

Council held its scheduled monthly business meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at Town Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Roll Call

All members present: Adams, Clay, Watson, Neal, Johnson, and Bivens

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mayor Poindexter

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mayor Poindexter

Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Watson Second: Neal Passage: Unanimous

Public Hearings/Citizen Feedback

Public Hearing for vacation of rights-of-way on Smith/Dogwood Roads and Riverview/Roark/W Hurt Roads opened at 7:07 p.m.

- 1) Mrs. Karen Cook, Smith Road: application was reviewed and there were no questions from Council. Mr. Bivens, Council Representative for the Planning Commission, advised the property was viewed and there are no issues. There were no citizen comments.

A motion was made to approve vacating of the right-of-way as requested by Mrs. Cook.

Motion: Watson Second: Clay Passage: Unanimous

- 2) Mr. James Johnson II, Riverview Road: application was reviewed; there were some questions regarding how many rights-of-way are requested to be vacated, property lines, adjoining properties and the width of the rights-of-way. Mr. Johnson advised there were three being requested. Mr. Bivens advised there is more property being requested to vacate than was looked at. Attorney Eller advised the property should be surveyed before a decision is made and everyone agreed. There were no citizen comments.

Public hearing for vacation of rights-of-way closed at 7:32 p.m.

Public hearing for proposed amendments to Town Ordinance §10-13 opened at 7:33 p.m.

The proposed amendment clarifies the language of the current ordinance prohibiting deposition of waste materials into town streets, sidewalks, etc. to specify lawn clippings and imposes a civil penalty for violations. There were no citizen comments.

Public hearing for proposed amendments to Town Ordinance § 10-13 concluded at 7:34 p.m.

Discussion was continued to the end of the meeting.

Council Members' and/or Committees' Reports

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

Town Attorney's Report

None

Administrative Office Report

Mrs. Frazier reported that water disconnections have been done due to non-payment. She asked Attorney Eller if there were any potential legal issues for how long a customer's water could be off. Attorney Eller advised following the applicable town ordinances as written.

Police Report

There were 189 calls for service, 30% of which were traffic stops resulting in 15 summonses. Chief Rowland asked to keep Officer Lovelace and his family in prayer as his father was in the hospital. Mayor Poindexter asked why the vehicle maintenance line item was already over budget this early in the fiscal year. Chief Rowland advised there had been several repairs that had to be made to the Impala and the Crown Victoria that were unexpected. Council asked for clarification of several items on the monthly police report, including what exactly constitutes a public service call and a suspicious vehicle.

Public Works Report

Mr. Ed Hodges was not at the meeting due to illness. Mayor Poindexter indicated there had been several complaints recently regarding the start time of garbage collection in town. The contract states the run times should be between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. every Friday. After much discussion, council agreed to advise the citizens to place their trash cans out on Thursday evenings or by 6 a.m. on Fridays.

Mayor's Report

Attorney Eller presented a draft resolution for the Town of Hurt to join the Purple Heart Community local chapter. A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion: Clay Second: Neal Passage: Unanimous

Mr. Bivens shared he had received numerous positive comments about the American flags on Prospect Road. He would like to order Purple Heart flags to add with the display and all agreed.

Mayor Poindexter reported the "SRRIFA is still on track," with Danville City Council having it on their meeting agenda for Thursday, October 4, 2018. Once approved, it will be sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for final signature. He also thanked Mr. Adams for volunteering to participate with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) initiative being pursued by Pittsylvania County Economic Development.

Mayor Poindexter reported that he and Pittsylvania County Supervisor Elton Blackstock had met with Ms. Lisa Tuite, Director of Pittsylvania County Library System, concerning proposed future expansions of the library system. The mayor feels if the town wants to grow, we need to participate in discussions with the county and encourage the addition of a new library branch in Hurt. He asked that if anyone on council knows someone in the community that may be interested in joining the advisory committee to please let him know.

Council revisited the proposed ordinance amendment to §10-13 discussed earlier in public hearing. Mr. Adams wanted to clarify that Public Works and the Police Department would be responsible for determining how much is too much to be considered excessive grass clippings on the road. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to adopt the revised §10-13 as presented.

Motion: Bivens Second: Johnson Passage: Unanimous

With winter approaching, Mayor Poindexter asked council members their thoughts about Mr. Hodges continuing with snow removal or letting VDOT handle it, as he has received mixed public feedback in recent years. There were mixed feelings, and council agreed to continue discussion at a later time.

Dates were discussed for the town's fall and winter events. The tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2018. Mrs. Clay was asked to check availability at J.T.'s at the Lavalette House in Gretna for either Saturday, December 8, 2018 or Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6 p.m. for the council and employee Christmas dinner.

Other Items

Mr. Bivens wants to meet with the owner of a property located on Oakwood and asked if Mrs. Frazier could send a letter requesting a meeting. He said the property needs to be cleaned up. It is run down, has trash in the yard, and needs work. Mr. Adams asked if a committee could be formed to meet once a month and speak with people who have such properties to explain what they are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Bivens also added he went to Tennessee a few weeks prior and took notice there is very little litter there. He would like to invite 16th District Delegate Les Adams to a council meeting and speak with him about what can be done at the state level to improve litter control.

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



Susan Frazier, Clerk



Gary Poindexter, Mayor