  
Ronnie McMurray  
Ricky Shelton  
Mike Quillen  
Eddie Bateman  
Dane McClellan  
Kermit Rhoton  
Joe Bellamy

Action taken by the board would have to be in a form of a resolution and the council would have to back up the resolution. The council does not have the ability to overrule the board's decision.

A clause need to be added to the ordinance stating that the council has the ability to suspend or dismiss a member of the board at any time for any reason.

The by-laws for the board will have to rewritten and sent to the town attorney for review.

Jan Jenkins asks what happens after a building is inspected?

The owner of the building would more than likely be given 90 days to repair or destroy the building. If the owner does not take action, the town would put a lean on the building or even charge the owner for the cost of the town removing the building.

Town Manager Matthew Horton was ask to talk to Town Attorney Mike Carrico how the town would recoup the money the town paid to destroy the building.

Town Manager Matthew Horton presented a book to the council with pictures of the buildings and homes that needs to be inspected.

The council suggested some buildings that are on the top of the list for inspections.

Some of the buildings were:

- Starnes building
- Old theatre building
- Apartment building on McConnell Street
- Old pool hall building
- Taiz Farmer's building
- Old liquor store building
- Old Scott Motel
- Old Chapman's grocery
- Ron Baker's house
- Garage next to Dewey Breeding

The council asks Town Manager Matthew Horton to find out who owns the restaurant beside of the Starnes' building.

Town Manager Matthew Horton handed out to the council members what was filed at the courthouse on the boundary adjustment. He also handed out the price list to put the town seal on the new street signs and the comparison for refinancing the town's

water bonds. He mentioned about he finished Water Street and how it has already decreased the use of water since the water lines has been installed.

The town council meeting will be moved from Tuesday, April 12 to Tuesday, April 7.

Upon a motion by France Perry and duly seconded Rita Tipton, member voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Steve Williams, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

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**MAYOR**

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**RECORDER**

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