

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007
GATE CITY TOWN HALL
6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Jenkins, Vice-Mayor Rita Titpon, Frances Perry, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron, Town Attorney Mike Carrico, Recorder Heather Kiser

ABSENT: Carl Hurt

OTHERS PRESENT: Debbie Kindle, Ron Kindle, Jim Rogers, Kim Rogers, Richard Hubbard, Arletha Newton, Chuck Newton, Beulah Herron, Joe Herron, Glen Akers, Jack Hammond, Lynne Moore, Charles Syer, Michelle Jenkins, Ross Jenkins, Stoney Falin, Loretta Cruby, Sam Cruby, Linda and Leslie Jackson, Steve Akers, Lee Akers, Suzanne Akers, Nick Akers, Emily Akers, Carole Akers, D. Darnell, Joe McConnell, Melissa Jennings, Michael Delano, Chris Kilgore, Rev. Rollie Hautz, Carl Munsey, Joe Maya, Christy Mullins, Shannon Mullins, Charles Dougherty

NO PUBLIC HEARING WERE SCHEDULED

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Rev. Rollie Hautz provided invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chuck Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Jim Rogers discussed his water bill with the council at this time. The council deferred making a discussion regarding this matter until the public comment section is closed.

Joe Herron discussed the Manville/Red Hill Water Extension Project. He wants to know why the town has decided not to complete the extension from Smith's Chapel Church to the Copper Creek Bridge. Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed the debt that the town citizens would be taking on if the town completed the extension. Joe Herron questioned what was done with the left over funds and if not used would the money be returned. Dan Danko discussed the extension with the council. Christy Mullins spoke on the contractors behalf. They agreed to lay the water line for the amount of money that was left from the

original project so the Manville Community would have water. Citizens of the Manville Community discussed the water extension with the council at this time. The council discussed this matter with Dan Danko and Joe Herron. S & B Construction discussed the original bid that was submitted and why the bid was the price it was. Tommy Herron asks S & B Construction about the change orders submitted. S & B Construction has agreed to do the work for \$300,000 regardless how much it will actually cost.

Tommy Herron asks where the money went to that was originally allotted for the extension to Copper Creek. Town Attorney Mike Carrico discussed the original money that was allotted to take the water line to Smith's Chapel Church. Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggested that LENOWISCO come and discuss the original grant money with the council. Mayor Mark Jenkins informed the audience that this matter would be resolved at a future town council meeting.

Roger Cassell discussed the \$221,000 of money that was left over from the original project. Town Attorney Mike Carrico asks if the town would lose the extra funding if the council could not meet with LENOWISCO until July's monthly meeting. Michelle Jenkins discussed the original grant and loan money with the council. The Manville/Red Hill Water Extension will be discussed at next month's council meeting. Roger Cassell asks if the town had to borrow the money would the same interest rate apply. Dan Danko informed Mr. Cassell that he would have to check to see if the interest rate would remain at 0% interest if money had to be borrowed.

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

MOTION: Motion by Rita Tipton, seconded by Tommy Herron
Members voted to approve the town council minutes from the May 2007 regular monthly meeting.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

MOTION: Motion by Frances Perry, seconded by Rita Tipton
Members voted to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

MOTION: Motion by Rita Tipton, seconded by Frances Perry
Members voted to go back into regular session.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None

Absent: Carl Hurt

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, Roger Cassell
Mark Jenkins, Tommy Herron

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Carl Hurt

MOTION: Motion by Tommy Herron, seconded by Rita Tipton
Members voted to hire Lynne Moore as Town Manager.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
Nays: None
Absent: Carl Hurt

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

The town council deferred the Police Department's Policy Manual until July's regular monthly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR .25 MILE IN HUNTER'S CROSSING TO BE ADDED TO STATE MAINTAINED ROAD SYSTEM

The council discussed the request for .25 mile in Hunter's Crossing to be added to state maintained road system. There is a drainage problem that exists in Hunter's

Crossing that could possibly prevent the .25 mile of street from being turned over to the state.

MOTION: Motion by Rita Tipton, seconded by Roger Cassell
Members voted to request that the state maintain .25 miles of Hunter's Crossing if it passes specifications and Moccasin Hills will serve as a back-up if Hunter's Crossing does not pass specifications.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 33.1-79 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the State Highway Commission of Virginia was authorized and empowered to increase the mileage of streets and roads incorporated towns for maintenance, improvement, construction and reconstruction from allocations available from secondary funds not to exceed one-fourth mile and;

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission has requested the Town of Gate City to make recommendations as to the selection of the addition of one-fourth mile of streets and roads in the construction and reconstruction from allocations available from secondary funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Gate City hereby guarantees that the streets and roads selected for maintenance, improvement, construction and reconstruction will have a right-of-way as indicated below, plus additional easements for cuts, fills, channel changes and drainage if necessary. The Town of Gate City hereby recommends that the State Highway Commission be requested to select the following roads and streets in the Town of Gate City for allocations from secondary funds and being described as follows, to wit:

- 1) Approximately .25 miles of Moccasin Hills Road, contingent upon the verification of the right-of-ways and plat records.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2006

Mark Jenkins, Mayor

Heather Kiser, Recorder

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007 AT 6:00 PM REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION: Motion by Frances Perry, seconded by Tommy Herron
Members voted to approve the public hearing to be held on Friday, June 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

MOTION: Motion by Rita Tipton, seconded by Frances Perry
Members voted to approve the June 29, 2007 Budget Hearing.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

DISCUSSION ON MANVILLE WATER EXTENSION PROJECT

The Manville Water Extension Project will be discussed at July's regular monthly meeting.

PROBLEMS WITH MANVILLE/RED HILL WATER PROJECT

The council discussed problems with materials that were installed during the Manville/Red Hill Water Project. The town will discuss the problems with the contractors that installed the material on Manville and Red Hill Road.

MOTION: Motion by Tommy Herron, seconded by Rita Tipton
Members voted to approve the necessary adjustment on Jim Roger's water bill.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION-RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission met this month but did not have any recommendations for the council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department's monthly report was left for the council to review. Police Chief Jason Cox was unable to attend the meeting. Town Attorney Mike Carrico commended Officer Michael Delano for searching for illegal drugs on the other side of Moccasin Hills Subdivision. Mayor Mark Jenkins also commended Officer Delano on his work. Officer Delano suggested that the town look into installing cross barriers in the medians on the highway to prevent wear and tear on the police vehicles.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PUBLIC WORKS

Stoney Falin handed out the public works monthly report to the council at this time. Mayor Mark Jenkins thanked Stoney for coming out to repair a leak on Ravine Street after work hours.

Tommy Herron asks if someone picks up the trash at the park on weekends. George Russell normally picks up the trash at the park on weekends. Roger Cassell asks if some of the public works crew would be willing to pick-up trash at the stadium after the 4th of July Fireworks to be held on June 30th. Mayor Mark Jenkins told Stoney to thank George Russell for cleaning up the trash at the flea market parking lot. Roger Cassell discussed the trash problem at the flea market parking lot that is left after the flea market on Fridays.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico discussed business trash being left on the sidewalks and possible sending a note to business owners. The council also discussed bio-hazardous materials that are thrown in the garbage cans.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The water treatment plant report was handed out to the council at this time. Loretta Cruby informed the council that she is applying for a grant to purchase a new fluoride pump.

Mayor Mark Jenkins asks Loretta about Scott County PSA pumping water to the town. Loretta informed the council that Scott County PSA sends the town water because the town fills the Daniel Boone water tank that belongs to Scott County PSA.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

No reports from the sewer treatment plant.

MANAGER

Lynne Moore accepted the offer for the town manager's position. Ms. Moore discussed the trash can problem with the council. She will be meeting with V-DOT on June 19th at 10:00 AM, if anyone would like to join the meeting.

STREET COMMITTEE

Rita Tipton discussed possibly reconsidering making Park Street and Estilville Street a one way street.

MOTION: Motion by Rita Tipton, seconded by Roger Cassell
Members voted to advertise for a public hearing regarding making Park Street and Estilville Street on way streets.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

SANITATION AUTHORITY-RECOMMENDATIONS

The Sanitation Authority did not have any recommendations for the council.

ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

EDRC met this month but had no recommendations for the council.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEN

There were no reports from the council members.

MOTION: Motion by Frances Perry, seconded by Tommy Herron
Members voted to pay the bills.

VOTE: Ayes: Frances Perry, Rita Tipton, Roger Cassell, Tommy Herron
 Nays: None
 Absent: Carl Hurt

