

ADJOURNED Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Gate City Town Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Jenkins, Vice-Mayor Rita Tipton, Steve Williams, Tommy Herron, Frances Perry, Town Attorney Mike Carrico, Town Manager Jason Stewart, Recorder Heather Kiser

ABSENT: Jack Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Hubbard, John Shepard, Jan Jenkins, Ron and Debbie Kindle, Jason Cox, Eugene McClellan, Dan Danko

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

Invocation was provided by John Shepard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mark Jenkins. Chuck Newton was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the public hearing regarding the insurance and sale of bonds for Manville/Red Hill water project.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing.

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

Sharon Harper approached the council regarding her mother, Alice Compton's water bill. Mrs. Compton's water was disconnected in December and she is here to appeal the \$50 reconnect fee that her mother was charged to reconnect the water.

The council discussed this matter at this time.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico informed Mrs. Harper that the council needs to discuss this matter with the public works foreman to find out if the water was disconnected.

Mrs. Harper claims that the water was never disconnected.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about bringing this issue to the council before the new water policy is put into effect.

Dan Danko spoke about a hardship fund that Church Hill has for their consumers in need.

Mrs. Harper thanked everyone for the help they provided.

Steve Williams spoke about the power company's policy on shutting off service.

Eugene McClellan gave some good news from the park committee about grading the park. The National Guard is waiting for response from Richmond.

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

Mayor Mark Jenkins reopened the public hearing at this time.

Dan Danko informed the council that the contractors are ready to break ground on the Manville/Red Hill Water Project after the resolution is passed and the loan closing date is made. Mr. Danko also spoke about the grants and loans funding Manville/Red Hill Water Project.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing at this time.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to accept the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation water bond in an amount not to exceed \$1,005,362 of the Town of Gate City, Virginia and providing for the form, detail and payment thereof. 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.

The council discussed the new personnel manual at this time.

Steve Williams discussed the issue with comp time.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico spoke about his concern on buying back comp time. He spoke about the problems with the town as far as the audit report before Cindy Coates took position as treasurer. An audit cannot be performed at this time due to the bank account not being reconciled. He also spoke the need for part-time help.

Tommy Herron made the suggestion of possibly hiring an accountant to help reconcile the bank accounts.

Frances Perry recommended that Cindy Coates be reconciled for her overtime for the Lee-Jackson and Martin Luther King holidays.

The council discussed the problems with comp time at this time.

Frances Perry asks about reporting the comp time to the council each month.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks about overtime also being reported.

Steve Williams asks if the council was content with the comp time and the 1:1 ratio.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggests that the town follow the state's policy regarding comp time. He also suggested that it be part of the town manager's monthly report to include overtime and comp time to the council for them to review each month.

Mayor Mark Jenkins suggests that there are ways to manage the comp time.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to put an addendum for Town Manager Jason Stewart to report comp time and overtime to the council each month. 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.

Mayor Mark Jenkins talked about his change to the office hours regarding lunch at the discretion of the town manager. He also discussed the wording of the overtime pay in the new personnel manual.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks about unexcused absences.

Overtime should be worded as anything over 8 hours a day.

Steve Williams asks if anything states that in the new personnel manual.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to amend the new personnel manual regarding overtime pay. 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.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to accept the new personnel manual with the amendment to the overtime pay. 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.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggests that we strive to have the new water policy manual completed by February's monthly meeting.

Advertising for bids for demolition of dilapidated buildings has been deferred until February's monthly meeting.

Frances Perry asks if she could volunteer to help in any way with hardship situations.

John Shepard told the council that the Ministerial Association would be glad to help the town set up a fund for hardship situations.

Frances Perry would like to see the council make a resolution in honor of Chris Maya and present it to Joe and Cam Maya.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to draft a resolution in honor of Chris Joe Maya, Jr. 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.

Steve Williams would like to see a report of the water accountability.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Steve Williams, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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.

MAYOR

RECORDER
