

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 6:00 pm at the Gate City Town Hall.

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

ABSENT: Rita Tipton

OTHERS PRESENT: Benny Reed, Randall Hurt, Ruby Lawson, Jason Cox, Allen Ison, Bo Williams, Chuck and Althea Newton, Steve Jennings, Bob Copeland, Tabatha Peace, Jan Jenkins, Debbie Kindle, Kurt Lane, Joe Maya, Wallace Ross, Bo Person and Dee Jay, Robin Sampson, Carl Muncey, Wallace Ross

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

Invocation was provided by Bob Copeland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Newton.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded Frances Perry, members voted to approve the minutes with the change from Ms. Woods to Ms. Goff, a change that was made from the August meeting. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. Absent from the vote and meeting was Rita Tipton.

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

Benny Reed asks about the town's deadline for the real estate taxes.

The deadline for town taxes will remain the same.

Wallace Ross spoke about a rumor on increasing the water rates.

No increase has been discussed.

Mr. Ross spoke about the street lights going on and off coming into Gate City.

A motion will possibly be made tonight to turn over the street lights to AEP.

David Roberts joins the meeting at this time.

Wallace Ross asks about Jeff Parkey's position on the trash truck.

Personnel issues can only be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Ross wants to know the criteria for the job of public works.

Personnel issues need to be discussed with the town manager and the foreman.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about complaints from the employees of the town. Certain steps must be followed to file a grievance against the town.

Carl Muncey joins the meeting at this time.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggests that Mr. Ross speak with the town manager about the criteria of a job.

Kurt Lane asks the council about the paving situation.

Town Manager Jason Stewart has located a list of streets in the town that need to be paved and Mr. Lane's street will be put on the list.

Randall Hurt told the council that the street committee needs to meet and discuss the roads and their need for paving.

Kurt Lane asks about the time frame on paving his road.

Debbie Kindle asks when the new water policy will be put into effect.

Joe Maya spoke about a water deposit for connecting water at a building he owns.

Mr. Maya asks the council why the deposit cost \$200 just to connect water service.

Bo Person joins the meeting at this time.

Debbie Kindle spoke about the business Dirt Cheap they owned in Moccasin Gap. They were not required to pay a deposit to connect the water.

Town Manager Jason Stewart will check into the matter regarding the connection fees in the new water policy.

Wallace Ross spoke about a piece of property that should be maintained two times a year by the town.

Town Manager Mike Carrico informs the audience that the budget is public record.

Benny Reed spoke about the abandoned houses in the Town of Gate City.

The houses are being inspected by Robert Mullins.

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

The council discusses Steve Jennings' request for reimbursement for water lines installed in Hunter's Crossing.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about the expenditures for Hunter's Crossing.

Robin Sampson joins the meeting at this time.

Tommy Herron asks about the agreement made between Hunter's Crossing and the Town of Gate City.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, member voted to reimburse Steve Jennings' for water lines installed in Hunter's Crossing since other subdivisions have been reimbursed for the installation of water lines. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. Tommy Herron opposed the vote. Absent from the vote and meeting was Rita Tipton.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Steve Williams, members voted to issue a special permit for Mr. Fritz Falin to shot fireworks off at the football game. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. Absent from the vote and meeting was Rita Tipton.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, member voted to accept the Proclamation for Constitution Week. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. Absent from the vote and meeting was Rita Tipton.

At this time the council discussed changing the current leash law.

A public hearing will have to be held to make changes to the current leash ordinance.

The matter was tabled until next meeting.

Police Chief Jason Cox presented the police department's monthly report.

Jason introduces Dee-Jay the new K-9 to the council and discusses some of the things he has done since he joined the force.

Mayor Mark Jenkins thanked Jason and the police department for their hard work on getting the money for the K-9.

Jason thanked the council for all their help.

Police Chief Jason Cox discusses the upcoming events.

Tommy Herron asks Jason if the police officers on night shift could get the street lights pole numbers that are out.

Randall Hurt discusses the public works department's monthly report with the council.

Mayor Mark Jenkins commends Randall on the work he and work crew has done.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discusses his monthly report with the council at this time.

Town Manager Jason Stewart gave the council the treasurer's report.

The street committee did not meet.

There were no planning commission recommendations.

EDRC held the technology zone seminar on August 31, 2005.

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

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:** Jack Anderson, Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Mark Jenkins

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Rita Tipton

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

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

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

Tommy Herron discussed turning the street lights coming into town over to AEP.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Jack Anderson, members voted to allow AEP to take responsibility of the street lights coming into town. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. Absent from the vote and meeting was Rita Tipton.

Steve Williams ask about the retaining wall at the high school coming into town. V-DOT got bids on repainting the wall and the bids were higher than expected. V-DOT is going to re-bid the job.

Upon a motion by Steve Williams and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm with no further business. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Steve Williams, and Jack Anderson. Absent from the vote and meeting was Rita Tipton.

MAYOR

RECORDER
