

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting
August 13, 2024

Council Members Present: Mayor K. Frable-Moss, CM Reams, CM S. Moss, VM Baker, CM Venable, CM Shumaker

Council Members Absent: CM Pinelli

Others: Clerk Reams, Consultant Carney, Supervisor Gilliam, Karen N. Dunkum, Shelby Taylor, Felix Sarfo-Kantanka, Jimmy O’Bryant, Tim O’Brien, Erin O’Brien, Woody Dunkum, Courtney Dunkum, Cormac, Claire, and Baby Dunkum

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Open the Meeting: The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Mayor Moss established that a quorum was present. Invocation was led by CM S. Moss and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor K. Frable-Moss.

Minutes: Motion and Second: The motion was made by CM S. Moss and seconded by CM Reams to accept the minutes as written. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Open the Public Hearing: Motion and Second: A motion was made by CM Venable and seconded by CM Reams to accept the Ordinance as written.

ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS:

Zoning and Residential:

Ordinances:

PARK EVENTS:

GRASS CUTTING: The Council has suggested that the Bids for the Town Cemetery should be proposed. The Council suggested that maybe get someone just to cut the grass at the cemetery. The fee currently for the job is \$800.

A motion was made by CM S. Moss to keep the two jobs separate, do interviews to inform the candidate the expectations. Also, place the ordinance into the interview packet as well. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The cemetery also needs gravel put down on the driveway areas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(discussion on items)

Dennis Carney: VRSA Grant: The sidewalk project will cost around \$250.00 per section and that means the project could take years to complete. If the Town could match the funds, then the project timeline could be cut down to two years. VM Baker made a motion to match the grant to fix the sidewalks. The motion was seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Gilliam: The roof on the building next door to Town Hall is having the roof replaced. Supervisor Gilliam asked the Town employee to be patient with the process. He stated that they should be completed by Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Shelby Taylor: Ms. Taylor stated that she is appalled by the appearance of the Town Cemetery. She has two plots at the cemetery. The cemetery needs attention. It is in very poor condition and needs attention as the grass is knee high. She suggested the Council could ask for donations for the Cemetery Fund. Perhaps ask the person responsible for cemetery upkeep to cut the grass later on in the week; perhaps on Friday.

Rural Planning Caucus: Dennis Carney, Consultant, would like to attend the caucus. A motion was made by CM S. Moss and seconded by VM Baker to approve Mr. Carney attending the caucus. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Council Salaries: The annual pay for the councilmembers and mayor are drastically behind the times. The salaries need to be doubled in order to be comparable. A motion was made by CM Venable to raise the Council double the amount that they are currently paid (CM \$250 to \$500 and Mayor \$600 to \$1,200). The motion was seconded by VM Baker. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

Announcements:

COMMITTEES:

Finance – Karen Sue Moss, Janel Venable, Sandra F. Moss, Loretta Reams

Town Buildings/Grounds – Gilbert W. Reams, Faye Shumaker

Planning Commission – James O’Bryant, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney, Robert L. Pinelli. Ossie J. Harris, III

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

Ordinance – Karen Sue Frable-Moss, Sharon Baker, Janel Venable

Christmas Parade – Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Amy Eubank

Community Service Workers – RW Maxey, Janel Venable, Karen F. Moss, Loretta Reams

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

Economic Development- Sandra F. Moss, Robert L. Pinelli, Calvin Bachrach

Adjournment: A motion was made by CM Venable and was seconded by CM Reams to adjourn the meeting. All others: Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.