

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING** of the Gate City Town Council and the Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Gate City Town Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mark Jenkins, Vice-Mayor Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Roger Cassell, Cark Hurt, Town Manager Jason Stewart, Town Attorney Mike Carrico, Recorder Heather Kiser

**ABSENT:** Tommy Herron

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Debbie Kindle, Ron Kindle, Richard Hubbard, Jan Jenkins, Eric McMurray, Chuck Newton, Theresa Newton, Ross Jenkins, Chris Kilgore, Joe McMurray, Cathy McConnell, Tommy Quillin, Greg Hood, Bob Barker, Wallace Ross, Jr., Bo Williams, Bo Person, Lois Quillin, Sherri Owens, Jason Cox

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

Invocation was provided by Eric McMurray.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Newton.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the public hearing regarding STE fiber optics, at this time.

Richard Hubbard spoke on behalf of the planning commission regarding the STE resolution. The resolution would change the zoning ordinance to allow STE to locate the broadband voice and data communication hubs where needed. The current zoning does not allow the hubs to be placed where they are needed.

Greg Hood spoke about the proposed sites for the broadband voice and data communication hubs.

The council discussed the zoning of the proposed sites.

Eric McMurray discussed the hubs at this time.

The buildings would require a 50 foot x 50 foot lot.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing at this time.

Upon a motion by France Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to pass the minutes from the June 13, 2006 Regular Monthly Meeting and the June 27, 2006 Adjourned Meeting. Voting in favor of the motion was Frances Perry, Rita

Tipton, and Mayor Mark Jenkins. Carl Hurt and Roger Cassell abstained from the vote. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

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

Wallace Ross questioned the council about the boil water notice. He asked the council if they were going to give adjustments since the residents could not use the water and what process the town would do to notify the people if this was to ever happen again.

Mayor Mark Jenkins responded that no adjustments would be given and the town is taking the proper steps to correct the problem.

Wallace Ross asks if the council was liable for what happened to the water.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed what the town is currently doing to correct the problem.

Robert Barker spoke about the boil water notice.

Wallace Ross asks about the current notification process.

Wallace Ross spoke about the rain drainage on the streets and the paving situation.

Mayor Mark Jenkins explained what the town is currently doing regarding paving.

Roger Cassell asks the audience for their opinion on changing the current meeting time.

Frances Perry suggested waiting until next month to get more public comment.

The council discussed reasons to change the current meeting time.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks individuals in the audience what they thought about changing the current meeting time.

Wallace Ross discussed having a quorum and changing the meeting time to make allowances for certain people.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks Roger Cassell about his work schedule.

The council asks members of the audience for their opinion.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to move the council meeting times from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Chuck Newton discussed the stray dog problem in town.

The Planning Commission has proposed a revised version of the current leash law in Gate City.

Robert Barker suggested that the council move the planning commission report on the agenda.

Planning Commission is now item a under the monthly reports.

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

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to ratify the motion to move the council meeting to 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Mark Sexton's request regarding goats within town limits has been tabled until next month.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Roger Cassell, members voted to reappoint Jason Stewart as Town Manager. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to reappoint Jason Cox as Police Chief. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to reappoint Heather Kiser as Recorder. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Carl Hurt, members voted to reappoint Cindy Coates as Town Treasurer. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to reappoint Chuck Newton as Sergeant of Arms. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to reappoint Mike Carrico as Town Attorney. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Mayor Mark Jenkins appointed council members to sub-committees at this time:

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-** Tommy Herron, Frances Perry

**FINANCE AND BUDGET-** Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton

**WATER-** Roger Cassell, Carl Hurt

**SEWER-** Carl Hurt

**STREET-** Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell

**PLANNING COMMISSION-** Rita Tipton

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION-** Rita Tipton, Frances Perry

**SAFETY-** Roger Cassell, Carl Hurt

**ORDINANCES-** Frances Perry, Roger Cassell

**PARKS AND RECREATION-** Frances Perry

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Carl Hurt, members voted to appoint Rita Tipton as Vice-Mayor. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Rita Tipton abstained from the vote. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

The council discussed the purchase of a used police car and dump truck at this time.

Police Chief Jason Cox spoke to the council about the used police car. The police car would be purchased from New York and would replace the 1995 Crown Victoria. He explained the current problems with the '95 Crown Vic and why it needs to be replaced.

Frances Perry asks about the mileage on the used car.

Roger Cassell discussed the used car and suggested that the town pay a few more thousand and purchase a new car rather buying a used police car.

The council discussed buying a police car.

Frances Perry would like to see the town purchase a car from Daugherty Bros. since it is local.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks the council if it is in the budget to purchase a new police car.

Roger Cassell discussed the police departments need for a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed the public works crew's need for a new dump truck.

Roger Cassell suggested that the town compare used prices on the vehicles compared to new prices.

The public works crew would prefer a used dump truck rather than new dump truck.

The council discussed the mixed beverage referendum and what steps would have to be taken to get the referendum on the ballot.

A special election could be held in May for the citizen's to vote on the matter.

Joe McMurray spoke to the council regarding the park grant. An official came from Richmond to look at the park and he unofficially informed the town that they were awarded the grant but the town will have to match the grant dollar for dollar.

Joe also discussed the town's plan for the park and Jeff Stapleton's part in the project.

Joe discussed the current poll that had been advertised in the newspaper and on the town's website. The music venue and the small park are leading as of right now. Joe also discussed LENOWISCO's plans for the CDBG.

James Mullins spoke about the quotations on equipment for the water plant and what the equipment would do. The equipment would prevent the current violations that the town is getting.

Roger Cassell asks if this would prevent what happened in June from happening in future.

James recommended installing a piece of equipment that would send an early warning sign.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to accept lowest bid for a chlorine monitor. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Town Manager Jason Stewart thanked James Mullins for coming to the meeting.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded Rita Tipton, members voted to adopt 2006 amendments to the Code of Virginia. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Roger Cassell, members voted to adopt the Resolution to Facilitate Broadband Voice and Data Communication Hubs in the Town of Gate City, Virginia. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

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

Frances Perry asks who is responsible for the pay when the dog is used for Weber City, Scott County, and the state police.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks about the number of times the dog is called out after regular working hours.

Frances Perry asks if the town was paying his overtime if he gets called out to assist another agency.

The council discussed the K-9's overtime.

Roger Cassell asks about backing up Weber City police officers.

The council commended the police department on their work.

Town Manager Jason Stewart spoke about the police departments working together.

Foreman Randall Hurt was unable to attend the meeting but left his monthly report for the council to view.

The council discussed the community service workers and what they are allowed to do.

Roger Cassell asks about the community service workers painting the fire hydrants.

Frances Perry asks about the smoker's stands to place throughout town.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed current events that are taking place. He discussed the conflict between two vendors working on Manville/ Red Hill Water Project. The dispute is between the contractors and the engineers for the project.

The council reviewed the treasurer's report at this time.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed the bids for the new phone system.

Rita Tipton spoke about Franklin Street. Randall needs to look into the problem on Franklin Street. West Willow Street has not been reviewed at this time.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico and Town Manager Jason Stewart went to the PSA board meeting. The town needs to look at other options before agreeing to the regional sewer plant and putting the burden of higher sewer rates on the citizens of Gate City.

The Planning Commission recommended that the council send a letter to the county requesting assistance with the town's stray animal problem.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Roger Cassell, members voted to draft a resolution to present to the county regarding the town's animal problem. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

Town Manager Jason Stewart is going to advertise for applications for members to serve on the EDRC.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed the flea market and vendors. Vendors are leaving boxes scattered all over the parking lot. A flier needs to be handed out.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Roger Cassell. Absent from the vote and meeting was Tommy Herron.

