

Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on March 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pearisburg Municipal Building Council Chambers. Present for the meeting was Mayor Robert L. Dickerson; Vice-Mayor Munsey; Council Member Williams, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton; Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Vittum; Chief Martin; Building Official Wilson; and Town Clerk Harless. Also present was Jeff Morris, Board of Supervisors, citizen; Zach Guynn, Virginian Leader.

Williams made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the Regular February 9, 2016 and Special February 23, 2016 Town Council Meetings. Munsey seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Harrell reported on the Public Safety Committee. The Committee discussed the recent article in the Roanoke Times concerning fire and rescue problems in Giles County. They reviewed a sketch drawing of the former hospital building showing a conversion for the County police and dispatch center. There were no recommendations.

Journell reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. The Committee discussed a Zoning Ordinance Violation concerning property on Mill Road. They discussed planting burning bushes adjacent to the retaining wall bordering the park. Staff is gathering information about the root systems to ensure the retaining wall would not be damaged. There were no recommendations.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. The Committee discussed a request for use of property and the Community Center by Ms. Conley. This item was deferred to full council for review. They discussed the PPTRA rate for 2017 which was reduced from 57% to 56% and the new Health Insurance Rates for employees.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve a sub-grant of \$7,508.34 to the Giles Arts Council for Summer Music Concert (Third Thursday), Kids Art at the Market, and Art in Public Places. The Committee desires additional information on the Children's Sculpture design prior to recommending the final \$500 of the current year's budget. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson, Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The recommendation carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Munsey reported on the Public Works Committee. They discussed the Anderson and Associates contract for the Predevelopment UV Light and Chlorine Planning Grant. The ads for street paving and truck purchase bids have been placed.

The Committee made a recommendation that Council approve a contract with Anderson and Associates for the Predevelopment UV Light and Chlorine Planning Grant. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Council discussed the request from Ms. Conley to utilize a space at the Community Center. Vittum stated that if Council agrees Conley plans to move forward with the process of opening a daycare. Conley will need approval from the Health Department and State Fire Marshall. Wilson stated that he is not sure he can get a waiver on the potential space for the sprinkler system. Vittum stated that it would require a conditional use permit. He stated that the room she is looking at is the most rented room in the facility and he tried to encourage Conley to look elsewhere. Clark stated that she was not in favor of the request. She gave Conley a viable suggestion for an alternative. She does not feel we need to start a business incubator. She suggested Conley contact the Presbyterian Church.

Munsey made a motion to table Conley's request to place a daycare in the Community Center in Room #2. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0. Staff will get with Conley on Council's decision.

Munsey reported on the PSA. He stated that the PSA is still waiting on a reply as to what the plan is on the pump as far as shared maintenance. Hartley is reviewing the shared maintenance agreement and will get with staff.

Vittum reported on Virginia's First. He stated that Pearisburg will be on the agenda March 9<sup>th</sup>. He does not know of any localities seeking shares to buy. The shares will be offered at that time. Vittum plans to vote no on the member withdrawal policy but was sure that the vote would carry. He feels that the full board will adopt the Resolution Dissolving Commerce Park and incorporating it into the authority. He understands Giles County has it on their March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda to vote on. Hartley stated that Vittum should vote no on the Resolution Dissolving Commerce Park and putting it into the authority. Vittum plans to attend the meeting and report back to Council.

Hartley stated that if Council wants out they can sell their shares and not have to pay all the money back. He stated that if no one wants to buy the shares we may be stuck with them. He stated that we want to be treated like other localities.

Council discussed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council vacancy.

Eaton made a motion to approve the Autism Support Parade Permit. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Vittum stated that he had no additional information on Water Loss Report but would continue to provide the reports.

Eaton made a motion to approve a Proclamation on Local Government Week. Clark seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

**PROCLAMATION  
APRIL 3 - 9, 2016 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 3 - 9, 2016 is hereby designated as Local Government Education Week; and

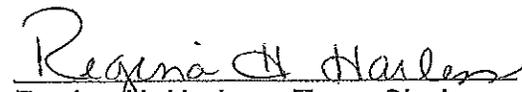
**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the **Town of Pearisburg** will promote civic education and engagement in an effort to educate citizens about their local government, strengthen the sense of community, and engage the next generation of local government managers.

**ADOPTED** this 8th day of March, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

  
Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

Council reviewed Dianne Dinger's report and had no questions.

Vittum updated Council on the upcoming AT Event at Bluff City this week.

Eaton asked what the Volunteer Students are working on. Vittum stated that they are clearing the walking trail in Dogwood Farms from the AT Hostel to the sidewalk and repainted part of Community Center. He stated that it had been 15 years since some of the rooms have been painted.

Vittum stated that staff has removed the cinder block addition behind the PATS building. There was an oil tank and block that was disposed. Clark asked about some roof damage on the back of the PATS building. Wilson stated that where they took the flu down the area needed to be repaired.

On a motion by Munsey, seconded by Clark, passed by the following recorded vote, Mayor Dickerson, yes; Council Members Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Munsey, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council went into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (7), for consultation with legal counsel, and the briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Town; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Town regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of the legal advice by such counsel re: 7-Day Market.

On a motion by Munsey, seconded by Journell, passed by the following recorded vote, Mayor Dickerson, yes; Council Members Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Munsey, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council returned to regular session.

On a motion by Harrell, seconded by Clark, and passed by the following recorded vote, Mayor Dickerson, yes; Council Members Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Munsey, yes; Harrell, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; Council certified that the subject discussed in this Executive Session was the subject identified in the motion to go into Executive Session and only that subject, and that Council discussed no other subject while in Executive Session.

Munsey asked if the Town Manager and Town Attorney could respond as soon as possible to Kevin Belcher regarding the splitting of repair costs for the pump at Bluff City. Hartley stated that he will be looking at the contract document to make sure this is covered in that contract.

Clark asked about the hole in the roof of the PATS building caused by removal of the old boiler room. Wilson indicated this was planned when the flu was removed and would be repaired shortly.

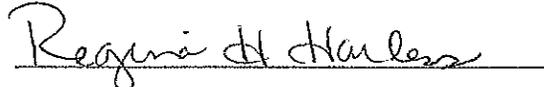
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

APPROVED:



Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

