

**AT A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL, HELD ON MAY 27, 2014,
AT 7:00 P.M., IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17755 MAIN STREET, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA:**

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Foreman
Vice Mayor Willie Toney
Charles Brewer
Kristin Forrester
Helen Reynolds
Gwen Washington
Derrick Wood (arrived prior to the adoption of the budget)
Daniel Taber, Town Manager
Olaun Simmons, Town Attorney

THERE WERE ABSENT: None

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order. Dawn Hobgood, Town Clerk, took roll call.

IN RE: MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a moment of silent prayer and reflection, then all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

IN RE: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There were no amendments requested to the agenda.

Mayor Foreman noted that on June 3 at 6:00 PM there will be a swearing in ceremony followed by Council's regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM.

**IN RE: ACTION ITEMS
A. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY15 BUDGET**

Mr. Taber indicated the final budget was before Council with the requested changes made at the last meeting. The narrative still has a few minor edits to be made and asked Council if they find any additional edits to let him know by noon next Monday. Council has met on several occasions and the public hearing has been properly advertised. He requested that following the public hearing Council vote to introduce the ordinance.

The public hearing was opened to public comments.

Cleveland Anderson, representing Liberty Village Professional Center, Vincent and Vincent Salon and Spa, a Dumfries Business Association (DBA) member, and business man, has several concerns. Any one Council Member who does not support a lower business tax, if in fact it does not disrupt Town services, puzzles him. He believes profits create jobs, and jobs create and grow the tax base. He requested that Council seek the assistance of Delegate Luke Torian for calibrating five traffic lights. The north/south

lanes from Route 234 to the Marine Corp Base need to be calibrated together and given more go, green, time. With hundreds of apartments rising up on Route 1 and Route 234, the Town cannot wait on Prince William County (PWC) or the State. He asked Council to abolish and disband the Historic District that continues to suffocate future businesses. He wanted to see the land that fronts Route 1 be returned to the B-1 zoning district. The justification for this action is based on the last building built in the Historic District was Liberty Village 23 years ago. He requested the Town and Council investigate securing funds from the State, PWC, or possibly even better, a gift, for the acquisition of easements to bury the overhead utility lines and remove the unsightly telephone poles.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed.

Stacey Harvey and her neighbor Janice Jackson asked if they could speak noting they were there on behalf of their property. Ms. Harvey explained that on May 16 they awoke to water in their basements and bedrooms, which was due to the drainage system, between Ms. Harvey's home and another neighbor's home, that was packed with mud and leaves. They had about three feet of water in their backyards that pummeled into their basements. They had to have carpet and drywall removed. They had to hire Serve Pro to do the work only to find out that it is not covered by their insurance. They made several calls to the Town and PWC to find out who was responsible for the negligence with the sewage drain. She noted a gentleman did come out from the Town because PWC stated it was not on their map, so it had to be the Town's responsibility. Pictures were taken and the gentleman indicated he would get back to them about who was responsible. They have not heard anything from him since.

Ms. Jackson spoke with Terry Myers in the Public Works Department today and he told her that he would get back to her.

Ms. Harvey noted that what is disturbing her is the Homeowners' Association (HOA) inspected the damage and told her that they are responsible for clearing out what is behind their gates and fences. She felt the HOA should be responsible for taking care of the drainage. She reported, numerous times, to the HOA that the drain needed to be maintained. The HOA in the past has cleaned the drain. She noticed a week or two prior when she brought in her trash can that there was nowhere for the water to go. Her father and Ms. Jackson that weekend came out with shovels and cleaned it out. She explained that water damage is dangerous. Mold can climb up walls. She requested the Town take some type of action with this. If not they will be moving forward with this.

Mayor Foreman explained that the Council is not allowed to make comments back during citizen comments and that the Town Manager would be in contact with them.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Toney asked for clarification on the Administrative Assistant and Town Attorney positions being budgeted for less money in the proposed budget than was in the FY14 budget.

Mr. Taber explained that accrued leave was paid out to individuals who left those positions. When the Town Attorney left, the Town had to pay another attorney to represent the Town in court. The Administrative Assistant was paid for accrued leave and the individual who was hired to take over the position started at a lower salary.

Ms. Forrester moved, seconded by Mr. Toney, to introduce the ordinance making the appropriations for the FY15 budget with adoption under the consent agenda at the June 3 meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Mr. Brewer, yes; Mr. Foreman, yes; Ms. Forrester, yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Toney, yes; Ms. Washington, yes; Mr. Wood, yes.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, SCHOOL DIVISIONS AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – DAN TABER

Mr. Taber explained that Council sees this every year as the budget moves forward. The State requires by resolution that the Town confirm the rates established for the pension plans. The Town has no control over these rates. The resolution shows that the Town has promised to pay their portion in the next fiscal year. He is looking to move it forward to the consent agenda for approval.

Ms. Forrester moved, seconded by Mr. Foreman, to move the resolution under the consent agenda for adoption at the June 3 meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Mr. Brewer, yes; Mr. Foreman, yes; Ms. Forrester, yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Toney, yes; Ms. Washington, yes; Mr. Wood, yes.

C. RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS BY SALARY REDUCTION FOR COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – DAN TABER

Mr. Taber stated this is similar to the reasoning as previously mentioned to comply with a State requirement. He asked for a motion to move this item to the consent agenda for adoption.

Mr. Toney moved, seconded by Ms. Forrester, to move the resolution under the consent agenda for adoption at the June 3 meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Mr. Brewer, yes; Mr. Foreman, yes; Ms. Forrester, yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Toney, yes; Ms. Washington, yes; Mr. Wood, yes.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Foreman moved, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Mr. Brewer, no; Mr. Foreman, yes; Ms. Forrester, yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes; Mr. Toney, yes; Ms. Washington, yes; Mr. Wood, yes.

MAY 27, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes submitted by

Approved by

Dawn Hobgood
Town Clerk

Gerald M. Foreman
Mayor