

Town Council Meeting
August 13, 2018

Present: Rebecca Mann, Lee Collins, Frank Vari, VP of Council Frank Hill, Carolyn Blevins, Town Attorney Tom Yeager

Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls

Absent: Mayor Rich Taylor

Vice-President of Council Frank Hill called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mayor Rich Taylor was absent from the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

Town Council Meeting on July 9, 2018

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Meeting July 9, 2018 Personnel & Contract Issues

No minutes available, move to the September Meeting.

Town Council Workshop & Special Session July 23, 2018

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Councilwoman Blevins: Read the State Police Report and the Community Service Report, they are part of the Minutes Book. Distributing Ethics forms for all the committees to have the members sign.

Councilman Vari: Water & Sewer, Josh from Miller Environmental gave his report for the preceding month and are part of the Minutes Book; New water tower was filled, waiting on written results. New wastewater plant, the plat has been recorded. Comments received from MDE and USDA and being addressed. Parks & Rec : checking our playground equipment , making sure that it is operating safely. Received award for Recycling from the County. Working on New Year's Day Race on Tuesday January 1st, looking for volunteers. Special Events: two more weeks of Music in the Park, Car Show on the 25th, Shakespeare in the Park on the 8th of September and Maryland Day to Serve. The 15th of September will be town wide clean up day, looking for volunteers; Town Hall is a drop off point for food, clothing and toys.

Councilwoman Mann –Received a letter from DHCD to the town looking for letters of support for the grant (Councilwoman Mann will draft a letter for Council to sign). Tourism: Working on a Festival for Spring or Fall, using the farm building on the sisters property.

Councilman Hill – Planning Zoning: update on the August meeting. Thanking Councilman Vari for his work with the recycling. He does a good job.

Councilman Collins: Gave the end of the months balances from the checking accounts; discussed the ongoing debt; updated Council regarding the latest Historic Meeting.

Town Manager, Rob Bernstine: Maintenance list from John Loveless is attached to his report and part of the minutes book. Buddy Shepard donated a generator to the Town for the Maintenance Staff to use.

No Mayor Report.

Action Items

Personnel Committee

MOTION: Councilwoman Blevins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to appoint two Councilmen to the Personnel Committee, Councilman Lee Collins and Councilman Frank Hill. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: New Year's 5K Run/Walk

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blevins to approve the New Year's Day 5K Walk/Run Event Application. All in favor, motion carried.

Bay Breeze Letter: Council to rescind the letter and prohibit the space that is for CC Water Tours; The Bay Breeze would be like any other transit boater, using the space on a first come first serve basis, for boarding and dropping off limited to 10-15 minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mann to rescind the previous letter sent to the Bay Breeze and for the Town Attorney to draft a letter for Council approval. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Sewer Plant Audit: Town Manager Rob Bernstine will review the three applicants and submit a recommendation to Council by the workshop.

KCI Amend to Owner Engineer Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Most of the costs will be reimbursable through the grant and lower the overall price.

MOTION: Councilman Collins made a motion to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades; Councilman Vari seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Amendment of the Parking Sections of the Comprehensive Development Ordinance

Councilwoman Mann suggested a workshop just for the review; the Zoning Commission has worked on this for almost a year and wants Council to thoroughly understand it. It was agreed that the Council would meet on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30pm.

Public Comment:

Harriett Davis: There are only two more concerts for the season, and it looks like we're on track for the second scholarship; Ghost Walk will be October 26 & 27th, I should have the script by the end of the month. Will be collecting advertisements for the booklet in the next couple of weeks.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Blevins— Elieen Viars called concerning the danger when driving up from Pell Gardens, how hard it is to see any traffic coming down Bohemia Avenue . She is willing to pay for a mirror if

there's a place on Franklin Hall to hang it. The Town Manager will check on the feasibility of hanging one.

Town Attorney Tom Yeager mentioned the Campbell Appeal; they have to file by the 24th of September. He predicts that early to mid May for the oral arguments, courts to issue a decision 60-120 days – so maybe by next summer when we finally have it completed.

Councilman Hill mentioned the Lions Car Show on the 25th. There will be no on street parking that day; make provisions for your family now. Show ends at 3pm.

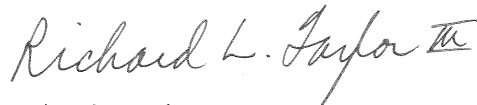
Adjourn

MOTION: Councilwoman Mann made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:



Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor