

VIII. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Motion for approval for payment of bills for August, 2010.

Motion by: Council Member, T. Herron 2nd by: Council Member, R. Cassell

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0
Absent 0

IX. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report –

Town Treasurer, C. Edwards – He addresses the Summary Page of his submitted Treasurer report. Basically, 10.59% was revenues coming in and 9.39% were expenses going out. He states if any questions, he would be glad to answer them regarding the details. He states he will have more remarks later in the Council Meeting on a couple items that need to be reviewed and voted on.

B. Codification Committee/Property Maintenance –

Property Maintenance, A. Page - She addresses her submitted Codification report regarding the adoption of each ordinance, when recorded in Clerk's office and who voted on them. Were able to locate Chapters 1 – 24 of the Town codes were re-adopted in August, 1998, and are in process of insuring they are up to date with the State Code. She addresses the Property Maintenance status regarding court dates for Starnes, Chapman Store, Scott Motel and the David Baker property for October 25, 2010. Letters continue to go out to property owners in violation asking they clean up their property, most have complied or are working to clean up their property.

She states the camper on Chestnut Street has been moved. Eight new violation letters have been sent from Robert Mullins office this month, with three being sent from my office. She states any questions let her know or email her and she will get back to you.

Council Member, T. Herron – Questions court date for Starnes building, with the Economical Committee having questions about that.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Questions Section 11-31, was approved? Was that within the guidelines, doesn't quite understand, parking lots, right of ways, sidewalks.

Property Maintenance, A. Page – Asks he email her and she will look it up for him.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – States he looking for the interpretation of that and reads ordinance. Questions, if they passed that, are we in or not in compliance.

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins- Addresses W.R Wallace, Jr. stating you will need to provide specifics of what you are looking at. She didn't think Ms. Page could probably give you an opinion of that code section it refers to, but states if there is something you feel is in violation that needs to be looked at.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – States it was adopted on 3/9/10 recorded on 7/30/10

Property Maintenance, A. Page – States, she thought it was just a renumbering, but will look up the specifics.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Questions, if someone is selling something on the parking lot is that a violation?

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins – Questions, Town parking lot? She states she will look at the code section and give him an opinion on it.

Council Members, T. Herron, F. Perry, R. Cassell – Converse about the store and Scott Motel beside it, what jurisdiction it falls under, Weber City or Gate City. F. Perry states Weber City Corporate sign falls between the store and Scott Motel.

Council Member, T. Herron – States EDARC Committee wanted to know what can be done about that, contact Weber City?

Council member R. Cassell – Provides comments made from the former Building Inspector regarding certificate of occupancy. He provides information regarding power to the building and discusses condition of building. States he doesn't know if this goes through you, but asks about maybe the Town crew could mow it, but VDOT owns it, purchasing the property in anticipation of the cloverleaf.

C. Council Reports –

Council Member, R. Cassell – Discusses to make a change regarding getting so many signatures to run for Town Council and requests assistance of Terry Kilgore to determine if it is a State law or Charter deal. He asks Council if it would be okay to send e-mail to Mr. Kilgore to research. Explains when Mr. Kilgore found out and if we pursued it, a resolution would have to be adopted and Mr. Kilgore would have to present it in Legislation at the first of the year.

Mayor Jenkins – It was fine with him to do the fact finding to decide.

Council Members T. Herron, R. Cassell – Converse about conversations they had with Willie Kilgore.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Asks council to approve to have Terry Kilgore speak to council regarding avenues to go for money for any programs. He feels his office would have more input due to proximity of Richmond.

Mayor Jenkins – States to put him on the agenda, if he can.

D. Economic Development Committee –

Council Member, T. Herron – States they (Economic Development Committee) had several things to ask. First, is to set up a meeting with Mr. Miles regarding the Music Venue at Grogan Park. They wish to determine feasibility of it (parking). He informs Andy Miles, Joe Coates is Chairman, would like to go with him. Second, is setting up a meeting with Representatives from Marion regarding ideas on ordinances.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Replied it was mentioned with the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to bring someone here, but the ability to set a time and get everyone together would be hard, suggesting to have some of our people go there. Requests Committee to provide him a range of dates he can provide to Representative for him to be in his office.

Council Member, T. Herron – States to get next date available and he'll get with the Committee. States Committee is interested in a business incentive package to lure businesses in.

Mayor Jenkins – Replies he has been working with John Kilgore that EDA may be able to put a package together for the town. He explains setting up a meeting with John and our EDC regarding different incentives that would work best for the town. He answers T. Herron's question about the county having some packages in place but there are some that they thought they could develop specifically for the town. He explains John (Kilgore) accompanying them to speak to a potential business who is interested in locating to Gate City. States he will set up a meeting with John Kilgore to attend next EDC meeting.

Council Member, T. Herron – EDC questions the enterprise zone in Duffield, does that extend into Gate City and if not, how do we become part of it? He questions status on the Historical District.

Council Member, F. Perry – No notification has been received. Last contact received is we have done all we can do.

Vice Mayor, R. Tipton – It is at the Park Service for approval and once signed they will call us.

Council Member, T. Herron – Re-questions what can be done about the mess in Weber City?

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Suggests, as Council, to write a letter to the Mayor in Weber City and request the Building Inspector to look at it to see if there are violations.

Council Member, T. Herron – Brings up the Music Venue and EDC, thought we own the ball fields at Grogan Park. Questions when new one is built, will they still need or use the Senior League Field? Comments on the parking issue stating that would be a good place for extra parking. He directs a comment to Rita Tipton about her mentioning a grant for Grogan Park.

Vice Mayor, R. Tipton – States a possibility, explaining when Andy Miles spoke about different grants, suggested lumping the park, Burnt Cabin Branch and the Music Venue altogether.

Council Member, T. Herron – Questions status of the Chapman Store.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Informs him, it's on the list of proceedings, going to court.

Council Member, T. Herron – Questions if received a deed regarding old theater.

Town Attorney – R. Tipton – Spoke to Joy, we are set for a closing date and have a list of documents for VCHD after closing date.

Council Member, T. Herron – Discusses Jay getting money from the Tobacco Commission, but without deed, they won't talk to them. Speaks about closing date and the need to speed it up because it's about ½ million dollars.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Questions, what the plan is once we purchase the building?

Mayor Jenkins – We hold the deed and lease it to SW VA Community Foundation, they do the improvements to the building, but we maintain the ownership.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Asks about timeframe of lease and possible option to purchase.

Mayor Jenkins- Responds, extended time.

E. Engineer's Status Report –

Andy Miles – References handouts and discusses the following topics:

- Completion of the water plant to correct a cross connection came under budget suggesting funds left from the \$50,000 grant can be used for any Water Plant equipment, water, security, anything that has to do with Water Plant with approval from Health Department. Suggests compiling a list in conjunction with the Water Department use to be submitted to Health Department.
- Regional Water Main Phase 1 and Phase 2 Project and what it entails referring to his submitted report. Discusses bid process, advertising, Health Department is leaving it up to Town to decide, along with possible \$50-100,000 savings that can be used in conjunction with Water Department. Requests Council make a decision, in a couple weeks, regarding how to handle the bids.

Mayor Jenkins - States to place in as Agenda item at next month's meeting.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Questions about waiting 2-3 months.

Mayor Jenkins – Thinks they can wait.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Comments about new leak in that line by the Funeral Home and continued problems when repairing leaks in old line.

Mayor Jenkins – Comments this section fairly easy to find breaks versus by the high school and restates to make this an Agenda item.

Andy Miles – Discusses the particulars regarding the advertising process and states will assist with that.

- Discusses the Progress Meeting held on August 24th regarding the Business District Revitalization and Water Street Project, last payment application of \$62,300, work is on schedule. He continues with work completed and what needs to be done (sidewalks and light poles).
- Discusses the need to have the color/pattern selection for the cross walk by next Friday.
Council Member, T. Herron – Asks if any crosswalks will be on Jackson Street.
Andy Miles – Responds yes and locations. He provides further information regarding the improvements to Water Street.
Mayor Jenkins – States will be meeting with the Façade Committee this Thursday to look at the schemes.
- Discusses two pending funding requests through the State Health Department one for various improvements at the plant and replace some or most of Town's meters with the radio reading system. The other is the Phase 3 Master Plan Project which is improvements at Moccasin Hills advising the Health Department would not be ready until October/November.
- Discusses the pump situation for Moccasin Hills and ideal solution of storage tanks.
- Discusses the change in Fluoride system, along with submission of a grant application.
- Discusses first of the year, several funding applications coming up, through the state, that require more than paperwork completion. Suggests thinking about it now if you want to go after some of those and start action sometime in the fall.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Questions the loan of \$367,837 @ 3% for 30 years, would it increase water bill and what will the money be used for?

Andy Miles – Explains the purpose of the loan for replacement of 8" line from the High School to the Main. Once the loan is closed the Town will have options of how to pay the loan, either through water or taxes.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross Jr. – Asks why this didn't qualify for a grant, thought with problems town had should qualify for more grant money.

Andy Miles – Responds an application was submitted and explains the state application review procedures. States next water construction application with the Health Department is March 5th, they only take applications once a year.

Town Manager, S. Templeton and Andy Miles – Discusses the bids for the pump, explaining the low bid could not meet the four week time schedule going with Jefferson Sales.

F. Façade Committee –

Mayor Jenkins – No report, they will meet this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

G. Historical Committee –

Francis Perry – They haven't heard anything, just waiting for response from the Park Service.

H. Manager-

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Discusses:

- Accountability of the Water Plant under 30% for last five months.
- Pumps has been ordered
- Worked performed twice during Labor Day weekend on the sewage pumping station at Grogan Park
- Receipt of \$2,000.00 grant money from Virginia Municipal League enabling purchase of large screen TV and projector paid for by the grant, no cost to the Town.

- Meeting with myself, Council Member, Wallace Ross and Mark Roper, the Community Liaison with Job Corp regarding different areas they may do mutual use in areas of concrete, construction, etc, with follow up meeting on either the 24th or 25th with some of their specialists.
- Advertisement for general paving services with submission of bids closing on September 28th to utilize one contractor to do the paving submitted by the Street Committee and Council.
- Flooding at the Park staging base material laid down is holding up well.
- Business license collection, have picked up a couple more businesses this month, with few left to collect, still some issues that have been passed onto the Town Attorney for research.
- Meals tax has collected 16.1% of what was projected for the budget.
- Sold several surplus items/equipment that was unusable or damaged, collecting \$4,169.00 this month.
- New zoning permit was issued this month
- The new state juvenile arrest in-take procedure with the Police Department
- The receipt of a Department of Motor Vehicle grant for \$10,300.00 for extra overtime for holidays, ticket campaigns, sobriety checkpoints and training for Administrative Assistant for the Virginia Traffic Program.
- Advertising for the different vacancies we have on our boards.
- Staff to call every member of board day before meeting as a reminder

I. Park Committee –

- Light situation at Grogan Park Shelter #1 and metal trash containers for grill ashes.
Vice Mayor, R. Tipton states at Civitan meeting it was discussed people stealing light bulbs at the shelters. Asks for suggestions/ideas of what can be done. Also, received request for metal cans for ashes from grills, took it to the Civitan and their response was to go with whatever the Park Committee decides and they will go with that. Park Committee will discuss this month and come up with something.
Council Member, T. Herron – Suggests putting in a soffiting in with fixtures
Council Member, R. Cassell – Suggests covering with screen wiring.
Council Member, T. Herron – Suggests setting up surveillance cameras
Mayor Jenkins – States camera enclosures are still set up, will put the cameras back up.

J. Planning Commission –

Vice Mayor, R. Tipton – Discusses David Flanary coming to the Planning Commission meeting requesting a possible resolution regarding use of firearms in proximity of Gate City Town limits. She addresses letter from Mr. Flanary that is in the packet requesting Council try to get Scott County Board of Supervisors to consider doing some kind of ordinance/resolution on shooting firearms just out of the Gate City limits. Planning Commission is bringing it to Council for any ideas on how this can be handled. Requests Steve talk to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of such an ordinance.

Mayor Jenkins – Discusses person doing the shooting has been told not to shoot on the county property that is owned by one of our Police Officers (P. Deskins) and has been served papers to not shoot on their property, so he is shooting illegally, either from private property or he's shooting inside the Town limit. If there is a report and an Officer hears it and gets individual to state he's firing from either of those places, he's firing illegally.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Asks if county police was notified?

Council Members, R. Cassell and F. Perry – R. Cassell states he was present night it happened, all were called, it's an automatic weapon. F. Perry states it's about 4-5 times a week.

Mayor Jenkins – He is shooting across the Town boundary and shooting within the county. The Deskens own the land the gentleman is shooting from and they have an order served on him not to shoot on their property. Either way, he’s in violation whether trespassing and firing firearms on someone else’s land or he’s firing in city limits.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Questions why the State Police was not called.

Mayor Jenkins – Responds he doesn’t know and why this hasn’t been taken care of in past couple years. Person has admitted to the officer that he was shooting, but outside of Town limits

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins – States at that time, shooting outside of the Town limits, he had not been served with any paperwork where he could not.

Mayor Jenkins – Didn’t know, but there have been disturbances since.

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins – Explains charges can be brought to the Magistrate by either an Officer or individual and the Magistrate can bring the charges, if they so choose. They can discuss with the Magistrate if someone has witnessed that shooting.

Council Member, T. Herron – Asks if anyone has seen him do it or just hear.

Mayor Jenkins – Responds he thinks they have witnessed it, stating not a good place to discharge an automatic firearm and the apartments have been struck by stray bullets.

K. Police Department Report –

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Discusses:

- Calls were up 26 calls, arrests were down, summons were down, speeding tickets were down, accidents were same, DUI’s were up
- Vehicles sustaining damage to rubber bumpers due to officers cutting through mediums.
- Matt Taylor is receiving the MADD Award, with Officer Adam Templeton being runner up. Good award to get for the area.
- Two officers will be attending a Basic Rifle school in September to get certified

L. Public Works –

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Discusses:

- Public work calls about the same, same trash/brush pick up, two or three water lines need to be repaired, most months ¾” line, this month had a 2” line that had to be repaired
- Crew has been busy assisting with Water Street construction
- Had training that was conducted by a certified OSHA Instructor at no charge

M. Sanitation Authority –

Council Member, R. Cassell – Commends Michelle (Jenkins) regarding research of the PSA contract.

N. Street Commission –

Council Member, R. Cassell – Discusses:

- Refers to handout and his discussion with Wallace W. Ross, Jr. regarding his driving the streets in town stating streets are in pretty good shape. Refers to streets on his list particularly 200-300’ on Terrace Avenue in bad shape, along with Magnolia Avenue condition. Suggests waiting for the bids to see charge, what can be done, patch and pave what we can and finish next year.
- Ditch work at intersection of Anita and Barbara referring to the wash-outs into the street.

- Refers to handout list regarding recommendations to be done on this year's budget and what can be done for next year. Stating he and Mr. Wallace, Jr. is in agreement on the streets and asks if anyone has input or recommendations.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Discusses:

- When he and Roger Cassell's discussed these streets is one reason why he approached Terry Kilgore, due to small budget, hoping with his and Council's help could come up with more funding
- Conversation with Steve Templeton and Mark Roper (Job Corp) with assistance with sidewalks, painting and possible inside work. Feels positive about their possible assistance with street signs, sidewalks and cutting of weeds would save and beautify the Town.
- Questions why VDOT did not pave all of Cleveland Street?

Town Manager, S. Templeton - Responds it was end of fiscal year before last. VDOT contacted him informing him they would be in town, but did not provide what they were paving or ask what needed paved. They paved 30 streets and would be back next year to do six more on their list, they did not show.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Asked if a letter of protest was sent of being dissatisfied with what they did.

Town manager, S. Templeton – Responded, he was tickled with getting 30 streets paved.

Council Member, F. Perry – States it was questioned why they didn't pave all that they had marked to pave. They stated they ran out of funds.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Remarks Job Corp labor is free.

O. Water Committee –

None

P. Water Plant –

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Water accountability 29.08% met the Virginia Department of Health for last five months. 55-59% water loss. Water plant is doing a terrific job. 9 ½ million gallons placed into the system last month

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Jenkins – Provides the names of individuals who signed the list wishing to speak, asks for additional names. States public comment will be limited to three minutes per person.

Benny Reed – Discusses:

- Asks for reconsideration to the three minute time limit to speak, requesting at least five minutes with a warning when two minutes remain to sum up thoughts. States Mayor can stop comments at anytime if does not apply to town business or valid concern from taxpayer.
- Suggests looking into managing time at meetings, with committee reports being summarized by Town Manager in his report.
- States for last two years closed session have averaged over one hour, if that much business conducted behind closed doors, he assumes you have a lot of problems.
- Feels not being heard as a taxpayer presenting two concerns with no results, i.e. street sign in his neighborhood causing confusion and annual financial audits not up to date.

Joe McConnell – Discusses:

- Asks if anything has been heard about the mountain? States in three months will be cattle on your streets.
Mayor Jenkins – Informs him he has stopped his watch. Informs him he has a response letter he will glad to show him. Explains letter was drafted and sent to Department of Transportation and has received a response. Have to wait for General Assembly, Terry Kilgore has same letter. All they can do.
- States many asked him about sidewalk at Water Street. Asks how we can justify building a sidewalk when all there is just a drive-through bank. States not many will walk to Broadwaters for a ton of feed/fertilizer and carry it back out on the sidewalk. Questions spending the money for a sidewalk on a street?
Mayor Jenkins – Responds it comes out of a different pot that is all grant money, with hundreds of pages of justification. Make it a safer walking place.

John McConnell – Discusses:

- Advised, by you, to go out of county for a good lawyer, which he did, stating they want to know when the mountain was incorporated, when the water, sewer plants and streets will go out for bid, requesting a packet to justify that mountain. When can he get one?
Mayor Jenkins- Advises him to file a written request for it.
- Questions his being charged late fee for water, sewer and trash for being one day late.
Mayor Jenkins – Advises him, everyone treated the same
- States his trash has not been picked up in three weeks.
Mayor Jenkins – Asks where he is putting it.
John McConnell – States on top of water meter. Questions why being charged if not being provided services. States if you can't get them to pick it up, will bring it in your door where you can find it.
Mayor Jenkins – Advises will be charged with littering. Trash will be picked-up properly at designated pick-up point.
John McConnell – Continues comments regarding no trash pick-up requesting a solution
Mayor Jenkins – States will find out something.

Mr. Estep – Discusses:

- Questions status of Police Chief position, why we go outside of this area, no one local putting in for it? States some feel it is a slap in the face. Thanks Council for work they are doing in cleaning stuff up and hope we can work with Weber City
Mayor Jenkins – Responds Personnel Committee screens applications. Thinks one local person applied, but not sure hasn't looked at applications.

Tommy Quillin – Discusses:

- What has been done, i.e. fascia, grant, signed contract, deposited money for the Jake's Pool Room building with work to start end of this week. Informs the apartment condemned couple years ago, providing an update regarding bathrooms and electrical. Asks to get with Mr. Cassell and Mr. Ross regarding street they are trying to open. Money has been put up for the one thing and working on more grants on the fascia. Made a suggestion to Rob Jones for possible meeting regarding the Starnes building.

David Flanary – Discusses:

- Asks for clarification from Mayor Jenkins, to have Town Manager bring this to the Scott County Planning Commission? His request?
Mayor Jenkins - Yes
- He also agrees with the gentlemen with the three minute warning thing is not enough time for people to say what they need to say.

Mayor Jenkins closed the public comment session at 7:33 P.M. and opened the consent agenda session.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss and request Council to vote for placing the Delinquent Property Taxes to be published in Newspaper

Town Treasurer, Chris Edwards – Discusses:

- What was reported last time was to advertise the delinquent property taxes in the newspaper and had asked Michelle (Jenkins) some legal questions about it; she said we can do it, but Council would have to vote to do that. Asks Council to vote to allow us to publish the delinquents in the paper from 2009 and prior. Advises when this is placed in the paper, may receive phone calls. Approximately \$80-90,000.00 that are delinquent and asks that it be voted on tonight.

Motion to publish the delinquent property taxes in the newspaper.

Motion by: Council Member, T. Herron 2nd by: Vice Mayor, R. Tipton

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 1 - Wallace W. Ross, Jr.
Absent 0

Hope House – Has Town Attorney received decision from Attorney General

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins – Discusses:

- States have not. Spoke with the Attorney General's office, this week. The gentleman who provided the opinion to send it up to the food chain court to be checked has not received anything informing him it has been sent out. Once it is sent out, would probably be sent to Mr. Carrico's office since he did original request. Checked with Mr. Carrico's office to see if he received anything, they have not, but would forward upon receipt. Covers Fire Department as well.

Fire Department – Does Town continue to pay Fire Department water bill or turn this over to Fire Department

Refer to above Hope House.

Heritage Video Funding

Mayor Jenkins – Discusses:

- Information packets have been sent out regarding videos that Two Rivers Film Company will put together for \$3,500.00 paid by the Town, the other \$3,500.00 is part of a grant. Explains videos will display the heritage history of different localities with the deadline of first round was August 31, 2010 not sure when the next round would be. Wanted to get it out there so if we wanted to approve the money if we have the funding available for when the next round the video does come up. These would be shown at the Heartwood Center in Abington. Until Façade Improvement gets improvement made not much use to get the videos shoot the video in town. Next round will probably be next spring.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Discusses the grant for revitalization regarding requesting an extension.

Mayor Jenkins – Responds if we are not done by February, a request for extension has to be made whether we get it not.

Council Member, R. Cassell – States went on the link and watched one and was impressed with.

Mayor Jenkins – Agreed. States can work with it now or table for future meetings. We just need to be ready for next round to say yah or nay to it.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Asks if he asking to approve it so we feel we are ready and Council is okay with it?

Mayor Jenkins – Responds yes.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Asks, what does it do.

Mayor Jenkins – Responds cultural insight, with Town making determination of what goes on video.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Suggests he go to his email and go to link which shows a video and explains it.

Mayor Jenkins – Learn more about it and put it on agenda for next meeting, not in that big of a hurry.

Proposal to VDOT regarding turn lane at Thriftway

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Discusses:

- Request was made at last month meeting, contact was made with Juanita Wells, VDOT Engineer, explaining the situation and he thought it was wide enough to put another lane in, to reduce stacking when you come off that hill. Was told, Ms. Wells, would pass that on to official who would oversee that and it would go back to Wise. Waiting to hear back and not sure how fast information will go through the new chain. I see her often and will follow up with her in another week or two.

Mayor Jenkins – That is something that we have to take no action on.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – No, just wait until they tell us something.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Vote for approval to accept credit card and internet payments

Town Treasurer, C. Edwards – Discusses:

- Has talked to a couple businesses that specifically do this. He states he is looking at them they take care of the fees we don't get charged any fees. He explains the fee the customer pays is either 2-3% of their bill and they agree to pay that

before they can use their credit card. He explains the company the county is with, right now, but is switching to another company that deals with a lot of government agencies and does a lot for the State of Virginia. Asks for a vote to let us accept it and will work out what's a better plan to go with

Mayor Jenkins - A better plan that is least expensive to the Town.

Motion for approval to accept credit card and internet payments.

Motion by: Vice Mayor, R. Tipton 2nd by: Council Member, T. Herron

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0
Absent 0

Information regarding the purchase of a Police Dog

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Discusses:

- It was suggested that he contact the Chief of Police in Rogersville because of their saying they cannot afford to keep their canine due to the expense and up keep to it. He states our department has officers who are interested to take the training and work with the Police canine, along with advantages for the Officer's safety. He understands it is a drug trained dog. Need to contact them for the terms, the age of the dog, the training it has had. Depending on the breed, the dog is good for about 7-9 years. Suggestion was made to take the handler and move the dog, but not sure if the handler is interested in making a move.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Asks for name of interested officer.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Responds Adam Templeton for one.

Town signs and city limits

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – Discusses:

- States he has mentioned this over years regarding Town sign at bridge regarding the location of the sign, people go past the Town, and possibly work with other organizations regarding this matter. Suggests the wall could be used for advertising.

Mayor Jenkins - Responds we cannot, that has been addressed by the state, we can do nothing to that wall.

Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – States it's a beautiful sign, would like more people to see it. Suggests, relocating the sign.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – NEW BUSINESS

No public comment.

Mayor Jenkins closed the public comment session for new business at 7:50 P.M. and opened the consent agenda session.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Jenkins opened the closed session at 7:51 P.M.

Motion for Council to enter into closed session to discuss personnel issues concerning vacancy under Code 2.2-3711-A-1:

Motion by: Council Member, R. Herron 2nd by: Council Member, F. Perry

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 1 –Wallace W. Ross, Jr.
Absent 0

XIV. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council returned from closed session at 8:09 P.M.

Motion for Council to return from closed session.

Motion by: Council Member, R. Cassell 2nd by: Council Member, F. Perry

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0
Absent 0

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.

VOTE: Yeas, 6
Nays, 0
Absent 0

XV. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to re-advertise for the Chief of Police position

Motion by: Council Member, T. Herron 2nd by: Vice Mayor, R. Tipton

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0
Absent 0

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting October 12, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by: Council Member, T. Herron 2nd by: Vice Mayor, R. Tipton

VOTE: Yeas, 5
Nays, 0
Absent 0

*Mayor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

Mark Jenkins – Mayor

Kathy Riley – Town Clerk