

Town Council Meeting August 12, 2019

Present: Randy McLennan, Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Mayor Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara, Town Attorney Tom Yeager

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

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Town Council Meeting July 8, 2019

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting as corrected. All in favor, motion carried.

Closed Session July 8, 2019

MOTION: Councilman McLennan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to accept the minutes with corrections mentioned by Councilman Hill. All in favor, motion carried.

Report:

Councilman McLennan: For Public Safety-the Fire Company has taken possession of new fire truck, replacing a 25 year old truck that went to West Virginia; a New ambulance last Friday, that they hope to have in service by next week. Trooper Proctor reviewed the July statistics that only includes what was done during their assigned hours for Town. There was discussion of an accident regarding a parked vehicle and an inebriated driver. DE State Police has located vehicle. The driver will be charged with Hit and Run, although not a DUI, because he has found in Delaware and the vehicle was parked. Arrested DUI driver the night before, he had taken out a Verizon pole at 3am. Several chases into Delaware this month. Having a check point in Town is not feasible because of the streets, however it can be done outside of Town limits. There were questions regarding holding the businesses responsible, it would be a County Liquor Board violation. The County has inspectors that do spot checks.

Councilman Adams: Planning Commission has had two voting meeting since last council meeting – roof replacement, demolition and construction of a new home, bulk head replacement, window replacements and renovation expansion of the Bayard House. The Bayard House will go to Board of Appeals scheduled for August 28, 2019. Change of use for Inn at the Canal, adding a small bar to the B&B.

Councilman Hill: Gave the balances from the Town Accounts. Will be moving the Line of Credit to Howard Bank and closing the Columbia Bank account.

Capital Improvements – is the new sewer plant, moving along on that project.

Historic District – Harriett Davis reported on actions taken at the Historic Committee.

Councilman O'Hara: Hasn't had a chance to meet with the Mayor, yet. This past weekend there was a healthy number of people in Town. Docks are aging and will be in need of repair after the season.

Councilman Vari: Public Works, 1st Street sidewalk will go in this week; the State Highway project on Biddle and Lock Street, getting ready to resurface both streets. Working with staff to put together a list of potholes and cracks that need sealing. Waste management – meeting with landfill on the 21st of

this month regarding new regulations. No change in the price in the tonnage or recycling. If missing recycling can – we have a few left over that were returned. Please make sure it is marked recycling. 9th straight year for top recycling Town in Cecil County. Racing Program - starting the New Years 5K in another month, looking for more sponsors and volunteers. The races help off-set the costs of our recycling program. Special Events: two weeks left of Music in the Park, Lions Club Car Show on the 24th. The Arts Council will be sponsoring Music in Pell Gardens in September, music playing from 4p-6p.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine: Bridge maintenance, chunks of concrete falling off; Army Corps moved quarterly checks to monthly checks. Resident George Watson concerned with the amount of the concrete fallin; The Town Manager noted problems with the sidewalks on the bridge. Some discussion regarding the Elementary School when it moves out to the complex. Councilman Vari stated it would be about three years at least. No one is aware of what the county will be doing with the old school. Chesapeake City hosted an Economic Development meeting and the group toured the Town. Fireworks went off very smoothly this past Saturday. No debris, they cleaned up very nicely.

Mayor: Will be attending the Monday groundbreaking for the new Elementary School at 9am. The new principal at the Elementary Schools wants to put the Halloween Parade back in Town. The high school and middle school will have the same principal this year. On Monday at 6p the Cecil County Planning Commission will be reviewing the west side of 213, AT&T proposing a 180' Tower. It has already be determined to go to the Appeals Board on the 27th. The Town does not have an official decision - Council and staff are welcome to voice their personal opinions at these meetings.

Action items

Event Application: Chesapeake City Lions Club Car Show

Requesting an officer from 530-730a on 3rd Street where food vendors will be located, to have vehicles towed that were in the way.

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the application for the Car Show. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application: Elkton United Methodist Church 5K for ALS September 28th

CCVFC will provide an ambulance if needed.

Registrations sign up at 8am at the start of the trail.

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Adams. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution for Commissioner Assignments

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilman McLennan. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution: Opening a line of credit at Howard Bank

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the line of credit move from Columbia Bank to Howard Bank, including an increase of \$250,000, making the total amount borrowed from Howard, \$500,000. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Maryland Day to Serve : Councilman Vari stated that it is the 5th year we have participated. This is a State wide program; 9-11 Service at VFW (indoors) at 6:30pm; 9/28 Clean up day throughout Chesapeake City; Meet at 8:30 on Southside. For the month we will also be collecting food, clothing and toys for the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association.

Proclamation for National President for the Auxiliary for the Veterans of Foreign Wars
The National President Peggy Haaiki will be at the VFW Monday night as part of her visit to Maryland. The Proclamation will be presented at the awards ceremony part of the evening.

Public Comment

Susie Campbell – Tourists that the business want should be taxed additional taxes for more police coverage. Tourist bringing more chaos than money. She has noticed an uptick in the noise, doesn't agree with the Town investigating after the fact.

Complaint driven process – form will be investigated and determine if more investigation is needed.

Councilman O'Hara was surprised to see on George St. MPK taking trash out of the recycling can; There's been recycling in garbage. Councilman Vari stated they are trying to save the Town money; Trash costs \$79 ton for trash and recycling is \$22 ton.

Resident George Watson – thank MSP for their service. Town needs to focus on bringing in families – disruptions need to be monitored better for undesirables. Possible surveillance systems to look in; Is there anyway a gate could be placed on the parking lot during the non-busy months (red parking lot)? How much red tape to change direction of 2nd street? You're only moving the problem to the other direction in Town.

Gwen Clayton – Perhaps the Town can shift the hours to later shifts. Councilman McLennan stated he's just learning the job. There has to be a balance with coverage. Shifts – adjust the times, moving to 2am.

The Officer from Maryland State Police reiterated the detail is a traffic detail. Its' not always guaranteed the shifts filled. Historically, the southern end of the county is the safest patrol. The call volume is less than Elkton or North East.

Parking meter for Ferry Slip: We can reconstitute a parking committee. The aggravating part is the residents are first offenders, the businesses are second.

Commissioner McLennan: 911 is your friend. Please use it and do not engage the drunks. Please don't get yourself hurt.

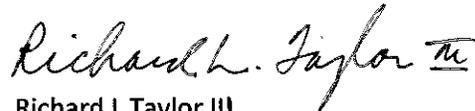
Mayor: Looking for more kids events and events that police themselves like the Candlelight Tour and the Lions Car Show,

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Richard L Taylor III
Mayor