

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 6:00 pm at the Gate City Town Hall.

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

ABSENT: Tommy Herron and Steve Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Cox, Richard Hubbard, Greta Sims, Robert Barker, Roger Cassell, Carl Hurt, Bob Copeland, Mary Lynne Copeland, Ron Kindle, Debbie Kindle, Chuck Newton, Arletha Newton, Rita Hickman, Dewey Hickman, Allen Ison

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

Invocation was provided by Bob Copeland.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickman came before the board to renew their water rights to a spring that is owned by the town. The Hickman's leased the spring from the town and the lease has to be renewed every five year. They are charged \$5.00 for the five years. They maintain the spring and all maintenance required. The spring is located in Jones Hollow.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to approve the minutes from the October 2005 regular meeting with the change to "meet this" on the fifth page. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, and Jack Anderson. There were no opposing votes. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

The public hearing has been tabled until next regular meeting.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the public comment section at this time.

Greta Sims asks the council for a second adjustment on her water bill due to the same leak occurring twice.

Rita Tipton asks why the leak occurred twice.

Ms. Sims told the council that the leak was possibly due to the high pressure in her lines which she has since fixed.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about the town's policy which only allows one courtesy adjustment once a year for leaks that occur inside a building or home.

Richard Hubbard spoke about the Main Street Program. The town council recommended a person from the board and someone from the business community to represent the town on the Main Street USA. Someone is interested in joining from the business community but cannot do so until the first of the year.

Roger Cassell asks about the donation from the town for the annual Christmas parade.

Mr. Cassell also spoke about a grant that the fire department received from FEMA to purchase new air packs. The fire department is donating two air packs to the town for the water and sewer plants. The new air packs will not fit into the old storage cases at the water and sewer plant. He also discussed the selling of fire trucks to purchase a new mini-pump truck.

Rita Tipton commends Roger on keeping up the fire departments equipment.

Mayor Mark Jenkins thanked Roger for all his work.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about the letter from Ron Kindle regarding his hot water heater. The claim will have to be filed with VML insurance.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public comment section at this time.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed the changes that he has made to the new personnel manual.

Mayor Mark Jenkins recommended that the personnel committee needs to meet and discuss the new personnel manual.

The new personnel manual was tabled until next meeting.

Town Manager Jason Stewart spoke about the need to purchase turbidity meters. The meters are mandatory according to the latest water plant inspection.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico recommended that a motion be made to purchase from the lowest bid.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to purchase the turbidity meters from the lowest bid received. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

The new water policy was tabled until next meeting until it can be further reviewed.

Building Inspector Robert Mullins is requesting to be put on payroll and paid a flat rate of \$200.00 a month.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed the progress that Mr. Mullins has made while serving as the part time building inspector.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to accept Robert Mullin's request to be put on payroll. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Upon a motion by Jack Anderson and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to exchange air packs with the fire department. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to make a \$500 donation for the Christmas Parade. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Jack Anderson. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to appoint Chuck Newton as Sergeant of Arms. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Roger Cassell spoke about the new fire hydrants located in the Daniel Boone area. The fire department recently tested the hydrants for pressure so the hydrants could be color coded. After the fire hydrants were tested Scott County PSA called and wanted an adjustment on their water usage from the town due to the fire department using the water.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico informed Mr. Cassell that the matter needed to be brought up in the public comment section at the next meeting.

Police Chief Jason Cox handed out the police department's monthly report to the council.

Jason spoke about the trick-or-treating at the police department. Almost 300 kids showed up for the event and he is hoping that next year the town businesses will also get involved.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks about the illegal dumping on his report.

Jack Anderson commends Jason on the great job that he is doing.

Mayor Mark Jenkins spoke about riding with Jason and he also commended him on his great work.

Jason also spoke about the selective enforcement that the police department is performing.

Randall Hurt discussed the public works monthly report with the council.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks about the accountability of the old water meters.

Randall spoke about a bearing that will have to be replaced and another pump at the water plant that will eventually need to be replaced.

He also updated the council on this that would be taking place after the Thanksgiving holiday.

He asked the council about purchasing new mesh road signs. The cost of the new signs would be around \$2,500.00 for two sets.

Jack Anderson commended Randall on his work.

Mayor Mark Jenkins approved the purchase of the new mesh signs and also commended Randall on his work.

Town Manager Jason Stewart handed out his monthly report.

A community development block grant public hearing will be held on November 30, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

The treasurer's report was given to the council at this time.

Rita Tipton spoke about reviewing the street paving list.

Rita Tipton explained the ordinance that the planning commission came up with regarding signs in the town.

A public hearing will have to be held to approve the ordinance.

Sanitation Authority has not met. They will be holding a special called meeting on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at 11:45 am.

EDRC has not met.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to go into close session. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack

Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

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: Frances Perry, Jack Anderson, Rita Tipton, and Mark Jenkins

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Steve Williams and Tommy Herron

Upon motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to go back in to regular session. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to give employees a Christmas bonus. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to pay the bills. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

Upon a motion by Jack Anderson and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton,

Jack Anderson, and Frances Perry. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron and Steve Williams.

MAYOR

RECORDER
