

Council Minutes
Workshop Meeting
July 22, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. – 502 Front Street E, Coeburn, VA

Attendees:

Upon roll call, all members of council were present: Jimmy Williams – Town Manager, Cathy Sharpe – Clerk/Treasurer and William Sturgill – Town Attorney were also present.

Call to Order:

Mayor Jeff Kiser called the meeting to order. Deventae Mooney gave the invocation. The group remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jeff Kiser.

Public Expression:

There was no public comment. Public expression was closed.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Deventae Mooney made a motion to move New Business (c) Community Remembrance Project – Preston Mitchell, to before reports. Ms. Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Jeff Kiser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mike Wright seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Community Remembrance Project – Mr. Preston Mitchell reported that the Community Remembrance Project is to educate communities about the history of lynching in this country. Mr. Mitchell presented council with House Joint Resolution No. 655 which acknowledges with profound regret the existence and acceptance of lynching within the Commonwealth. The Resolution was passed February 21, 2019 unanimously by both the House and the Senate by both the Republicans and Democrats. The resolution notes that 2019 is the 400th anniversary of Africans arriving as slaves in what would become the United States. It states that during the period of reconstruction after the Civil War, various people defied the law to take action against African-Americans “in retribution for alleged or invented crimes and faced few or no consequences.”

Mr. Mitchell explained that three lynching incidents are documented in Wise County. He talked about those lynchings in detail.

Mr. Mitchell asked the council to pass a resolution of support. Mayor Jeff Kiser asked that Mr. Mitchell give Town Manager, Jimmy Williams, a copy of Resolution No. 655 to share with Town Attorney, William Sturgill, so it can be reviewed.

Reports:

Town Manager

Town Manager, Jimmy Williams, reported that the Route 23 Jeep Club will have another show October 27, 2019. Deventae Mooney stated that October 27th is on a Sunday. Mr. Williams said he would make sure of the date.

Mr. Williams advised that he had spoken with Mr. Cory Dotson from Powell Valley National Bank. Mr. Dotson needs a time frame in which it is expected this phase to be completed. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Dotson needs to know what council is going to do as far as extending the loan and he needs a copy of the audit for FY17. Mr. Dotson advised Mr. Williams that there would not be late fees charged to the town.

Council decided to have Mr. Williams do a letter stating that the loan will be extended for nine months.

Ms. Sharon Still asked Mr. Williams what the plans are for the roof at the Depot Stage. Mr. Williams advised that it may be repaired before Labor Day. He said the plan is to go with shingles instead of metal because of having to put signs and stuff up; there will be less chance of someone slipping and falling if it were shingles rather than metal.

Ms. Still asked if the trucks for the treatment plant and public works had been purchased. Mr. Williams advised that two trucks had been bought and will be paid for instead of financing. Mr. Deventae Mooney asked the price in which Mr. Williams reported they were \$23,200.00.

Public Works

Jeff Livingston, Public Works Superintendent, reported that the Rally Shack restrooms may need to have shingles repaired. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Livingston to trim the pine trees at the Rally Shack.

Mr. Livingston advised that the weed eating has been done at Dickerson Street; the ditch and drain have also been cleaned out.

Mr. Livingston reported that 65 new meters have been installed. He stated that public works has been trying to help The Lane Group find the last three manholes. Finding those manholes will require digging to locate them.

Mr. Livingston said a leak was repaired at Timberville.

He advised that he has been speaking with someone at Old Dominion Power about putting a light on a pole to shine on the flag. Mayor Jeff Kiser agreed that the pole would be a better option than the town having to maintain lighting for the flag because there has been a history of those lights burning out. It would also give more lighting on the flag because it would be closer.

Deventae Mooney asked if chlorine had been delivered to the pool. Mr. Livingston said if it wasn't delivered today it would be there tomorrow.

Mr. Mike Wright asked if the new pump had been installed at Sheffield. Mr. Livingston stated that it is installed and it has a year warranty.

The Lane Group

There was no representative from The Lane Group present.

Treasurer

Cathy Sharpe, Clerk/Treasurer, reported a posted cash balance of \$179,205.51 as of July 19, 2019. She reported outstanding checks in the amount of \$13,741.08, accounts payable due in the amount of \$15,529.93 and interim accounts payable in the amount of \$25,021.30. After deducting the accounts payable due and outstanding checks, the reconciled cash balance was \$149,934.50.

Ms. Sharpe reported that the meeting minutes for the July 8, 2019 regular meeting will be distributed along with August 12, 2019 regular council packets.

Ms. Sharpe reported two additional deposits since reports had been presented for the meeting. These deposits totaled \$10,839.65 making the total cash availability \$160,774.15.

Ms. Sharpe advised that Reba From PC Sturgill has completed the pre-audit for FY17 and Bostic/Tucker will begin the audit the third week in August.

Jeff Kiser said he is glad to see the Redi-Access account growing again.

Police Department

Chief Scott Brooks said he didn't have anything new to report.

Fire Department

There was no representative from the fire department present. No report was given.

Attorney Report

Mr. William Sturgill, Town Attorney, reported that he would have a draft of the Resolution for the Community Remembrance Project to be reviewed at the next council meeting. He had nothing else to report.

New Business:

- A. Phase 2 – Sheffield Sewer Project – Town Manager, Jimmy Williams reported that McFall Construction is ahead of time within the first few days of them actually working. They are still waiting on the FY18 audit to be completed; Chris Mullins with The Lane Group is trying to get things approved with FY17 but has not had any luck making that happen.

Jeff Kiser advised that he has been discussing projects for Coeburn with State Representative Todd Pillion. Mr. Pillion may be able to help with those projects. The cost factor for residence to hook onto the sewer system has been part of the issue for making Phase II of the Sheffield Project happen. On August 9th there will be a meeting at town hall with The Lane Group, Town of Coeburn and Lenowisco. A list of people who would like to hook onto the sewer will be accumulated and the ability to pay for that is where Mr. Pillion may be able to help. There may be some grant money available to help these people. Lenowisco will go out and do surveys house to house and find out what the need base will be and try to get these people on the system.

- B. Military Utility Truck (Humvee) – Chief Scott Brooks reported that a gentleman had come by the police department and offered \$5000.00 for the Humvees. Mr. Brooks thinks this is a good deal and would like to sell them. He said that the parts would be hard to find and the costs of the parts and repairs would be expensive. Deventae Mooney asked how many times the police department has used the Humvees. Chief Brooks advised that they were used quite a bit when the police department first got them. He stated that in the last three years they have not been used much at all. Mr. Mike Wright asked if they could operate now. Mr. Brooks said one has a radiator leak and the other one is used for parts. Jeff Kiser asked Town Attorney, Williams Sturgill if the town is able to sell these. Mr. Sturgill advised that he will check the state code and local ordinances to make sure that it is all within the polices in place. Mayor Jeff Kiser suggested that Mr. Brooks get back in touch with the potential buyer and let him know that the town is doing research on the sell and there will be a decision at the next council meeting.

- C. Community Remembrance Project – Preston Mitchell – This was moved to after reports.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report.

Closed Session:

There was no reason to go into closed session.

Council Comments and Concerns:

Mr. Mike Holbrook – Mr. Holbrook thanked everyone for their hard work.

Deventae Mooney – Mr. Mooney advised that the last day the pool will be open is Saturday, August 10th. There will be night swims the week school starts back. The 10th the pool will close at 5:00 p.m. and there will be a party on the 11th. He stated they will go in and pack up everything and clean on the 11th.

Sharon Still – Ms. Still thanked Mr. Jeff Livingston for coming out every time she calls, even late at night. She said she appreciates what everyone else does in the office. She is glad Mr. Williams is on the mend.

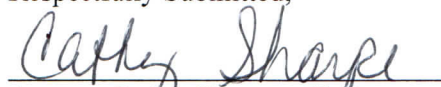
Mike Wright – Mr. Wright is thankful that everyone is completing their work, especially in this weather. He doesn't see how much is getting done; it is pretty rough. He thinks everything is running smoothly and the cash balance looks pretty nice; at least the town can breathe for a few months. He is just glad everything is going great.

Jeff Kiser – Mr. Kiser advised that the Guest River Rally is going along nicely. The big night will be Saturday, August 31st. There will be all kinds of bands and events happening and he urges everyone to make plans to attend. He stated that he likes the Redi-Access account.

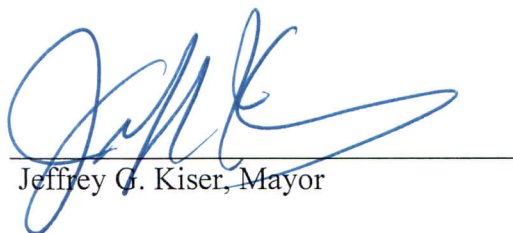
Adjournment:

Jeff Kiser made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Sharon Still and Mike Wright seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Attest: Cathy Sharpe, Clerk



Jeffrey G. Kiser, Mayor