

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on March 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pearisburg Town Hall. Present for the Meeting were: Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Harrell, Eaton, Journell and Clark; Town Manager Vittum; Town Attorney Hartley; Chief Martin; Town Engineer Tawney and Town Clerk Harless. Also present was Cynthia Schott of the Giles County Historical Museum; Patrick Burton of the NRV Planning District Commission; Fire Chief Rusty Stump and Michael Rork, citizens; and Butch Mullins, Virginian Leader.

Councilwoman Journell led the pledge of allegiance.

Williams made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Cindy Schott introduced herself as the new Director for the Giles County Historical Museum. She stated that our community is a treasure and the museum a wonderful asset. There are three key items she is working towards and they are community, membership and volunteerism. She plans to have two events in May.

Council approved the following Consent Items and Reports: Police, Finance, Library, Recreation, Building Permit, Manager, Water and Fire for February 2014.

Patrick Burton with the New River Valley Planning District Commission made a brief presentation to Council on the Draft 2014 Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed the items that the Pearisburg Planning Commission Members had went over in detail. They reviewed over comments and suggestions from the citizens. He discussed some of the goals and objectives in the plan. The maps were brought up-to-date. Eaton asked how many citizen comments were received. Burton stated that there was only a few. Vittum stated that it is a state requirement to update the Comprehensive Plan every five years. He stated that in April there will be a joint public hearing with Council and Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan.

Harrell reported on the Public Safety Committee. The Committee discussed a Forest Service Grant, fire truck runs in and out of town, Police DMV Grants and new vehicle for Police Department. There were no recommendations.

Fire Chief Rusty Stump addressed Council about the fire truck run order when calls go out in Town and the County. Chief Stump explained the reasoning for wanting to switch the run order. Williams did not agree with the proposed order. He felt the newest truck should remain in town. Chief Stump wanted to meet with Council to discuss the run order and see their preference. Hartley stated that the Fire Department is announcing their policy to Council. Town Council can make a recommendation as to what they prefer or just let the Fire Department Policy stand as presented by Chief Stump. Vittum felt that in the past there has been some issues with the order, but the Chief knows his department and what should be best. Williams stated that if Council did not have any comments he just wanted to go on record that he disagreed with the way the policy is being set up. Council did not take any action therefore what the Fire Department will follow the policy set up by Chief Stump.

Munsey reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. The Committee discussed the new roof over the sink at Whitt-Riverbend Park and the new pool hours for this season. There were no recommendations.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. The Committee discussed After Prom Party, Budget FY15, Shelton Place subsidy and accepting e-checks on the Town Website.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council contract with CHP Design Center for the initial study of the Community Center at a cost of \$19,010 subject to the approval of the Town Attorney to the form of the contract. Hartley stated he had reviewed the contract and made some changes. Vittum stated that CHP accepted the changes and signed the contract. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve the attached Budget Amendment 2014-02 to allocate Safe Route to School Grant funds and move funds within the current recreation budget. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 6 to 0.



Williams reported on the Public Works Committee. The water loss for January was 44.22%. The Committee discussed the rock wall on Willow Circle that has fallen over and that public works will repair, snow removal from sidewalks and work Volunteers from Holy Cross completed last week.

Harrell made a motion to accept the FY2012-2013 Audit Report presented to Council. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Vittum stated that he would give an update on the Vision on Small Downtown Tourism and related items. He talked about the Farm to Fork Program that will hold cooking classes at the Community Center. They are looking at a Farmers Market in Town and revived involvement with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy "ATC". Due to the revitalization process a new tenant in the Scott building is moving in, Zeppa Studios.

Vittum briefed Council on the proposed Community Center Renovation Project. He stated that since Council has approved the contract once CHP receives the copy they should complete work within 60 days.

Williams made a motion to approve a Parade Permit Application submitted by Walk for Autism. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Vittum informed Council that he has spoken with Kevin Byrd at the NRV Planning District Commission and he is willing to serve as a moderator for a Council Retreat. He suggested a Saturday in April or May. Council will need to pick a date, place, who they would like in attendance and what items they would like to cover. Council will pick some dates and get with the Town Clerk to help set up the Retreat.

Harrell made a motion to approve a Proclamation for Local Government Education Week. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

**PROCLAMATION  
APRIL 1-7, 2013 AS  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, since the colonial period, the Commonwealth of Virginia has closely held the institutions of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the citizens of the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, citizen services such as, law enforcement, public health and safety, recreational opportunities, and educating local children, are most often delivered at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the work performed by local governments, the Virginia General Assembly, on February 29, 2012, designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, April 2, 1908 was the creation of the Council-Manager form of government in the City of Staunton thereby making the first week in April appropriate for this designation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Town of Pearisburg that April 1-7, 2013 is hereby designated as Local Government Education Week; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Town of Pearisburg will promote civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government managers.

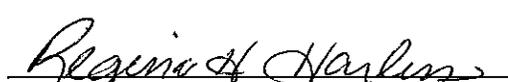
**ADOPTED** this 14th day of **March**, 2013.

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

Vittum reported that he had attended a meeting with other localities regarding the idea of a county-wide water system. The PSA will be paying for the study. Vittum stated that the PSA wanted to know what the towns thoughts were on a county-wide water system.

Vittum briefed Council on a letter received from Roger Houck asking the town to pay for a portion of last year's billing. Hartley asked when the PSA approved the \$.25 rate. Vittum stated it became effective January 1, 2014. Harrell stated that Council agreed on the \$1.96 rate. Hartley stated that the legal fees the town incurred with him and Haley were more than the amount the PSA wants to collect from the town for water last year. Council did not take any action on the PSA's letter.

Vittum stated that staff has reviewed an agreement for amusement rides for the June Festival in Pearisburg. He stated that the Merchants Association have not had an agreement in the past with any of the vendors. Hartley stated he had reviewed the agreement and made changes. Vittum stated that the vendor is Tony's Amusement Co., Inc. doing business as Fun Time Amusements. Munsey asked if we had used this vendor in the past. Vittum stated that he was a new vendor the one the merchants had been using gave the town some problems last year. Journell asked if we knew any other places that were familiar with the vendor. Vittum stated that Hope Harrell had contacted some other localities that had used them and had good experiences. Clark stated that the proceeds the town would receive are based on the amount of ticket sales. The vendor gets the first \$5,000 and then its split between them and the town. Clark stated that volunteers were needed to work the ticket booths. Hartley felt this was a good idea to help keep a count on the number of tickets sold.

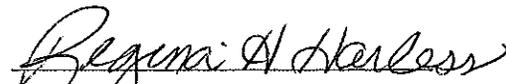
Journell made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town and Tony's Amusement Co., Inc. d/b/a Fun Time Amusements for the amusement rides at the Pearisburg Festival. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Vice-Mayor Colin Munsey

ATTEST:

  
Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk