

GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2009

156 E. JACKSON ST.

6:00 PM

I. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Jenkins
Vice-Mayor Tipton
Council Coates
Council Herron
Council Perry

ABSENT: Council Jenkins

III. Invocation

Rev Rolli Hautz

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chuck Newton, Sergeant at Arms

V. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

NONE

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY- Mr. David Bishop gave a certificate of appreciation to the town for last years support. They discussed the good works of the American Cancer Society that they are handing out wigs for ladies with cancer at the Vocational School. They asked that the town help support the Relay for Life event scheduled for June 19, 2009 at the Gate City High School football field. Mr. Bishop also asked for the town to consider placing a line item in next years budget to help with a donation to the American Cancer Society.

B Bostic & Tucker asked that they be allowed to discuss the Audit Report in closed session later in the meeting.

VII. REPORTS

A. Manager

1. Mr. Templeton stated that we have had \$11,221.00 collected in back taxes owed to the town since July 2008.
2. Mr. Templeton stated that the Rain Garden at Grogan Park is scheduled for completion by January 31, 2009.
3. Two applications have been received in for positions on the planning commission.
4. He has had all the town staff report a log of what their job descriptions are
5. Sewer Plant update: all sewage is flowing to the new facility in Scott County. The Sanitation Authority meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night and one topic of discussion will be the dismantling of the current gate city plant.

B. Police Department

Chief Cox stated his department had 298 calls of service during the month of December and presented the council with a detailed report.

C. Public Works

Foreman Stoney Falin reported that everything is about the same as usual. Mayor Jenkins thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work.

D. Water Plant

Mrs. Cruby stated the water plant still has a huge water loss. She questioned the accuracy of the reporting within our billing system and suggested that the high loss numbers vs. the number of gallons she has pumped may be altered somehow by the software. All machinery at the water plant has been tested and seems to be working properly. She thinks maybe we can get our master meter calibrated.

E. Sewer Plant

Council Coates reports that the sewage is flowing to the new facility in Scott County. The Sanitation Authority will meet to discuss dismantling of the current Gate City plant. The meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2009 at 6:00PM.

F. Planning Commission

1. Council Tipton reports that The Planning Commission has three new members: Beate Flanary, Nancy Willis, and Walter Salyers.
2. Discussed Yard Sale Ordinance. All the new members were given copies of yard sale ordinances from other localities so that this can be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.
3. Elections were held for 2009 officers. They are as follows:
 Chairman is Richard Hubbard
 Vice Chairman is Nancy Willis
 Secretary is Beate Flanary

G. Street Committee

No Report

H. Sanitation Authority

No Report

I. Economic Development Committee

Council Coates reported that the EDARC met and discussed the comprehensive plan and stated that they will be working with the Planning Commission on the goals and objectives section. Joe Coates made CD copies of the comprehensive plan and the revitalization plan for members to review and discuss at the February meeting.

J. Water Committee

No Report

K. Park Committee

Council Tipton reported that we may not be getting the \$4000.00 from the Scott County School Board due to financial cutbacks from the county. Mr. Templeton stated he called and was advised of the cutback. Council Perry stated that the funds had already been approved and that this wasn't right.

L. Council Reports

1. Council Perry stated that she has two people who have agreed to serve on the historical committee.
2. The BZA meeting should be held to elect officers. She stated this is the only required meeting the BZA has and says this needs to be researched so that we can handle this correctly.

M. Treasurer's Report

Paid bills in the amount of \$123,393.92

N. Historical Committee

Council Perry reported that Ford Quillen and Perry King will be on the committee.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Mayor Jenkins closed the Reports session and opened the Public Comment session.

- A. WALLACE W. ROSS JR.:** Questioned the council as to how priorities are set on determining the order in which items are processed on the list of active tasks. Mr. Ross stated that he has requested a survey be done regarding the street up at the church. Mayor Jenkins advised that the survey has been completed and the street runs through the corner of the church and that if the street is reopened the church would be in the middle of the street as well as the road would not be able to be turned into a parking lot. Mr. Ross said his main concern with opening the street was safety concerns. Mayor Jenkins stated that the town manager will set up a time to meet and discuss this issue with Mr. Ross and a copy of the new survey will also be sent to Mr. Ross. Mr. Templeton stated to Mr. Ross that issues are dealt with as to what urgency it was and available funding.
- B. RICHARD HUBBARD:** Stated that the codification committee cannot meet and continue to review the current town ordinances until the office staff at the town hall continues to type up the old existing ordinance book. He asked Council Coates if new members of the Planning Commission could be given a CD copy of the Comprehensive Plan and the Revitalization Plan.
- C. DEBBIE KINDLE:** Mrs. Kindle asked if the two month grace period for delinquent water bills will still be in effect if the new water policy is passed. She asked if the town was picking and choosing who would be doubled or not based on the number of tenants in a building. Mr. Templeton advised Mrs. Kindle that as we become aware of a residence or business that has more than one service using the water at a location the

Town will then begin to bill them correctly. After much discussion it was decided that the new policy eliminates the two month grace period for delinquent bills. Mrs. Kindle suggested we also come up with a set date to have everyone sign a new user agreement.

- D. JUDY SUMMEY:** Wanted to discuss her mother's water account. The account is in the name of Blanche Hammonds. Mrs. Summey stated that they have several months of large water bills. Mr. Templeton had requested the previous month that the public works department replace the meter. After the one month of the meter being replaced the usage went down. Mr. Jenkins advised he would discuss with the Water Department.

*7:25 PM Public Comment was closed by Mayor Jenkins

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Town Council meeting minutes from December 9, 2008
Motion by: Frances Perry, Seconded by Rita Tipton

VOTE: Yeas, 4
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

- B. Approval of Adjourned meeting minutes from December 17, 2008
Approval was postponed until next meeting due to not enough present to make the vote.
C. Approval of bill payments for December 2009 in the amount of \$123,393.92
Motion by: Cindy Coates, Seconded by Tommy Herron

VOTE: Yeas, 4
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

XI. UNFINISHED

- Request to purchase Portable Radios for the Police Department.
Motion by: Frances Perry, Seconded by Rita Tipton

VOTE: Yeas, 4
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

*Mayor Jenkins closed the Unfinished Business session and opened the New Business session.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Include the American Cancer Society as a line item in the next year.
Motion By: Frances Perry, Seconded by Tommy Herron

VOTE: Yeas, 4
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

- B. Purchase of three cell phones for the Public Works department.
Motion By: Frances Perry, Seconded by Rita Tipton

VOTE: Yeas, 4
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

- C. Accept David A. Flanary and Tammy Johnson as new members to the Planning Commission.
Motion By: Rita Tipton, Seconded by Frances Perry

VOTE: Yeas, 4
 Nays, None
 Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

- To enter into closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues
Motion By: Cindy Coates, Seconded by Tommy Herron

VOTE: Yeas, 4

Nays, None
Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

7:34 PM

XIV. RETURN FROM CLOSE SESSION

MOTION: Motion by Rita Tipton, Seconded by Frances Perry

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, None
Absent, 1- Ashley Jenkins

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Gate City Town Council has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-7312 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gate City Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification applies and (2) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Gate City Town Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas, Vice-Mayor Tipton
Council Herron
Council Perry
Council Coates
Nays, None
Absent, Ashley Jenkins

Motions from closed Session:

To increase the salary for Officer Michael Delano to \$30,000 annually and change his position title to Assistant Chief of Police effective on January 14, 2009.

MOTION: Motion by Cindy Coates, Seconded by Frances Perry

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, None
Absent, Ashley Jenkins

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn the meeting until January 27, 2009 at 6:00 PM to address potential items that may be required for DHCD after the meeting with them on January 15, 2009.

Motion by Frances Perry, Seconded by Cindy Coates

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, None
Absent, Ashley Jenkins

*Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 10:24 PM.

Mayor Mark Jenkins

Deputy Town Clerk Rhonda Stacey