Emergency
Council Meeting
January 8, 2003

An emergency meeting of Council was held January 8, 2003 in the Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M., with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The following Council members were present:

PRESENT
J. T. Dean
C. H. Murphy
T. Pence
L. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

Attorneys J. Burns Earle and Lauri Sigler, Faye Vickers, Treasurer, and Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, were also present.

Mrs. Vickers brought before Council a request from Family Dollar to waive a $10.00 penalty for personal property. Council unanimously denied the request.

Mrs. Vickers sought Council's guidance for paying unbudgeted debt, which included a Ross invoice for $820.00 to pay for the Town Christmas meal, the purchase of tables and chairs from COSTCO for $1,360.00, and piano rental for the Christmas dinner from Gary's Piano for $200.00. The installation of telephone service at the Kite mansion will be paid from the regular utility budget.

Reappropriations - First Reading

Council member Snow moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to reappropriate $2,380.00 from General Government Supplies to General Government Special Events to pay the Ross, COSTCO, and Gary's Piano invoices.

YEAS: T. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Business and Industry Rate Structure, Water and Sewer

Effective July 1, 2002, Council raised rates which included commercial accounts East of Town. While entering the most recent water and sewer rates passed by Council on December 16, 2002, Mrs. Vickers discovered that six commercial rates would actually be lower than what the customers had been paying since July 1, 2002.

Vice Mayor Murphy stated she believed the intent of the July 1 increase applied to residential customers, although the motion did not specifically state that.

Council member Dean was requested to work with Mrs. Vickers to rectify the discrepancy.

2003 Priorities

Each Council member will present his/her priorities at a future committee or council meeting.

Vice Mayor Murphy moved, second by Council member Dean, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia Code 15.2-2907D to discuss annexation and 2.2-3711 to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition, and golf course financing as related to land acquisition.

YEAS: T. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Vice Mayor Murphy 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 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed, or considered. Council member Pence duly seconded the motion.

YEAS: T. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, and P. Workman

Motion carried (6 - 0 roll call)

Mayor Printz set a Public Safety Committee meeting for Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 P.M. The other standing committees are tentative. After a meeting with Mike Breeden, Mayor Printz will determine if a Special Council meeting to discuss annexation will be necessary.

Golf Course

Council member Snow presented the development, status, and mission of the Park Authority. He listed $230,000.00 as a yearly Town liability, with assets being all the acreage of the Kite property. The liability of the Park Authority was approximately $50,000.00 created by two loans from the Town. He stated the mission was to develop a plan for the use of the 200 plus acres.

The feasibility study will result in a master plan which, when approved by Council, will be used as the basis to sell bonds which will pay for the construction of the golf course. Council member Snow hoped the Park Authority would be able to relieve the Town of a large amount of the Town's debt. As the building lots sold, a percentage of the sales would remain with the Authority for its operating and development requirements, and a percentage would be paid to the Town.

The only property the Town would convey to the Park Authority would be the actual need to develop the golf course. All the other land would be retained by the Town. It may be necessary to use the golf course land as security to obtain the bond. The Park Authority may sell 100 memberships at $6,000.00 each to give it up-front money and the selling of building lots would assist with the financial needs of the golf course until such time the golf course produced a profit.

Concerned that if the golf course land had to be used as security for the bond, Council's option of leasing the land to the Authority would be eliminated. If the golf course failed, the Town would inherit a liability under a lease agreement, which Council considered a deviation from their original goal of protecting the Town from any golf course failure.

Future discussions will be held, pending the Town attorney's findings.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR Wayne E. Printz
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: Richard D. Carey
Richard D. Carey, Clerk