

Council held its scheduled monthly meeting Monday, July 9, 2018 at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting opened at 6:03 with a quorum present. Members Clay and Watson were absent.

A motion was made to enter closed session to discuss personnel and prospective business, as authorized by VA FOIA § 2.2-3711 (A (1), (5)).

Motion: Johnson Second: Bivens Passage: Unanimous

Closed session began at 6:31 p.m. and concluded at 7:12 p.m.

A motion was made to certify that only matters pertaining to personnel and prospective business were discussed during closed session, as required by VA FOIA § 2.2-3712 (D).

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: Unanimous

The open meeting resumed at 7:14 p.m.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve June accounting reports and previous meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Neal Second: Johnson Passage: Unanimous

Hearing of Citizens/Guest Speakers

None

Council Members'/Committees' Reports

- ◆ Planning & Zoning Commission: None
- ◆ Economic Development: None
- ◆ Human Resources, Legal, & Police: None
- ◆ Budget and Finance: None
- ◆ Public Works & Relations: None

Attorney's Report

- ◆ Mr. Eller said that the contract with Crews Construction is signed and in place.
- ◆ The Memorandum of Understanding with Mr. Hodges has been signed as well.
- ◆ The new tax relief codes are complete and in the Code Book.
- ◆ He continues to work with the state concerning qualifications for town vs. state maintained streets.
- ◆ Mr. Eller advised that the current code for discharging firearms in town requires a distance of at least 300' from a dwelling and that state code permits pneumatic rifles to be discharged on an owner's property but pellets must remain on that property. Therefore, he will do an ordinance on this to add to the town code.
- ◆ Discussion followed on whether to allow discharging of firearms in town for target practice, garden pests, or protection. Mr. Neal suggested that Mr. Eller check with other towns and advise further.
- ◆ Mr. Eller advised that VDH rules for campgrounds are that a temporary camping permit must be issued from VDH. However, McCormick's Arena already has a special use permit (SUP) for events only. Therefore, if campers are on the same property that

the SUP was approved for, then no further permitting is necessary. Walter McCormick advised he would comply with this regulation.

Administrative Office Report

Mayor Poindexter gave this report. (Mrs. Frazier was absent on vacation).

- ◆ A Sam’s Club annual membership is available at a business discount price of \$45. Council agreed to try this for a year and see what savings would be found.
- ◆ ITG advises that a ‘fax bridge box’ is needed to provide better service from our existing computer hardware to our fax machine. Cost is \$475 + \$199 labor. Council agreed to purchase this to streamline office procedures.
- ◆ There was some discussion about a folding machine. These range in price from \$395 (Staples/Office Depot) to \$643 (Lynchburg Computer Systems). Council decided to look into post card water billing, which would eliminate this need and save money.

Police Report

- ◆ Chief Rowland provided Council with a standard monthly report on call volume/activity.
- ◆ The department continues to investigate recent vandalism.

Public Works Report

- ◆ Fire hydrants at SVMP are losing pressure (inadequate for fire trucks) and need work.
- ◆ All equipment at the pump house is working well.
- ◆ Council agreed to look into the cost of contracting with Altavista vs. contracting with a private licensed individual for water sampling/testing.
- ◆ Mr. Johnson voiced concern Re: grass clippings/protruding tree limbs on Prospect Rd.

Mayor’s Report

- ◆ SCS Broadband has a target date of August 2018 for the Grit tower, while the Hurt water tank tower has a date of January 2019. Broadband (or fast, easily accessible internet) is critical to attract business and industry.
- ◆ As VML members, town staff and council need to be aware of the latest OSHA safety information and standards (handouts distributed for reading).
- ◆ Mayor Poindexter read a letter from Mr. Watson (absent due to medical) in favor of the American flags that Mrs. Rachael Lovelace had proposed. Dominion Energy has approved the flags can be mounted on their poles. Brackets are needed. Mr. Watson suggested Council purchase these at a cost of no more than \$400.00.
- ◆ Mayor Poindexter then read a letter from Mrs. Lovelace with more information and the progress of her endeavor. She has acquired 22 flags and poles (from the AHS band boosters). A motion was made to pay for the needed hardware, up to \$400.00, from the beautification budget line item.

Motion: Neal

Second: Johnson

Passage: Unanimous

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Dixie S. Poindexter

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Gary Poindexter

Gary Poindexter, Mayor