

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at the town hall.

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

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: Jan Jenkins, Richard Hubbard, Jerry Hall, Arlieha Newton, Chuck Newton, Bo Person, Police Chief Jason Cox, Ross and Michelle Jenkins, Robert Barker, Lisa McCarty, Steve Jennings, Debbie Kindle, Delta Purkey, Larry Culbertson, Randy Ervin

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

At this time, invocation was provided by Jerry Hall.

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

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to approve the minutes as amended adding "There were no opposing votes." in the fourth paragraph on the third page. Voting in favor of this motion was Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

Advertisements need to be sent to the paper to advertise for public hearings on the closing of the west end of Cypress St., Yard Sale Sign Ordinance, Vehicle Ordinance, Cross Connection Ordinance, and a Resolution for the Virginia Main Street Program.

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

Michelle Jenkins spoke about the Relay for Life to be held on June 10-11, 2005 at Legion Field. The event will help raise money for the Scott County Division of the American Cancer Society.

Robert Barker spoke to the council about the boundary adjustment that was approved by the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors. There are no records of what was submitted to the council by the planning commission in the town council's minute books. The county does not have a record of what the town submitted to the county to present to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Adkin's came before the council and asked to be taken into the town due to problems with the well water that he provides to the residents of his subdivision. The town is going to search for the document that was submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Bo Person spoke about the double line that was used on Rt. 72 as a survey point for the boundary adjustment. The boundary lines need to be extended to the guardrail on Rt. 72 to all officers to pursue, if needed, or write tickets on both sides of the road instead of just one side of the highway.

Robert Barker spoke about his lot that is landlocked on Quillen Circle. Mr. Barker has paid taxes on the piece of property to the town and the county and he has no access to the lot.

The town is going to have someone to look at the lot for a price on grading and paving the road to make an access to Mr. Barker's lot.

Richard Hubbard spoke to the council about the renewal of the town's website.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed public comment at this time.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to approve to advertise to hold public hearings on the closing of the west end of Cypress Street, Yard Sale Ordinance, Vehicle Ordinance, Cross Connection Ordinance, and the Resolution for the Main Street Program. Voting in favor of the motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

The council discussed the contribution from the town to the Crooked Road project. The council will have to review the budget to see how much money is available to contribute to the Crooked Road.

Michelle Jenkins asks the council if it would help on grant applications if a contribution was made to the Crooked Road.

The Crooked Road runs through the Town of Gate City and could possibly bring business to the town from tourist traveling the trail of the Crooked Road.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to put the contribution to the Crooked Road Project as a line item on the budget for the F.Y. 2005-2006. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke to the council at this time about the Rotary Club's project to buy clothes and school supplies for needy children in the county. The Rotary met its goal of the money needed to supply the needy children with clothes and school supplies and he is asking for the town to keep it open as an option for contributing money in the future for the project.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to defer the contribution to the Rotary Club as a line item in the F.Y. 2005-2006 budget. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

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

The council discussed the Community Block Grant Criteria and an example of the survey. The first step would be for the town to apply for the block grant money. Jeff Stapleton has helped with the grant writing for the town.

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Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to apply for an extension on the Community Block Grant and if an extension is not available, a public hearing would have to be held prior to June 10, 2005. Voting in favor of this motion was Steve Williams, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

Larry Culbertson and Randy Ervin spoke to the council about developing a subdivision about Longview Terrace. They are not sue if they need to develop small or large tracts of land and they want to know if there are future plans of improving the road to the subdivision and if water and sewer could be provided by the town to the residents of the subdivision. They also want to know if water could be provided to the houses in the subdivision, what tank would provide water to the residents and if the cost to run the lines to provide water would be paid by the town.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about when Moccasin Hills was developed. Mr. Carrico came before the council and asked to be reimbursed for the work performed in Moccasin Hills and the council approved to reimburse them at 0% interest until the amount was paid off.

Larry Culbertson also asks the council about the requirements for the grad of the land for the subdivision. The county does not specify what the grad has to be.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico told Mr. Culbertson that Moccasin Hills followed V-DOT's 40 foot right-of-way.

Tommy Herron spoke about concerned residents living on West Elm Street and Longview Terrace. Some places on the road leading to the subdivision would not be wide enough for two vehicles to pass.

Larry Culbertson wants the town's opinion of either 8-10 tracts or twenty-five tracts in the subdivision. Another access is available on Moccasin Avenue but it is owned by the state.

The council suggested that Mr. Culbertson speak to the planning commission about the subdivision about the planning commission will make a recommendation to the town.

Mayor Mark Jenkins is going to speak with Dan Danko about how much water can be supplied to the residents of the new subdivision without buying a pump station.

Saturday, May 21, 2005 is the scheduled Clean-Up Day. Volunteers will be cleaning up the Grogan Park Extension. Richard Hubbard asks the town to provide the bags and the gloves for the clean-up. The town will also provide the refreshments for the volunteers. The clean-up will begin at 9:30 am. The Civitan will also be helping with the clean-up day.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to approve to co-sponsor the clean-up day at Grogan Park. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. There were no opposing votes.

The council tabled discussion of fireworks for the 4th of July until next meeting.

Debbie Kindle spoke to the council about their water bill. She is asking for a reimbursement for two years because she believes her meter has not worked for two years. Mayor Mark Jenkins tables the matter until the next town council meeting so the council can review this matter. The council needs to review the rules and guidelines of having two residents on one meter.

Bo Person spoke to the council about the town's need for a dog to help detect drugs in the schools. The police department is asking the council for a dog. The dog will help detect drugs, lost children and elderly individuals, criminals, and by command the dog will enter a building that has been burglarized. The dog will be friendly and will be able to interact with the public. The dog would be no cost to the town. The police department is willing to collect donations to fund the purchase of the dog and to send Bo Person and the dog to training school.

The cost of the dog to the town would only be \$75.00 a year for property insurance and \$500 a year for food, vet bills, and medicine, if they are not donated by local organizations. The insurance would replace the dog if killed or injured and unable to work. The closet school is in Knoxville but will the school that Bo Person and the dog would probably attend would likely attend would be in North Carolina. The school would last anywhere from 3-6 weeks.

Police Chief Jason Cox spoke to the council about his opinion on the police department. Chief Cox believes that a drug dog would be a great tool for the police department. Bo Person collected all the information on the dogs and schools and presented the material to Chief Cox. Chief Cox has also spoke to citizens in Gate City wanting their opinion on the town having a K-9 dog and they agreed that the town is in need of a dog.

Steve Williams ask about what changes would be made to his schedule.

Bo Person says he would stay on his regular nightshift and he is also willing to switch around if needed. Most schools are willing to give discounts on the cost of the school due to Gate City being a small town.

Bo is also willing to agree on a salary or take comp time instead of overtime pay or work out a way with the town to keep down the cost of overtime.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to implement a K-9 Program for the Gate City Police Department upon receiving donations to pay for the dog and the schooling and a policy and procedure manual put into effect. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

Bo Person also asks Police Chief Jason Cox for a line item on the budget F.Y. 2005-2006 for \$500 to include food, vet bills, and medicine for the dog and for the town to secure an account for donations from people for dog.

Police Chief Jason Cox spoke about a possible increase on fuel cost due to the rising cost of gasoline for the F.Y. 2005-2006 Budget.

The budget committee has not met to discuss next year's budget. The committee needs to with department heads.

Lisa McCarty discussed with the council how the county handles their budget each year.

An approved budget for the F.Y. 2005-2006 has to be in place by July 1, 2005. A public hearing will have to be held prior to the budget being approved. The public hearing alone with a copy of the budget will have to be advertised for two weeks prior to the public hearing.

Michelle Jenkins offers to be a part-time consultant for the town if the council decides the town is in need of one.

At this time, the council decided to hire Michelle Jenkins as a part-time consultant for the town.

Mayor Mark Jenkins has the responsibility of the town manager until one is hired for the position.

Mayor Mark Jenkins is going to get together with the department heads to get their budgets ready to submit to the budget committee for review and Michelle Jenkins is going to consult with the committee regarding the budgets.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, member voted to advertise for a public hearing to be held on June 30, 2005 regarding the F.Y. 2005-2006 Budget. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

The council decided to defer discussion of employee evaluation until the next town council meeting.

The council discussed the refund of five bonds- Series 1984,1996,1996,2001,2001 Bonds into 1 bond. The VRA Bond has a deadline of June 8, 2005.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to hold a special called meeting to discuss the bond issues and budget issues. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

The First Baptist Church of Gate City is asking the council for a reimbursement for money paid for four months on the old parsonage. The parsonage has been vacant for four months and the church has continued to pay a minimum bill on the house although no water was being used there.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to deny the request of the First Baptist Church of Gate City's refund on the water bill for the vacant parsonage. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

The council discussed the Scott County Jail's water bill at this time. No action was taken on this matter by the council.

Police Chief Jason Cox presented his monthly report to the council at this time. He discusses the events that have occurred over the past few months and upcoming events in the town.

Mayor Mark Jenkins commends Jason on the bike rodeo and the improvements made to the police department.

The public works monthly report was presented to the council at this time. Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed what the public works crew has done over the past month and

their plans for the next month. Public Works Director Dwayne Rhoton requested that the hire a part-time public works employee.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to advertise in the local paper to hire a part-time public works employee. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, and Steve Williams. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins spoke to the council about the applications that have been submitted for the town manager's position.

The street committee has not met recently. The committee needs to look at the lot of Robert Barker's on Quillen Circle.

The planning commission did not meet at their regular meeting due to lack of quorum.

The Sanitation Authority has not met since February due to lack of quorum. Mayor Mark Jenkins is going to speak with the members of the board.

Rita Tipton requested that the clerk send all public notices to the town's website.

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$16,984.81 for the General Fund and \$5,606.13 from the Water Fund. Voting in favor of this motion was Steve Williams, Jack Anderson, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Tommy Herron. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 8:26 pm. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, Tommy Herron, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes.

MAYOR

RECORDER
