Council Work Session
April 11, 2016
3:30 p.m.

PRESENT
Wayne Printz, Mayor
Jay Dean, Vice Mayor (3:45)
Margaretta Isom, Council Member
Harry Armbruster, Council Member
Jeffrey Jones, Council Member
Joshua Gooden, Council Member (3:45)
Gerry Comer, Council Member

PRESENT
Aaron Hammer, Chief of Police (3:52)
Troy Shifflett, Public Works Director (3:37)
Clairen Sipe, Town Treasurer
Diane Johnson, Recreation Director
Denise Monger, Clerk of Council

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Finance & Planning Commission (M. Isom)

- Jackson Avenue – withdrawn.
- Ordinance to Amend Chapter 110-302 Terms Defined: Chapter 110-606 Residential District R-5 and Chapter 110-607 High Density Residential District R-6 – Second Reading & Vote (Agenda).
- Budget – First Reading (Agenda).

Public Health, Safety & Ordinances / Personnel / Community Center (H. Armbruster)

- Incident at Treasurer's office with an irate customer / counter to be restructured to provide more security for staff / Sheriff's office responded to call / Town officer was in Harrisonburg on another call.
- Cameras / research costs.
- Closed session – personnel interviews.

Electric & Recreation (J. Jones)

- Remove tennis court net at the Town Hall that is falling down.
- Space being vacated at EACC / Betsy Dean Dancing a candidate for rental space / Council to decide how to use space which would be vacant in May-June.
- Water heater.
- Kid's Castle to be repaired.
- Steps at EACC re-conformed due to safety issues.

Water & Sewer (J. Dean)

- Approve Summer Sewer Rates (Agenda).
- Spring clean-up discussed.
- I & I / one Town offered prizes to homeowners for removal of their sump pumps from the Town's system.
- Grease traps an issue / resend restaurant letters / inspect records.
- Send letter to residents also regarding sump pumps being connected to the Town's system / research penalties.
- Clean up dates: 5/4, 5/5, 5/6.
- One-time pick-up to include brush / Town to haul to landfill.
- Surveys sent to annexed residents inquiring if they would connect to the Town's water and sewer.
- Engineering costs for annexation needed for the budget / need easements first.

Economic & Community Development (J. Gooden)

- Potential Ben Graessle Memorial / e-mails sent / awaiting letter from bank regarding funding for the memorial / council approval contingent upon receiving letter.
- Motion to Support Basketball Court Project as Presented in Memory of Ben Graessle (Agenda).
- Discussion regarding the use of the tennis courts at the Town Hall / suggestion to turn all of the courts into basketball courts / could accommodate regulation basketball tournaments.
- Request to review the plans with the Recreation Commission / Commission to be contacted by phone regarding the issue / matter to be placed on the agenda Monday for a vote.

Streets and Sidewalks & Cemetery (G. Comer)

- Mowers discussed.
- Pot holes, sidewalks and paving discussed.
- iPads discussed.
- Fertilize Cemetery one time.
- Reading meters an issue at two residences (Rockingham Street & Lee Avenue) / Town not provided access to the meter because of fences, dogs, etc… / residents need to provide access by way of a key to open a gate or by paying to move their meter to a more accessible area / need to send letter to residents.
- HEC to give the Town software and meters for electrical reads / Town will still need to manually disconnect residents when needed.
- Seriously ill Town employee was donated over one year of time paid by Town employees.
- Post office delivering Amazon orders on Sundays.
- Jerrick Campbell Memorial Tree.
- Portable movie theater discussed / cost of $300-$400 per movie showing / sponsorships needed / outdoor showings cost more money than indoor / concern regarding costs.
- Treasurer Sipe left the meeting / Deputy Treasurer Gooden attended.
- Poxy coating for river bridge.
- Bill Neff to erect two buildings across from Burger King on Route 33 / property in the County / boundary line adjustment could be requested once Town addresses annexation issues / one specific business to be established / other to be determined.
- Gazebo for Katie Whitfield.
- Two electric customers have asked for a reduction in their electric bills due to the situation regarding the reading of meters / no action taken.

Special Council Meeting - Closed Session

Vice Mayor Dean moved to go into closed session under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia, to discuss personnel performance and to interview prospective candidates for employment. Council member Armbruster duly seconded the motion.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

Open Session

Vice Mayor Dean moved to go from closed session back into regular session and that each member, to the best of his or her knowledge, certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement under Chapter 21 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed, or considered. Duly seconded by Council member Armbruster.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Armbruster, J. Jones, J. Dean, J. Gooden and G. Comer

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call) Motion carried

No additional business was discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor: Wayne E. Printz

Recorder: Denise R. Monger, Clerk