

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
May 9, 2023

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

Council Members Absent: CM Harris, CM Frank

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

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: VM Moss motioned to accept the minutes as written. CM Reams seconded the motion. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Donna McRae-Jones: Hope Day was a great success. The crowd was small, but enthusiastic. There was \$4,490 was raised for donations. At Pino's Ristorante's All Day Dining event raised \$490. The food was mostly donated. The BBQ was from Kiss My Butts BBQ and was donated. The salad was donated from Wise Ridge County Store.

On Friday, May 26, 2023, there will be All Day Dining at Wise Ridge Country Store. There will be great breakfast items available. There are sandwiches that are amazing and loaded with meat and cheese also available. Ms. McRae-Jones will send the Clerk a flyer for the event to post.

June 17, 2023: Saturday, Juneteenth Celebration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Straight Street. Come and join the fun.

Dennis Carney, Consultant: Mr. Carney requested a change order for the work being done at Town Hall. Mr. Carney was reminded that the Council approved all change orders for the project. This was done so that the contractor would not have to stop work awaiting approval. The items that have been more costly than previously predicted are the removal of asbestos and the renovation of the Water Works building.

SLFRF Reporting: The reporting was very easy to do. Thanks to the Clerk for her expertise in working with the computer. She was a great amount of help with this project.

Ordinances: VM Moss: Photos have been taken for the violators. The letters are ready to go. VM Moss will come to Town Hall on Friday, May 12, 2023, to complete printing the pictures to add to the letters to send out to the violators. There are several properties in Town that are in violation of the Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

FY24 Budget: The budget was sent to the Council for their review. There were no requested changes for the budget. There will be a Public Hearing in June for the budget. The budget will take effect on July 1, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: Cat Ordinance: A cat ordinance needs to be adopted. Dennis Carney and VM Moss will work on the Ordinance.

Groundhogs: The Clerk will contact TJ Ragland to see if he will be able to help with trapping the animals and remove them or euthanize them. Ms. Sandra Moss was told that the foxes have their litters in the groundhog's dens then move on after the pups are old enough to go on their own.

CM Reams: Town Hall needs display cases for the historical items that are in Town Hall such as old newspaper articles, awards, and other memorabilia. The Council would like to have the cases attached to the walls for displaying the items. Also, the Council would like to honor all the former mayors and councilmembers with a plaque recognizing their service.

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,

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: The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.