

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pearisburg Town Council Chambers. Present for the meeting was Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Clark, Journell, Ballard, Harrell, and Williams; Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Meredith; Assistant Town Clerk Hazelwood; Town Clerk Harrell and Building Official Wilson. Also, present were citizens Jeff Morris, and Amelia Whittaker with the Virginian Leader.

Clark made a motion to approve the June 12, 2018 Regular and June 26, 2018 Special Council Minutes. Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to Town Code Sections 72-221; 74-281; and 74-285. Meredith explained the changes to the fees. There were no comments. Dickerson closed the Public Hearing. Williams made the motion to approve the amendments to Town Code Sections 72-221; 74-281; and 74-285. Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Journell reported on the Public Safety Committee. She stated that Chief Stump had informed the Committee that the department was going to apply for a grant to replace turnout gear. He is going to research whether there is a required match and report back. Martin informed the committee of a larceny that happened at the town pool. Stump had expressed concern about the fire whistle repairs and asked the committee if the old whistle could be reinstalled. Eaton asked if the fire whistle was even necessary. Clark asked if the whistle could only be used during day hours. Wilson stated that he would get pricing and information needed to bring back to council about reinstalling the old fire whistle.

Ballard reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. He stated that the new floor covering had been installed at 1611 Wenonah Avenue. New entry doors have also been installed.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. The Committee discussed a tax abatement request from Andrea Hughes. It was tabled so additional information could be gathered. The committee reviewed a request from Jim Saunders to waive the real estate tax penalty and interest in the amount of \$372.52. The committee stated that staff should collect payment for the penalty and interest in full.

Ballard reported on the Public Works Committee. The committee discussed the Epperley and Jennell Development. The developers are still working with DEQ and it appears that the cost of meeting DEQ requirements could potentially stop the development. Ballard reported that the street crew had started making repairs to potholes and will continue through the rest of the summer.

Clark reported that the Farmers Market was going well.

Clark reported that she had not yet attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. She stated that the shirts Amanda Tickle had designed were being sold. The golf tournament was successful.

Meredith discussed the Safety/Risk Management Policy and Resolution. There were no questions or comments from council. Journell made the motion to adopt the Resolution and policy. Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

RESOLUTION

POLICY ADOPTION STATEMENT

Town of Pearisburg

WHEREAS, The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 requires employers to provide a safe place to work, a place free from hazards that might cause injury, disability or even death.

WHEREAS, It is the policy of **the Town of Pearisburg** that every employee is entitled to work under the safest conditions possible. Every reasonable effort will be made to promote accident prevention for protection and health preservation.

WHEREAS, It is our belief that accidents injure people, damage equipment or property, or destroy materials cause needless personal suffering, inconvenience and expense. We believe that taking common sense precautions can prevent most all accidents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Town of Pearisburg** through its department heads, will endeavor to maintain a safe and healthful work place. The **Town of Pearisburg** will provide safe working equipment, necessary personal protection and in the case of injury, the appropriate first aid and medical services.

The **Safety/Risk Management Coordinator, as appointed by the Town Manager**, will head the implementation of Self-Inspections Program and will communicate pertinent information to all departments. **The Safety/Risk Management Coordinator** will undertake such duties as may be required in the day-to-day operation of the program.

This Resolution was adopted on this 10th day of July, 2018.

APPROVED:

Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

Meredith stated that the town ended the fiscal year with a surplus. Meredith discussed the need for appropriations to the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget. Eaton made a motion to appropriate funds to cover overages in accounts. Harrell seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Meredith stated that the PSA had made a request to place a front-loading garbage receptacle on Iris Street behind the Holiday Motor Lodge. Harrell stated that this had been done before and had created multiple problems. She stated that she was not in favor of placing another receptacle there. Journell stated that after the last receptacle was removed that there were problems for months with the rats. She stated that she was not in favor of the placement. Hartley stated that an option would be to discuss with the PSA a user charge for the apartment units at the Holiday Motor Lodge just as other residents in the town pay. This would not apply to the hotel room rentals. Meredith stated that he would talk to Kevin Belcher and report back to council

On a motion by Williams, seconded by Ballard, 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; as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (3), for discussion or consideration of a matter involving the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the Town's bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town; and as permitted by Virginia Code §

2.2-3711 (A) (29), for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town.

On a motion by Williams, seconded by Ballard, 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 Ballard seconded by Williams, and passed by the following recorded vote, Council Members Dickerson, yes, Williams, yes; Eaton, yes; Ballard, yes; 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:



Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynne Hazelwood, Assistant Town Clerk

ADOPTED: July 10, 2018

ORDINANCE NO: 18-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 74-221,
WATER CONNECTION FEE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TOWN,
OF CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES,
CODE OF THE TOWN OF PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA, 1996, AS AMENDED,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR CONNECTION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Pearisburg,
Virginia, 7 of the elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The following section of the Code of the Town of
Pearisburg, Virginia, 1996, as amended, is amended and re-enacted as
follows:

Section 74-221. Water Connection Fee Inside and Outside Town.

- (a.) Before the installation of any water meter inside town, the owner of the property to be supplied with water or the water consumer shall pay \$1,000.00 for a three-fourths-inch or less connection as the fee for connecting the property in question with the town water main and the pipe running from such main to the property in question.
- (b.) Before the installation of any water meter outside the town, the owner of the property to be supplied with water or the water consumer shall pay \$1,000.00 for a three-fourths inch or less connection as the fee for connecting the property in question with the town water main and the pipe running from such main to the property in question.

Paragraph c and d are retained as is and not amended by this ordinance.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage.

This 10th day of July, 2018.

APPROVED:


Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

ADOPTED: July 10, 2018

ORDINANCE NO: 18-04

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 74-281,
SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE, OF CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES,
CODE OF THE TOWN OF PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA, 1996, AS AMENDED,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR CONNECTION**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Pearisburg, Virginia, 7 of the elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The following section of the Code of the Town of Pearisburg, Virginia, 1996, as amended, is amended and re-enacted as follows:

Section 74-281. Sewer Connection Charge.

All owners of property in the town desiring to connect such property with the sanitary sewers of the town shall pay a sewer connection charge of \$1,000.00. Such sewer connection charge shall be paid to the Town Treasurer at the time the sewer connection is made.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage.

This 10th day of July, 2018.

APPROVED:


Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

ADOPTED: July 10, 2018

ORDINANCE NO: 18-05

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 74-285,
SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE, OF CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES,
CODE OF THE TOWN OF PEARISBURG, VIRGINIA, 1996, AS AMENDED,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR CONNECTION**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Pearisburg,
Virginia, 7 of the elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The following section of the Code of the Town of
Pearisburg, Virginia, 1996, as amended, is amended and re-enacted
as follows:

Section 74-285. Connection Charge.

Each owner of property outside of the town connecting such
property with the sewerage system of the town shall pay a
connection fee of \$1,000.00. Such sewer connection charge shall be
paid to the town treasurer at the time sewer connection is made.

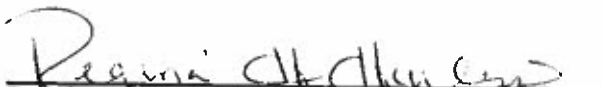
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This 10th day of July, 2018.

APPROVED:


Robert L. Dickerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk