

Hurt, Virginia

October 3, 2017

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call**

Members present were: Neal, Johnson, Bivens, Watson, Clay, and Adams

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation: Mr. Watson

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

**Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Poindexter shared there is ongoing work being done to the accounting reports by the software company and that hopefully they will be corrected by the next meeting.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Neal                      Second: Johnson                      Passage: unanimous

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing to hear citizen comments on the application for a VDOT Tap Grant to assist with costs for bridge lighting between Hurt and Altavista opened at 7:03 p.m.

There being no citizen input, the hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

**Council Members' and/or Committees' Reports**

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** Planning Commission recommended advertising the proposed nuisance ordinance amendments for public hearing. There was much discussion about swimming pool fencing and Mr. Johnson felt there should be descriptive language. Two versions of the ordinance were presented, and a majority agreed that version one is best. Each violation would be a class four misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$250 per day. Mr. Johnson also asked to modify the wording of Sec. 8-79 (Noise/Sounds from Motor Vehicles) to read: "unmuffled exhaust from vehicle not running more than 30 continuous minutes."

A motion was made and a vote taken to advertise for public hearing the draft changes to the nuisance ordinances with the one modification, and the addition of the proposed swimming pool fencing ordinance.

Motion: Watson                      Second: Johnson                      Passage: unanimous

**Economic Development:** None

**Human Resources, Legal and Police:** None

**Budget and Finance:** None

**Public Works and Relations:** Mr. Watson asked if the mirror has been ordered for the three-way stop at the W. Hurt Road underpass. Chief Rowland advised he is trying to find one that does not have a wooden back.

**Attorney's Report**

Mr. Eller has spoken to Mr. Charlie Banks regarding flood ordinance revisions and was advised the only changes were concerning accessory buildings. These were not included in the 2010 changes. There will be rules about adding these in a floodplain.

**Administrative Office Report**

Ms. Nichols shared \$4,033 has been collected so far in delinquent taxes.

The DMV finally responded on October 3, 2017. They have received the application, it is being reviewed and three more forms were sent to the office to be filled out.

**Police Report**

There were 102 service calls; 7% were traffic stops resulting in three summonses issued.

**Public Works Report**

Timber cutting is complete at the KIP property, and there is a lot of lap wood still there.

Mr. Hodges suggested allowing citizens to cut wood to help with additional cleanup.

Attorney Eller will work on a draft of a liability waiver for insurance purposes.

A community service worker has done detail work on the town vehicles and they are looking good.

The replacement window glass has come in for the Mayor's/Public Works office, with repairs expected to be completed during the week.

Mayor Poindexter asked if there are any items needed for snow removal. Mr. Hodges advised everything is in good condition for now.

Mr. Hodges reminded Council that Ms. Nichols and he would be attending a half day Emergency Management training class in Chatham on Friday, October 13, 2017.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Poindexter informed Council of a need to review and pass a resolution concerning lighting for the Hurt approach to the replacement Staunton River bridge. Hurt would be responsible for 20% of the lighting costs (approximately \$15,800).

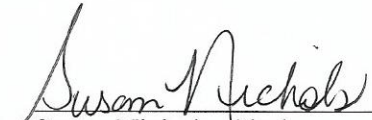
A motion was made and a vote taken to pass the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP grant) endorsement resolution as presented.

Motion: Bivens      Second: Johnson      Passage: unanimous

Feedback from the Golden Anniversary celebration on September 23 was very positive, though attendance was low. Mayor Poindexter expressed his gratitude to everyone involved. The next event being planned by the Semicentennial Committee is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2 p.m. It will be a historical type event, with Mr. Mike Hudson doing a presentation. There is also a possibility of opening the time capsule.

The mayor reminded everyone that holiday plans for the town need to be made in order to allow time for planning. Following some discussion, there was a consensus to hold the annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 9 at The Willows. Dixie Poindexter plans to contact The Willows for details. The second annual tree lighting ceremony is to follow on Sunday, December 10.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

  
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Susan Nichols, Clerk

  
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Gary Poindexter, Mayor