

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**August 11, 2020**

**Council Members:** Mayor Paige, CM Reams (at Town Hall), CM Harris, CM Baker, CM Jones (via telephone)

**Council Members Absent:** VM Moss, CM Tyree

**Others:** Clerk Reams, Consultant Dennis Carney

**Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.**

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

**Minutes:** CM Reams made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:** The cones and barrels are in place and work is being done.

**HOUSING:** The Scott house is about 50% completed. The Carter house will be a completely new home. The Moore house will be remodeled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
(discussion on items)

Dennis Carney, Consultant: VRSA Grant is up to \$500. The application has been submitted for consideration. It is to be used for COVID-19 items.

Blighted properties: Other localities, such as Victoria, VA, have a Blight Ordinance. The Ordinance gives the locality the option to buy the property that needs to be razed. The hope is that after the property is razed that someone will buy the vacant lot and develop it.

C.A.R.E.S. Act: The Town will receive \$76,000 to purchase items related to COVID-19, such as masks, cleaning supplies, gloves, hand sanitizer, and other items that are related to the coronavirus pandemic. Council wonders if the money can be used to purchase some of the same items for the residents of Town.

Fair Housing Activity: CM Reams made a motion to place the Fair Housing logo on the Town's letterhead and to designate April 2021 as Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Halloween Activity: Council discussed the Halloween activity for 2020. CM Reams made a motion to cancel the activity this year due to concerns for the health and safety for the Town residents. The motion was seconded by CM Jones. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

The Buckingham County Sheriff's Office has given the Town a police vehicle.

Christian School Christmas activity: The Central Virginia Christian School plans to have a Community Christmas Light Show. The schedule is for December 11-13. The plan is to have a Christmas drive-thru type of event. The Council will encourage the businesses to decorate for the holiday season. The Mayor also stated that she would like to have the park decorated.

Food Trucks: The Council was made aware that some of the food truck businesses are coming to Town and selling items without obtaining a business license. The Mayor obtained the name and address of one of the businesses. The Clerk sent a letter and a business license application to the business.

Freddy Jackson, LOVE: No Ego Foundation: Mr. Jackson would like to organize a Community Day for Buckingham County. The event would be called "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" and would include everyone. The event will be held at the Buckingham County High School track field. The social distancing rules and masks will be in place for the event. Mr. Jackson has invited the Council to join the event. Council says that this is a great idea and are eager to help with the event.

Buckingham County Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber has chosen the Town of Dillwyn to receive the award for most beautiful business. There will be a photo taken of the Beautification Committee members and the Mayor. That is scheduled for August 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Dillwyn Town Hall.

Wilbert Dean: Mr. Dean has asked for a letter of support from the Town for a Unity Committee grant application. Council has reservations about this because there is no clear information about who the donations would go to, where is the money spent, etc. The Council decided to decline to issue the letter.

**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, Tricia Taylor

**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:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.