

Hurt, Virginia

November 14, 2016

Council held its regular monthly meeting (re-scheduled from November 1) on Monday, November 14, 2016, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was declared present.

Roll Call

Members present: Mitchell, Blackstock, Bivens, Johnson, and Neal

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Vice-Mayor Neal

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

Opening Statement

Mayor Poindexter expressed his gratitude to all for the work that had been done to Town Hall over the past few weeks, noting great improvement that has been years overdue. He also congratulated all newly elected officials following last week's election (Nov. 8).

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion: Mr. Neal Second: Mr. Mitchell Passage: unanimous

Hearing of Citizens and Guest Speakers

None

Committee and Councilmen's Reports

Budget & Finance- None

Economic Development- Mr. Bivens stated a surveying company needed to be selected to move forward with the timber harvest/sale at Key Industrial Park. Three bids had been submitted and were on the table to be reviewed:

- 1) Acres of Virginia, Inc.: \$5,987 for 92 acres (Key Industrial Park) and \$1,892 for the 80' right-of-way at SVMP, with a total of \$7,879
- 2) Nixon Land Surveying, LLC: \$8,500 for the 92 acres and \$2,700 for the 80' right-of-way, with a total of \$11,200
- 3) LE & D: \$4,870 for the 92 acres, \$2,160 for the 80' right-of-way, and \$3,240 for flagging, with a total of \$10,270

A motion was made to accept Acres of Virginia's bid and proceed with the work.

Motion: Mr. Bivens Second: Mr. Johnson Passage: 4-1

Favor: Mitchell, Blackstock, Bivens, and Johnson Opposed: Neal

Mr. Bivens indicated that a planning commission meeting would be needed soon. Mayor Poindexter advised that this could be covered at the regular Council meeting on December 6, since the public hearings previously scheduled for this evening had to be delayed until then due to a date error contained in the advertisement for these hearings.

Human Resources, Legal and Police: None

Public Works and Relations

Mr. Mitchell shared that an old Simplicity mower needed to be sold. All agreed to call several Simplicity/power equipment dealers for estimates as to its worth.

Mr. Blackstock asked to recognize Mr. Bivens for all of his hard work for the town over the past few months. Mayor Poindexter and others agreed and joined in recognition.

Attorney's Report

None

Mr. Blackstock asked where the DMV stop program and delinquent tax collection stood. Mr. Eller advised that Mrs. Nichols had provided him with information on five accounts with the highest balances. He found issues with some of the information which would require additional checking. With that being said, the accuracy of tax information in the computer system will have to be determined before proceeding with DMV stops.

Business Office Report

None

Police Report

There were 116 calls for service, 18% of which were traffic stops resulting in seven summonses being issued.

Chief Rowland asked if some of the town ordinances such as junk vehicles could be reviewed to change from Class III Misdemeanors to Civil Offenses. Mr. Eller said he would draft the changes to be reviewed.

Public Works

Mr. Hodges advised that the GA valve piston gave out last week and was repaired today.

Water meter reading was completed last week, with bills going out later this week.

There had been a substantial water leak on W. Spencer, which was repaired last Friday.

Lastly, Mr. Hodges asked what Council would like for him to do with an old water meter at the pump station on Ricky Van Shelton Drive. Council asked if it could be recycled.

Mr. Hodges stated he would check with Mr. Larry Irby about that.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Poindexter shared that he had met with Mr. Dave Farley and Mr. Proctor Harvey of HDLA, and has high hopes of having some landscaping done for the town. He added that there may be some VDOT and/or other grant funds available to help pay for lighting on the new Business 29 bridge between Hurt and Altavista when it is built.

The mayor advised everyone to be prepared for a longer meeting than usual next month due to public hearings, the auditors' report, and the number of items to cover.

Noting that the 50th anniversary is coming up next year, the mayor suggested we need to form a committee and start making some plans. Chief Rowland advised that he and Council member-elect Rainy Clay still have contact information from previous events.

The Christmas dinner will be held at The Willows on December 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss legal matters (Sec 2.2-3711(A)(7)).

Motion: Mr. Neal Second: Mr. Johnson Passage: unanimous

Closed session began at 8:20 p.m. and concluded at 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made to certify that only legal matters were discussed in closed session.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell Second: Mr. Bivens Passage: unanimous

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Susan Nichols- Clerk

Gary Poindexter- Mayor