

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 14, 2023

Council Members: Mayor Paige, CM Reams, CM Harris, CM Baker, VM Moss, CM Venable, CM Frank

Council Members Absent: N/A

Others: Clerk Reams, Dennis Carney, Consultant, Cornelious Walton, Contractor, Rachel Maddux, Donna McRae-Jones, James G. O'Bryant

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Open the Meeting: The meeting was held at 245 Camden Street, Dillwyn, VA (Ellis Acres Memorial Park). Mayor Paige established that a quorum was present.

Minutes: December Minutes, January Discussion VM Moss motioned to accept the Minutes and Discussion notes as written. CM Reams seconded the motion. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
(discussion on items)

Cornelious Walton, Contractor: First matter is the floors and carpeting to discuss. Mr. Walton recommends removing the carpet for reasons that will be discussed in the next paragraph. He recommended to install vinyl flooring. The flooring is durable and comes in a variety of colors and styles. It resembles hard wood and would be a good fit for Town Hall.

Mr. Walton said that there was an asbestos inspection for the building. There were two areas that tested positive for asbestos. Those two areas are the glazing in the windows and the glue that was holding the carpet to the floor. Mr. Walton recommended to replace the carpet.

He has asked for color chips for the paint colors for inside Town Hall. The Council decided to defer to the Clerk for the color choices as she spends the most time in the building.

Mr. Walton informed the Council that the roof needs to be replaced. The estimated cost of removing the slate, and repairing any holes or other issues, and replacing the roof will be \$30,000. The replacement roof will be metal, and he will place a 4/12 pitch to the roof for diverting the water from just staying on the roof.

Mr. Walton offered a possible door for the front to Town Hall. The Council did not like the door whatsoever. Mr. Walton suggested maybe a door similar to the one that the Buckingham Branch Railroad has on their front. It is a wooded door with glass installed about halfway up in the door. It is very nice and would stay with the historical look of Town Hall.

Dennis Carney, Consultant: Mr. Carney reached out to Wiley Wilson, engineering firm, for information and an estimate for installation of an ADA handicap lift for the front of Town Hall. The cost estimate for this project is as follows: the cost for creating the plans for the lift will be \$28,000 - \$34,000. In addition, the estimated cost for installation is \$90,000 - \$105,000. The Council unanimously decided that is not in the budget and would like to shop around for a price that does fit into the budget. Mr. Walton offered that he knows some people that may be able to help with this project.

Donna McRae-Jones: Ms. McRae-Jones has decided to drop out of the race for Supervisor for District 2 Buckingham. She has decided to explore other options where she may be more effective in her community service.

Habitat for Humanity: Ann Fields Gospel Explosion date is to be announced.

Hope Day: April is Hope Month, and the Paint the Town Purple campaign will be on full display. There will be purple ribbons all over the Town. Hope Day will be the last Saturday in April as it has been annually. It will be held at Ellis Acres Memorial Park. Kiss My Butts BBQ will donate the barbeque. Ms. McRae-Jones also will get the coleslaw from the Fish n Pig in Farmville. Ms. McRae-Jones announced that donations for the American Cancer Society is \$2800.00. The all-day dining at Pino's Italian Ristorante is to be announced. She is also checking with Rodeo's Mexican Grille for all day dining as well.

HEARR, an organization from Charlottesville has a program for low income people to assist them with almost any need, food, medical, etc.

High School Prom Committee: The Buckingham County High School Prom Committee sent over a request for a donation from the Town for the After Prom Event. VM Moss motioned to donate to the event and the amount of \$50. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Charlene Snoddy: Ms. Snoddy passed away on February 3, 2023. She was a very important volunteer and donor in our community. There was never a Halloween to pass that Ms. Snoddy did not donate money for the purchase of candy for the children. The Council would like to compose a Resolution for Ms. Snoddy. Also, they would like to invite the Snoddy family to the March 2023 meeting to honor Ms. Snoddy and all her kindness.

NEW BUSINESS:

CM Baker: It was brought to CM Baker's attention that the car owned by the Town may be parked on property that does not belong to the Town. The car needs to be moved. CM Reams made a motion to park the car at the jail. That is property that is owned by the Town. That motion was seconded by VM Moss. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Ossie J. Harris, III, Janel Venable

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

Planning Commission – Karen Sue Moss, James O'Bryant, Bill Carmines, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney

Beautification – Gilbert Reams, Sandra Moss, Mark Brown, Tricia Taylor

Ordinance – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Janel Venable, Rachel Frank

Christmas Parade – Linda Paige, Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Rachel Frank

Community Service Workers – Linda Paige, RW Maxey, Janel Venable

Halloween Event – Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Jones, Rachel Frank

Adjournment: VM Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Harris. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.