



GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING WORKSHOP MINUTES
January 14, 2020
156 E. JACKSON ST.
6:00 PM

I. PLANNING WORKSHOP MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.
BY: Mayor - Frances Perry

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Lydia Morales

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Mayor, Frances Perry	X	
Vice Mayor, Robin Richards	X	
Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts		X
Council Member, Roger Cassell	X	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.	X	
Council Member, Ron Kindle	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	

Others present: Jason Snapp; Mattern & Craig

III. NEW BUSINESS

• Planning Workshop for the Upcoming Legislative Trip to Richmond, VA

Town Manager Greg Jones stated that these presentations are a preview of our projects that these funding agencies will be seeing later on. Town Manager Greg Jones presented the Gate City Theater Project presentation to Council. Town Manager Greg Jones explained the benefits of social media to local businesses. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that Gate City Frontier was established in 2015 and has already started fundraising for the rehabilitation of the theater. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that Gate City Theater has been hosting free movie nights for the past two years at the theater. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that Gate City is located in a high traffic area on route 23, which produces roughly 28,000 vehicles a day. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the market is saturated for events and it is important to stay unique. Town Manager Greg Jones introduced the plan for the future of the Gate City Theater. The presentation received positive feedback from Council.

Town Manager Greg Jones presented the Tourism presentation to Council. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that there were several events held throughout the year including Run the Gate, free movie nights, Love Rocks concert, and more. Council Member Roger Cassell stated that the presentation should include the billboard to show that the Town is trying to bring individuals in. Council Member Roger Cassell stated that the Board of Supervisors needs to be added to the partnership slide. Town Clerk Lydia Morales stated that we should include all of our partnerships. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that he would add these organizations.

Town Manager Greg Jones presented the VDOT presentation. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that John Ferguson, superintendent of Scott County Schools will be attending the Tobacco Commission presentation in Richmond. Town Manager Greg Jones stated the VDOT presentation will cover the sidewalk project for Shoemaker Dr., Bishop St., Beech St. and Jones St. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the importance of this project is to provide sidewalks for our schools. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that since VDOT is no longer

doing HSIP grants, we need to find out how they could help fund this project. Jason Snapp stated that this project has the best chance of getting funded since it is for schools.

Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the VDH would be presented with the new GIS mapping system. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that this new system is internet based and will show all of our assets on this digital map. Town Manager Greg Jones showed the different layers on the mapping system including water lines, zoning information, fire hydrants, streetlights, sewer lines, and parcel layers. Town Manager Greg Jones stated that maintenance records and photos can be placed in the system. Council Member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. asked how often does the system get updated? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that we update it ourselves and it is easily done. Town Attorney Michele Brooks asked if a property is sold how will this be updated? Town Manager Greg Jones stated that the database will have to be updated with that information from the county.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. PLANNING WORKSHOP CLOSES AT 6:49 P.M.

Frances Perry – Mayor

Town Clerk – Lydia Morales