

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 11, 2020

Council Members: VM Moss, Mayor Paige, CM Tyree, CM Baker, CM Jones, CM Harris

Council Members Absent: CM Reams

Others: Clerk Reams, Consultant Carney, June Dixon, James Tyree, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:09 p.m.

Open the Meeting: The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Invocation was offered by CM Jones followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Paige. Mayor Paige established that a quorum was present.

Minutes: A motion was made by VM Moss to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by CM Tyree. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: The most recent cost estimate is \$1,796,103.34. The budget for this phase (grant plus match) is \$1,662,830.00. The project is way over budget in the amount of \$133,273.34. Downscope modifications to the bid additives (i.e. landscaping, benches, and lights, etc.) need to be made to bring the project within budget amount. Council had a lot of questions concerning why the project is so over the budget because when the project began it was within the original budgeted amounts. A motion was made by VM Moss to set up a meeting with LPDA as soon as possible to answer the questions Council has regarding the budget and the overages before casting a vote concerning this matter. The motion was seconded by CM Harris. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

HOUSING: A formal complaint form will be filed with the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) for not meeting the contract requirements and the conditions of how the work was left incomplete. The Clerk is awaiting further information from Buckingham County Building Inspector to be able to proceed with the filing.

There is a pre-bid meeting scheduled at Town Hall on February 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for 73 Hancock Street (Scott) and 112 Culberth Street (Reams).

ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS

Zoning and Residential:

Ordinances:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

Root Beer Day: The Council voted to not seek to establish a "Root Beer Day" in the Town of Dillwyn. The Council decided to seek other ways to honor and remember Mr. Booker.

COPS Grant Application: There must be an operating police department in place in order to receive the grant funds. The Mayor appointed James E. Tyree, Sr. Chief of Police for the Town of Dillwyn effective February 11, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: Jonathan Fitzgerald would like to ask the Town to take steps in condemning a building in Town. The owner has been approached by several interested parties wishing to purchase the building, but he does not wish to sell at this time. The building is said to be in bad disrepair and needs a lot of work. It is allegedly full of black mold and has a severe leak in the roof. The Town is not interested in pursuing.

Cemetery fund: The cemetery fund account is low and needs to be replenished in order to keep the cemetery maintained. VM Moss made a motion to send a letter to the families that have loved ones buried in the Dillwyn Cemetery asking for donations for the Cemetery Fund. The motion was seconded by CM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried. The Clerk will write a letter to the families making the request for donations.

CD Renewal: There is a CD set to renew on February 17, 2020. VM Moss made a motion to allow the CD to renew, and the motion was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Lined parking places: The Council discussed adding lines to the street to show designated parking near the new coffee shop business in Town. A motion was made by VM Moss to table the discussion until April to see if the business is still opening and operating at that time. The motion was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Sallie Mowbray: Ms. Mowbray, a long-time county resident and beloved figure in the Town and county, passed away on February 3, 2020. Council would like to send her family a nice sympathy card and offer condolences.

Annette Gage (Annie): Miss Gage, a young person from our community, passed away on February 9, 2020. Council would like to send a nice sympathy card to her family.

C.O.P.S. Grant Application: The Town is in the process along with Consultant Carney in applying for the grant to operate a police department. A motion was made by CM Jones to have Mayor Paige tentatively appoint James E. Tyree, Sr. Chief of Police or Town Sergeant for the Town of Dillwyn effective immediately dependent upon future funds. The motion was seconded by VM Moss. All others: Aye. The motion carried. James E. Tyree, Sr. is appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Dillwyn, VA.

Announcements:

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Ossie J. Harris, III, James Tyree

Town Buildings/Grounds – James Tyree, Ossie J. Harris, III, Gilbert W. Reams

Planning Commission – Karen Sue Moss, James O’Bryant, Bill Carmines, Dennis Carney, Consultant, Joseph Patterson

Beautification – Gilbert Reams, Sandra Moss, Mark Brown

Ordinance – Linda Paige, Tora Jones, Karen Sue Moss, Dennis Carney

Christmas Parade – Linda Paige, Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Gilbert Reams

Community Service Workers – Linda Paige, RW Maxey

Halloween Event – Linda Paige, Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, James Tyree, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce

Ad Hoc-Housing – Tora Jones, Todd Fortune, Dave Ottinger, Linda V. Paige

Housing Rehab Board – Dave Ottinger, William Fulton, Todd Fortune, Lafonia Thornton, Linda V. Paige, Donna McRae-Jones

Adjournment: A motion was made by VM Moss to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by CM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.