

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2, 2010

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice-Mayor Washington, Councilors West, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Toney

Others Present: Kim Alexander, Kristi Caturano, Greg Tkac, Cathy Holtzlander, Chief Johnson, Yolanda Hipski, Retta Ladd and 9 citizens

Absent: Donna Johnson

Mayor Yohey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Vice-Mayor Washington.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Yohey stated the only item he has is appointing a representative to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Planning and Advisory Committee. Mayor Yohey stated Council Lady Barr has agreed to serve on that Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBERS TIME

Vice-Mayor Washington stated he would like to send his condolences to the Simmons and Porter families, in the passing of Edward Simmons. Vice-Mayor Washington stated today was the deadline to register as a candidate for the town elections in May.

Mrs. West stated it is getting to the close of General Assembly and she would encourage the citizens to visit the website and read the bills, many issues that affect local government and let their congressmen know how they feel concerning these issues.

Mrs. West stated the Black History program at Little Union on February 21, 2010 was delightful and thanked Mrs. Holtzlander for a job well done.

Mr. Toney expressed how eventful it was at Little Union on February 21, 2010 and thanked Mrs. Holtzlander for putting on the program.

COUNCIL MEMBERS TIME (cont)

Mrs. Cornell congratulated Ms. Barr on her appointment to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Planning and Advisory Committee. Mrs. Cornell stated she would like to send her condolences to the Simmons family. Mrs. Cornell stated Mr. Simmons helped many in the community.

Ms. Barr extended congratulations to all who "threw their hats in" for the upcoming town elections and gave a "thank you" for showing interest in their town.

Mr. Brewer stated he had nothing.

TOWN MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Town Manager's Report** – Ms. Alexander reviewed her report with Council. There were no questions from Council.
- b. **Police Chief's Report** – Chief Johnson reviewed his report with Council. Ms. Barr stated the total arrests don't equal the numbers on the front page. Chief Johnson advised that all calls for service do not warrant an arrest. Ms. Barr stated the calls for service for **Suspicious Persons/Activity/Vehicle** had a high number. Chief Johnson stated that call covers a lot of things.

Mrs. Cornell asked the Chief if he had received calls about individuals going through properties from Prince William Estates over to Mine Road. Chief Johnson stated there have been no calls received that he's aware of, but he will check into it.

- c. **Director of Public Works** – Mr. Tkac stated it was good to be back (he had missed the last two meetings). Mr. Tkac reviewed his report with Council, highlighting it had been a busy month dealing with snow related issues. Mr. Tkac stated the supply of salt and sand ran out locally due to the back to back snows and apologized for not doing as well with the last snow storm as far as street cleaning.

Mrs. West stated she was pleased to see the wall on Old Triangle Road gone and the seeding of the property done. Mr. West asked Mr. Tkac about his meeting with the representative from VDOT to close Old Triangle Road.

Mr. Tkac stated that meeting was in anticipation of having to close the road to take down the wall, fortunately the owners of the property came through and that did not have to take place.

Ms. Barr asked Mr. Tkac about the meeting with VDOT concerning the intersection of Graham Park Road, Curtis Drive and Main Street.

TOWN MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS (cont)

- c. **Director of Public Works (cont)** – Mr. Tkac stated the meeting was to discuss modifications to the intersection that would include a left turn lane from Main Street to Graham Park Road.

Ms. Barr stated people just don't follow the traffic laws, she also believes timing is a problem, but she believes stronger enforcement of the traffic laws need to happen.

Mayor Yohey asked Chief Johnson if they can begin a stronger enforcement of the blocking of the intersection.

Chief Johnson stated they do enforce it, they have taken many to court, but they can't be there 24/7.

Ms. Barr asked about placing a camera at the intersection.

Chief Johnson stated the population has to be 10,000.

- d. **Director of Community Development** – Mrs. Hipski reviewed her report with Council.

Ms. Barr asked Mrs. Hipski about the MOA and ordinance to remove the Building Official duties to the responsibility of the County.

Ms. Caturano stated the ordinance change would allow the town to adopt the County fee schedule and the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) would be to contract services with the County.

Ms. Barr asked if the contractual service was short term.

Mrs. Hipski stated yes.

Mrs. West asked if the wall and house demo was the same property.

Mrs. Hipski stated yes.

Mr. Toney questioned why there has been no Planning Commission or ARB meetings. Mr. Toney state he served on the Planning Commission and ARB for about seven years and the Planning Commission always met at least once a month usually twice.

TOWN MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS (cont)

- d. **Director of Community Development (cont)** – Mrs. Hipski stated there has been no new business to bring to the Planning Commission or ARB. Mrs. Hipski stated she has received two conditional use permit applications in the past month so they will be meeting soon.

Mr. Toney asked about the meeting with Sanford Holshouser and Anderson & Associates regarding potential planning opportunities.

Mrs. Hipski stated the Planning Commission is gearing up for the Comprehensive Plan and that is why she met with Sanford Holshouser and Anderson & Associates.

- e. **Director of Community Services** – Mrs. Holtzlander reviewed her report with Council, highlighting some events. Mrs. Holtzlander thanked Council for their support in the Black History program, she also thanked Little Union Baptist Church and everyone involved in making the program a success.

Ms. Barr thanked everyone involved in facebook. Ms. Barr stated she had a hard time finding it and stated it's under "Historic Town of Dumfries." Ms. Barr stated she is not a big fan of Blackboard, if she receives a call from a number she doesn't recognize she doesn't answer the phone and hopes to still get info via facebook.

Mrs. Holtzlander advised Ms. Barr that there is an "opt in" function with Blackboard where you can receive text or e-mail, instead of a phone call.

Ms. Barr thanked Mrs. Holtzlander for staying on it.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. West moved for adoption of consent agenda, seconded by Vice-Mayor Washington, all ayes motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Consider use of "No Fault" Insurance Policy—Regarding incident of February 6, 2010** - Mr. Pena, the owner of the vehicle, spoke concerning the incident of February 6, 2010, which happened in a dead end cul-de-sac during a snow storm, wherein the town truck, while plowing the snow, hit his vehicle.

ACTION ITEMS (cont)

- a. **Consider use of “No Fault” Insurance Policy—Regarding incident of February 6, 2010 (cont)** – Mr. Pena stated if he goes through his insurance company he will have to pay his deductible. Mr. Pena stated he had pictures if Council would like to see them.

Ms. Barr advised Mr. Pena that the town is not questioning whether to fix his vehicle, they were discussing the option of paying it “out of pocket” or to use the town’s “No Fault” insurance policy.

Ms. Alexander stated Mrs. Ladd spoke with a representative from VML and was advised that if the town opted to pay “out of pocket” it would show as a claim with no pay out and the representative suggested the town use their policy.

Ms. Alexander stated VML was waiting for Mr. Pena to get back into town so they could schedule an appraiser to come out and look at the vehicle.

Vice-Mayor Washington moved to use the town’s “No Fault” insurance policy, seconded by Mrs. Cornell, all ayes motion carried.

- b. **Consider Appointment of Members to the Dumfries Towing Advisory Committee** – Mrs. Hipski reviewed this item with Council and asked Council to consider appointment of the candidates to the Towing Advisory Committee.

Mrs. West so moved, seconded by Vice-Mayor Washington.

Mayor Yohey asked about a chairman. Mrs. Hipski advised Mayor Yohey that the State Code outlines the parameters of the Advisory Board.

Vice-Mayor Washington asked if the three companies would share in the towing services. Mrs. Hipski stated it is too early in the implementing process to say.

Mrs. Caturano stated one other function this Advisory Board could do is recommend towing fees.

Mayor Yohey stated (in a question format) the State dictates this Committee. Mrs. Hipski stated yes.

Mayor Yohey asked Mrs. Ladd to call for the vote. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS (cont)

- c. **Consider Appointment of Representative to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Planning and Advisory Committee** – This item was taken care of under **Mayor's Time** with Ms. Barr agreeing to serve on the committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Yohey read certification for closed session.

Mr. Brewer moved to enter closed session on Possible Litigation (A.7.); Personnel (A.1.); and Discussion of Prospective Business (A.5.), seconded by Mrs. Cornell, all ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by

Approved by

Retta Ladd, Dep Clk/Treasurer

Fred Yohey, Mayor

Mrs. West read the certification and made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Brewer, all ayes motion carried.

No action from closed session.

ADJOURN

Vice-Mayor Washington moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brewer, all ayes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by

Approved by

Kimberly Alexander,
Town Manager

Fred Yohey, Mayor