

08/06/2020

Town Council Meeting

Attendance: Bill Lesmerises, Town Manager Dixon, Town Clerk Kelledees, Pastor Doug, Full Council, Sgt. Glenn Ray, Assistant Clerk Fowler, Chief Lee, and Town Attorney Ryan.

Call to order: 6 p.m. Mayor Reichart called the meeting to order.

Attorney Lyndsey Ryan spoke about on-call marketing and public relations. She suggested we make a few changes to the contract. They believe Megan from Easton does good work and would be good to use. She is cheaper at \$75 per hour; 10 hours, \$750 a month would be the cost. Discussed doing a 3-year term instead of 1-year term. With the ability to terminate for any reason or the ability to extend. Commissioner Mackey asked how we would track her time, and Town Manager Dixon said she would track it that they communicate on things often. Cunningham suggested to keep it simple and do three years, just like with Miller. Commissioner Mackey agreed. Motion to do a contract with M2 Marketing and to make amendments to it. Commissioner Knight motioned and Cunningham seconded it. All in favor.

Resolution 2020 R-02 license and inspection fees gives the ability to adopt the fee schedule. Commissioner Cunningham motioned and Commissioner Mackey seconded it. All in favor.

Attorney Lyndsey Ryan discussed four emails she received from a town resident. Mayor Reichart stated we all have to read them and that we will take whatever measures or actions we need to do. Commissioner Cunningham asked if, by the next week, they can get an update. Town Manager said that the courts just opened back up so we have to wait because they are backed up.

Commissioner Harrison stated that a revision needed to be made to the 7/23 minutes about the "infrastructure" on Granby St. Approval of the July 9 and July 23 minutes. Commissioner Mackey made motion to accept and Commissioner Harrison seconded it. All in favor.

COVID 19 Update: Governor Hogan has explained the limits implemented when you go on vacation to hot spots that you have to get tested and quarantine until you get your results back. Commissioner Mackey asked if they would get paid; was worried about them having to use their leave time. Town Manager Dixon stated that Governor Hogan put in place that they must still get paid.

Commissioner Harrison brought up that someone in the fire department has stated they want a money kick-back for the water & sewer because they put it all in years ago. Now Dollar General is hooking up to it. Attorney Lyndsey said there is really no way to do it because there was no agreement put in place for that. Mayor Reichart stated that we did raise the donation to the fire house this year to try to help with that matter and we gave them a generator. Commissioner Harrison asked if maybe we could do a kick-back for future hook ups? Lyndsey stated probably not because they are not a municipality. Commissioner Harrison asked if we could add a clause to the fire department and Lyndsey stated no because it already exists. Commissioner Mackey thinks we can work with them on this. Town Manager Dixon said she will check with Don Wilson to make sure they don't break any laws. Also was discussed that the Mobil is going to hook up to it. Commissioner Cunningham suggested we get the Mobil station to apply for the grant.

Planning Commission: Mrs. Zhu went to the board meeting; she wants to sell a piece of her property but it is all on one lot. It is zoned residential. Commissioner Cunningham stated that she wanted to sell the building but still control the lot based off what she said in the meeting. Commissioner Mackey stated that it's going to be expensive. Attorney Lyndsey said she could try to sub divide it; she just has to prepare a plat for the county. Attorney Lyndsey asked if there is a buyer interested? Commissioner Mackey said it's on her from here on out. Town manager Dixon said she suggested a lawyer and developer to her.

Parks Board: Town Clerk Tammy stated that we have done interviews for two of the people so far and that Kat will be bringing them to council.

Public Works: Bill discussed the new system at the plant pump station because the prior one did have a channel; when we lost ac power it wouldn't call out. This one does calls, texts, etc. Also, he has the option to upgrade to be able to turn pumps on and off. Maintenance was done on the compressors. Two alternate back and forth. Normally we change them every 3-4 years. Stated July water samples are all good. We are now fully on our own.

Power Point: See attached. Warranties last one year. Town Manager Dixon discussed insurance for Goldsboro; that way when something goes wrong, they have the funds to fix it. Bill asked if we can set a spec for pumps going north and Attorney Lyndsey said yes, as long as we can back it up. Town Manager Dixon asked if we can request O & M to be higher going north since we know it is going to be higher. Also was discussed about some leaks at Goldsboro which were because of a missing O-ring; the pre-fitting snapped off. Every quarter we are going to be sucking them dry to prevent the pumps from breaking. Town Manager Dixon said we learned a lot of lessons this week.

Commissioner Cunningham asked about Randy's work truck. The damage was around \$4,200.00. Bill stated that all the guys have helped out a lot.

Police: See attached.

Chief Lee did add in that he asked for waiver regarding the \$10K to the task force this year. Commissioner Mackey asked if he's getting the shot guns for free? Chief said yes. Chief continued to discuss the task force and said that if we don't pay it this year, they won't remove us. Mayor Reichart said what if they say no? Chief stated that they vote on it and he thinks many will vote to not pay it and get a break this year due to COVID.

Admin: Town Clerk Tammy stated we are preparing for the audit. Some new efficiencies are we are doing bill pay once a week. Adding remote deposit through the bank, this will help with security and time. Checks can be scanned and deposited right at our desks.

Town Manager Report: TM Dixon stated we are done with the interviews for the Citizens Advisory Board. It is a diverse group. There are 6 people Town Manager Dixon and Pastor Doug think we should take them all. And the first project for them could be sustainable communities. Town Manager also discussed Shore Scan, a program we use in Town Hall for storage of documents. We are loading another *cabinet* for the houses in town. It also will give us more scans per month so that we can use it more. We will also be able to scan in blue prints. She also stated that Sept 14 @ 5:30 p.m. is going to be the business celebration at the YMCA. The Mac N Cheese fest with Tracy from Chamber of Commerce is being planned and will have 10 caterers. It will help promote our businesses.

Old Business: Commissioner Harrison asked about reviewing codes, the last time it was done was 2018. Town manager stated that the new Citizens Advisory Board can review them and zoning ordinances. Commissioner Harrison thinks codes were last done in 2015. Commissioner Mackey brought up Church Street and said we have talked about it before. Town Manager Dixon asked about doing tar and chip on the smaller streets as was recommended to her. Commissioner Cunningham said the infrastructure needs a lot of work that's the only problem. Commissioner Harrison said to him tar and chip doesn't really solve anything. Commissioner Mackey said some people will complain about not having asphalt.

Justin Smith joined the zoom call. He is buying 610 Sunset and putting his IT Company there, he has a staff of three for now. One of the employees is from Greensboro. He hires from Chesapeake College and helps them get through college.

Commissioner Mackey asked how much was spent on the issue with the paper street alley neighbor issue.

Was brought up that Von Von the machinist helped Bill out big time with lending tools when pumps went up and they really appreciated his help.

Commissioner Mackey brought up Mr. Baldwin's property is getting outrageous again, it is growing up and hasn't been cut down. This is something they have addressed with him before then he fixed it. Town Manager Dixon said she would go to the secretary and make sure it gets done.

Bill talked to Delmarva Power about Solar Panels for the plant. Commissioner Mackey thanked everyone for the work on Caroline Street. It was 18 truckloads.

The meeting concluded at 7:49 p.m. when Commissioner Harrison motioned for it and Commissioner Cunningham seconded it.

Respectfully prepared by,

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