

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 14, 2020

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others: Consultant Dennis Carney, Clerk Reams, Donna McRae-Jones

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Open the Meeting: Invocation was offered by CM Jones followed by The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Paige. The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA 23936. The Mayor established that a quorum was present.

Minutes: A motion was made by VM Moss and seconded by CM Jones to accept the minutes from the December Regular Meeting as written. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Donna McRae-Jones: Habitat is working hard to provide and build more houses. Right now Habitat is concentrating on the house being built in Cumberland County. For the house in Dillwyn, it is hopeful that the house will be completed and ready for move in by the end February or the beginning of March 2020.

Relay for Life: This year it will be held at the Central Virginia Health Center in Arvonnia, VA. April will be Paint the Town Purple with the decorating of the town with the purple ribbons.

Ruritan Club: As the Council is aware, the Ruritan Club disbanded in 2018. The high school and the history department was doing research for our deceased veterans. It is now being done by the English department. In 2019 the JROTC took over doing that research. This year will be celebrating 30 years of presenting the Memorial Day program for Veterans. Ms. McRae-Jones has spoken with the VFW, American Legion, and the schools in the area and all have agreed to work with her on her new Adventure. This will be a Buckingham Memorial Souvenir Book for the 30th anniversary. The goal ultimately is to raise money for the JROTC. They have done very well at the events that they have participated in and not getting any award or recognition lower than second place. The goal is to raise somewhere between \$25,000 - \$50,000 after all expenses. The prices are as follows: Full page \$125, half page \$75, adding a name to the Memorial page or Patron list is \$10.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: Bids for the project will be opened in the Spring of 2020. The date is still to be determined.

HOUSING: The Booker house at 64 Culberth Street, Dillwyn, VA, did not have the plumbing hooked up to the Town sewer system. The Clerk will contact Tommy Ranson, Buckingham Building Inspector, regarding the plumbing situation for the Booker house.

A motion was made by VM Moss and seconded by CM Reams to contact Mr. Ranson and make him aware of the situation. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

The bill for razing the houses for the project and clearing the debris was presented to Council from Mr. E.E. Talbott. The price for the project was \$6,500 for all three properties, Gibson, Logan, and Scott.

Ms. Gibson is to sign a Non-Participation Agreement with CRC and DCHD to state that she will not be participating in the rehab project following the fire at her home on 51 Culberth Street.

VICE MAYOR: A motion was made by CM Harris to hold a vote for the nomination and was seconded by CM Jones. The Council unanimously voted to elect Ms. Moss as vice mayor. The motion carried.

Beautification Committee: The committee would like to ask and encourage the businesses in Town to decorate for the holidays throughout the year. The Clerk will send out a letter to the business owners regarding this matter. The committee is also considering awarding prizes for the decorated places, but the categories have not been established. A motion was made by VM Moss to send out the letter and ask the business to participate and was seconded by CM Harris. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Antivirus software: The antivirus software for the Town expired on December 31, 2019. The Clerk added AVG to the Town's computer to keep the Town's information protected. The Clerk paid for the antivirus for the computer. The Council was asked to reimburse the Clerk for this purchase. A motion was made by VM Moss to reimburse Clerk Reams for the software and was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Council will be researching a nice plaque to place at the Town Clock Plaza for Root Beer, a longtime resident of the Town that passed away in December 2019.

April 4, 2020: CM Jones will have a book signing event held at the Corner Coffee Junction from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

February 22, 2020: Women's Missionary of Central Virginia is participating in Black History honors. That event is on a Saturday. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

There have been some issues in the Town with some residents having homes broken in to and the person responsible has been arrested.

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 and seconded by CM Reams to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.