

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Gate City Town Hall.

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

ABSENT: Randall Hurt, Town Attorney Mike Carrico, and Roger Cassell

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Cox, Richard Hubbard, Chuck and Althea Newton, Ron and Debbie Kindle, Jeff DeBoard, Steve Adkins, Andrea Shepard, Sam and Loretta Cruby, Zack Thomas, Jamie Lawson, Jeff Quillen, Allen Ison, Michael Blackstone, Joe Maya, Jan Jenkins

Mayor Mark Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Invocation was provided by Jeff DeBoard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Newton.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Carl Hurt, members voted to approve the minutes from the October 2006 regular monthly meeting. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, and Frances Perry. Roger Cassell was absent from the vote and meeting. Tommy Herron abstained from the vote.

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

Joe Maya spoke about employees parking on the main street and taking up customer's parking spaces. He wants the town to address the problem. He is asking what can be done to stop this problem.

Mayor Mark Jenkins told Mr. Maya that the town would look to see what the town's ordinance says regarding employee parking.

Frances Perry asks if a letter has been sent to the merchants asking them not to park on the main street.

Roger Cassell joins the meeting at this time.

Tommy Herron asks if Jason Cox has any suggestions regarding the parking in town.

He suggests that a letter be sent and if the letter doesn't stop the employee's from parking on the street, then the town will have to come up with another solution.

Joe Maya also asks about the status on the billboard and the brochures.

The billboard has been put up and the brochures are being printed.

Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the public hearing at this time.

Carl Hurt discussed the water plant upgrades with the council at this time.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico joins the meeting at this time.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed the possibility of being reimbursed for the upgrades done to the water plant from the health department during their budget cycle next May.

Tommy Herron asks about the Moccasin Hills pump station.

Roger Cassell asks if the quote presented was the quote that was voted on last month to take emergency measures to correct the problem.

Tommy Herron asks about the grant from the health department.

The board discussed possible funds for the upgrades.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks Loretta if anything has to be done before the next council meeting.

Loretta discussed the pumps that need to be replaced and a line that needs to be replaced that supplied the chemicals to treat the water.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to approve the emergency repairs needed at the water plant. Voting in favor of this motion was Roger Cassell, Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Carl Hurt discussed the need for a harness and a rope needed to get down into the well at the water plant.

Mayor Mark Jenkins approved the safety equipment that needs to be bought.

Roger Cassell discussed the Christmas Parade at this time. The time of the parade has been changed to 5:30 pm. He also discussed the candy that is thrown out during the parade. Suggestions have been made for alternate solutions to throwing out candy during the parade.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggested that Santa Clause hand out the candy.

An advertisement would have to be put in the paper to inform citizens of the changes.

Frances Perry suggested having people to hand out the candy before doing away with giving out candy all together.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members of the council recommended that the town distribute bags to the children to put their candy in and the candy can be handed out by people walking beside the float. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins spoke about vendors wanting to set up during the parade. He also asks the vendors to donate a small amount to the fire department.

Jaime Lawson asks the council for a formal donation from the town for the Christmas Parade.

Jaime spoke about the grand marshal of the parade. He wants the Gate City Volleyball team to be the grand marshals of this year's parade.

Santa and Ms. Clause have requested that they ride on another vehicle this year because they are no longer able to climb the latter on the fire truck.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to donated \$500 to the fire department for the Christmas Parade. Voting in favor of this motion was Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Carl Hurt, and Tommy Herron. Roger Cassell abstained from the vote.

Billy Egan from Clinchport donated this year's Christmas tree.

Steve Adkins spoke about the water in Adkins' subdivision. They are asking the town to take over the water system and the 21 customers on their current water system.

Tommy Herron asks if the Planning Commission recommended that Adkins' subdivision be taken into the town.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico discussed how Moccasin Hills was taken into the town.

A paper was submitted previously to the council of residents in Adkins' subdivision that wanted to be taken into the town.

Andrea Shepard asks if another paper needs to be signed by the residents that want to the taken into the town.

Mr. Adkins' discussed the water lines and meters that are installed in Adkins' subdivision.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggested that the Adkins' speak with the health department regarding the water line to see if it is acceptable for the town.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to explore the feasibility of taking Adkins' subdivision into the town. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

The council discussed why they were not added on during the water project.

Mayor Mark Jenkins suggested that the water committee review this matter and bring recommendations back to the council as soon as possible. He also discussed the request from the Town of Nickelsville for the dot matrix printer.

Upon a motion by Carl Hurt and duly seconded by Roger Cassell, members vote to donate the printer to the Town of Nickelsville. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Police Chief Jason Cox discussed the bids for the Weber City police car. They are currently accepting sealed bids for the police car.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks if this would leave the need for just one new police car.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico discussed the spending of the public's funds and the proper procedures for purchasing items.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to refer to the finance committee and to work with the town manager to get a bid amount within the set procurement. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico discussed the Rotary Club and the donations for new shoes for Christmas.

The donation was tabled until the December meeting.

The council discussed the current water policy.

The Policy and Procedures Committee will review the manual and make recommendations to the council at the December meeting.

Frances Perry discussed the Scott County Social Ministries. She spoke to them regarding the donations to help citizens pay their water bills. The town can bring in the donations and send them to Scott County Social Ministries.

Rita Tipton discussed the Planning Commission recommendations. They are recommending that the council vote to add a line to the current business license for non-profit organizations.

Carl Hurt asks about the Gate City Little League.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to adopt the new policy regarding non-profit organizations. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to approve the reappointments to the Planning Commission. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Police Chief Jason Cox discussed his monthly report with the council at this time.

Tommy Herron questioned the police departments overtime.

Mayor Mark Jenkins spoke about the concerns of reckless driving in the high school parking lot.

Carl Hurt spoke speeding in the curve next to the water plant.

Mayor Mark Jenkins thanked Jason Cox for his work.

Carl Hurt discussed the public works report. Randall Hurt was unable to attend the meeting.

Frances Perry discussed the need for someone to go to the meeting with V-DOT to represent the town.

Loretta Cruby discussed the accountability report with the town at this time. The turbidity on the upgrades list was not recommended for the water plant.

There have been two applications received for the water operator position.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded Rita Tipton, members voted to approve the resolution for V-DOT regarding closing of local offices. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

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

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Carl Hurt, members voted to recommend Harold Willis and Joe Coates to serve on the Economic Redevelopment Committee. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed the Treasurer's report at this time.

The town is questioning the business licenses. An audit may need to be done regarding the business licenses.

Tommy Herron asks about the washing machines that on the corner of Kane Street and East Jackson Street.

Frances Perry asks about the town recognizing businesses that have been in business for a set amount of time. She is also wants to do a written invitation to the employees and committee members for the Thanksgiving dinner. It will be held at the Scott County Park at 1:00 pm.

There were no reports from the Street Committee, the Sanitation Authority, or the Economic Redevelopment Committee.

Roger Cassell discussed the council members getting separate mailboxes.

A surplus auction is going to be held in the spring.

Richard Hubbard also suggested that the Planning Commission have separate mailboxes.

Upon a motion by Roger Cassell and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to go into closed session. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

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, Rita Tipton, Carl Hurt, Roger Cassell
Mark Jenkins, Tommy Herron

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to go back into regular session. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to pay the bills. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

Upon a motion by Carl Hurt and duly seconded by Frances Perry, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. Voting in favor of this motion was Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Roger Cassell, and Carl Hurt. There were no opposing votes.

MAYOR

RECORDER
