

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on April 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pearisburg Town Hall. Present for the Meeting were: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Harrell, Eaton, Journell and Clark; Planning Commission Members Muncy, Williams and Robertson; Town Manager Vittum; Town Attorney Hartley; Chief Martin; Town Engineer Tawney and Town Clerk Harless. Also present was Patrick Burton of the NRV Planning District Commission; David and Darlene Cunningham, citizens; and Butch Mullins, Virginian Leader.

Councilwoman Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

Munsey made a motion to approve the March 11, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. He asked Chair Muncy to call the Planning Commission to order. Vittum stated that the Planning Commission has been working on the comp plan for over a year. Comp Plans are regulated by the state and need to be updated every five years. The Commission completed their review and recommends the comp plan to public hearing with Town Council. The hearing has been properly advertised and no comments were received to date.

Patrick Burton with the NRV Planning District Commission addressed Council on the Comprehensive Plan review. He stated that the commission had updated the goals and objectives, worked with more recent census demographics, economic indicators, tourism and the economy, County/Town cooperative effort, record documents and changes in land use and project improvements in Pearisburg.

Hearing no further comments the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and recessed the Council meeting in order for the Planning Commission to meet.

Mayor Dickerson called the Council Meeting back in session. Vittum stated that the Planning Commission recommends that Town Council accept the updated Comprehensive Plan as written and that it be placed on the May agenda.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on an application received from Hometown Grocery LLC/DBA Grants Supermarket proposing to construct an Electronic Changeable Copy Sign which is allowed only as a Conditional Use in the General Business (B-2) Zone. Vittum stated that the sign would be placed on the existing pole where the

previous business had theirs. In the General Business District this type is permitted by conditional use only. He stated that adjoining property owners were notified and the hearing was properly advertised. Vittum stated that the Planning Commission thought about restricting the times the sign would be lit. Robertson felt the sign should be off at the close of business. Vittum stated that Rodney Wilson had spoken to the owners and that should not be an issue. Mayor Dickerson closed the public hearing. Chair Muncy adjourned the Planning Commission.

Vittum stated that the Pearisburg Planning Commission made a recommendation that Council approve the Conditional Use Permit for Hometown Grocery LLC/DBA Grants Supermarket to construct an Electronic Changeable Copy Sign which is allowed only as a Conditional Use in the General Business (B-2) Zone. The Commission added one condition to their recommendation that the Electronic Changeable Copy Sign be turned off at the close of business.

Williams made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Grants Supermarket. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Darlene Cunningham addressed Council at this time about the zoning ordinance on lighting. She felt it was something Council should consider in residential areas. She has noticed in areas like Blacksburg that businesses located in residential areas put up wooden signs and use a small yard light to illuminate the sign. She felt when Council made decisions about lighting for businesses in residential areas of town that maintained their yards and homes should be taken into consideration when it comes to issuing permits for signage and lighting.

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

Harrell reported on the Public Safety Committee. She stated that the committee had discussed placement of a memorial wall at the fire station. She also briefed Council on the New Driver Training Class offered by VML Insurance that Officer Journell has attended and will be the instructor for town employees.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve a Memorial Wall for the Fire Department. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Williams stated that due to the lack of a quorum the Property and Recreation Committee did not meet.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. The Committee discussed the budget and began working on balancing it for FY2015.

Eaton stated that the Committee made a recommendation that Council contract with Fidelity Power Systems for Guardian II coverage including Resistive Load Bank Testing for an annual cost of \$1130. Vittum stated that the generator is only under warranty for a certain period of time. The company that did the inspections suggested it be warranted. Tawney stated that at the Sewer Plant there is a similar size generator and he felt the company that warranties it could be less expensive than Fidelity Power Systems.

Munsey made a motion that Council table the recommendation and look at other companies for warranty prices. Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Williams stated that due to the lack of a quorum the Public Works Committee did not meet.

Vittum briefed Council on the Community Center Renovation Project. He stated that the Planning Study is underway and under contract with CHP. The engineers will be looking over the mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems. They will also look at upgrades for the kitchen and bathrooms. He should have an interim report for next month.

Vittum stated that he would give an update on the Vision on Small Downtown Tourism and related items. He reported that the Farm to Fork classes have taken off and several citizens have registered. The other portions are moving along as well.

Williams made a motion to approve a Parade Permit Application submitted by Macy School for their second annual Safe Route to Schools 5K. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council discussed the upcoming Retreat and decided to try and have the retreat on June 14th at the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Vittum asked Council to come up with some topics and give them to him or the Mayor.

Vittum stated that he had receive a letter from Belcher to Houck on a request from Glen Lyn for the County to operate the water system, bill and collect for Glen Lyn. Eaton asked if the PSA Board discussed Glen Lyn voting status. Munsey stated that the lawyer for

the PSA will look more into the idea. He stated that Ricky McCoy is not sure if they can do this depending on the contract. Hartley stated that it did depend on how the contract is set up. Vittum also stated that Rich Creek is requesting the PSA to discontinue adding Fluoride to their drinking water. Clark stated that she understood that it had been researched and would affect the whole water system. Munsey stated that the PSA would discuss the matter on Thursday. Vittum stated that the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) does not require Fluoride but strongly recommends it. The consensus of Council was to leave in the Fluoride.

Vittum stated that Hartley had reviewed the NRCC Agreement with the Community College for use of the library and finds it acceptable. Harrell made a motion that Council approve the NRCC Agreement to use the Town Library. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson stated that Clark can no longer serve as a member of the NRV Planning District Commission (NRVPDC) due to other conflicting obligations. He has spoken with Journell and she has offered to serve in this capacity. Williams made a motion that Journell serve on the NRVPDC. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey, Council Members Williams, Eaton, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Tawney stated that the PSA approached the Town about diverting water west from Well #4 in case of an emergency. He was told Thompson & Litton had made sure it would not affect Ingram Village or Hidden Meadows areas. The maximum the pumps would run if diverted would be 135 minutes. Tawney will get an agreement from the PSA and have Hartley review. Hartley stated that with the PSA history Council should ask for specific information in writing for the Comprehensive Agreement with the Town. Tawney will ask for such agreement.

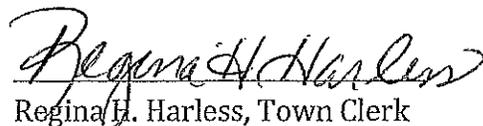
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk