

Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on October 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Pearisburg Municipal Building. Present for the meeting was Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell, Ballard and Eaton; Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Meredith; Town Clerk Harless; Director of Public Works Wilson; Police Chief Martin; and Town Treasurer Harrell. Citizens Troy Williams and Amelia Whittaker, Virginian Leader.

Clark made a motion to approve the Regular September 10, 2019 and Special September 24, 2019 Meetings as written. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Harrell, Clark, Journell and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing for a conditional use application. The purpose was to consider a Conditional Use Request by Troy Williams to demolish the current structure and build rental self-storage units at 513 N Main Street. After hearing no comments Mayor Dickerson closed the Public Hearing. Meredith stated that the property is currently zoned as B-2 and that storage units are a conditional use in that zone. Meredith stated he had received one letter in opposition and the letter was included in the Council packet.

Williams made a motion that Council approve the Conditional Use request by Troy Williams to construct self-storage units. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson opened the Public Hearing for Budget Amendment FY2020-02. The purpose of the amendment is to account for \$25,000 in revenue that has been received from the County and to allocate \$50,000 for the purchase of turnout gear for the Town's volunteer firefighters. The Town received \$25,000 from Giles County as part of the Fire Assistance Grant. Meredith stated he had not received any comments or concerns from the public.

Williams made a motion to approve and adopt Budget Amendment FY 2020-02. Journell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2020-02

EXPENDITURES					
10.5000.1601	Turnout Gear				
		Current Budget	New Amount		Difference
		\$ -	\$ 50,000.00		50,000.00
				\$ -	-
				\$ -	-
				\$ -	-
				\$ -	-
				\$ -	-
				\$ -	-
		Total		\$ 50,000.00	1.10%
					%Change
REVENUE					
10.0380.8500	County Assistance-Fire				
		Current Budget	New Amount		Difference
		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		25,000.00
				\$ -	-
				\$ -	-
		Total		\$ 25,000.00	

		Revenue	Expenditures	Difference
Current		\$ 4,520,671.00	\$ 4,528,581.00	(7,910.00)
Amended		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	(25,000.00)
Total		\$ 4,545,671.00	\$ 4,578,581.00	(32,910.00)

For Council Action on October 15, 2019

Journell reported on Public Safety Committee. Clark asked for an update on the fire truck incident claim. Staff will contact VRSA and respond to Council.

Journell reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. The Committee discussed prohibiting smoking in the park and recreation facilities.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. Meredith stated that the Town presently has an agreement with the Town of Narrows to share the following equipment: motor grader, camel jet and bucket truck. There is a reserve account for maintenance on equipment. The Town of Narrows and Town of Pearisburg staff members have discussed creating an agreement that includes the County. Staff from all three entities have also discussed purchasing a bucket truck with the County and making that purchase part of the new agreement. He stated that sharing equipment with Narrows had been working out well. Meredith briefed Council on the Business Incentive Grant. He stated the last applicant didn't meet their deadline extension. Meredith stated that he would draft a new Business Incentive Grant for FY2020 that would allow business owners to apply for grant funds. He stated that he would have the draft prepared for Council's consideration at the regular meeting in November.

Harrell made a motion that Council approve the Financial Statement for September 2019. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Eaton reported on the Public Works Committee. She stated some of the lights were not working properly in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building. Wilson stated that he was aware and will be working with staff to get them reported. Meredith stated there were some sewer manholes that need rehabbed and that this work would begin in the coming weeks. The Town has almost completed the RD/UV Sewer project. The Town may need to consider obtaining a third loan to complete the realignment of the sewer line on Main Street. Meredith stated that staff were working on obtaining easements to complete the project.

Williams reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. Eaton asked if they discussed the smoking issue at the ballfield at their meeting. Hartley stated there was a Virginia indoor law, but he wasn't aware of an outside law. He knew the Governor had signed a bill to prohibit smoking in the outdoor theatre in Roanoke. Hartley stated that he will work on

gathering more information. Meredith commented that the Employees Personnel Policy currently prohibits smoking in town buildings and vehicles. He is not aware of an ordinance prohibiting citizens. Eaton asked if Collins was involved in the renovations for the ballfield and park as discussed in the Council planning session. Meredith stated he could add this item to the Council retreat agenda.

Meredith briefed Council on the notice of proposed lease for 1615 Wenonah Avenue as the new location for probation and parole office. Council has the option to require them to hold a public hearing. Eaton asked where it was located presently, and Chief Martin stated it was in the downstairs of the Timberlake building. Meredith stated Council needed to inform them by December 30th. The consensus of Council was that, they had no objections and did not want to require the public hearing.

Meredith stated that the purpose of Change Order No. 2 for William G. Simmons Co. was to approve a mounting bracket for \$680.00. It was included in an earlier change order. Also included were hose bibs costing \$1545 and a \$1840 diamond plate. Lead Plant Operator Kast had informed the Town Manager that she feels these items would be very useful to add to the scope of the project. He stated there was room in the project budget to cover these three items in contingency.

Journell made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for William G Simmons Co in the amount of \$4065.00. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Meredith briefed Council on a request from the Ruritans to assist them in making repairs to an aging house that has no indoor water located in Pembroke. He was told that any donation would be appreciated. He stated that Jay Williams asked Meredith to present it to Council.

Eaton made a motion to table the request. Harrell seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Journell, Ballard and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Meredith stated that he was working on preparing an agenda for the upcoming Council Retreat. He plans to add the program level evaluation system, baseball field, long term

strategic plan, comprehensive plan, and is open to suggestions for additional items from Council.

Council set November 16, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm for a Council Retreat.

Mayor Dickerson read a thank you card from Lindsey Johnson for the Towns assistance on the Muddy ACCE Race. He informed Council that the Committee Meetings will be held on November 7th before the regular meeting of Council on November 12th.

Clark thanked Hope Harrell and Jackie Martin for their assistance on the Scarecrow Festival and commended the Public Works Crew for their help with the set-up and clean-up efforts.

On a motion by Journell, seconded by Harrell, passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members, Dickerson, yes, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, yes; Journell, yes; Clark, yes; and Harrell, yes; Council went into Executive Session as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1), for discussion, consideration or interviews of candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Town of Pearisburg.

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

On a motion by Williams seconded by Ballard, and passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members Dickerson, yes, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, absent; Journell, yes; Clark yes; and Harrell, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:


Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk