

**08/19/2021**

**Town Council Workshop Minutes**

In attendance: Full council board. Town Manager Wendy Dixon, Town Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement Jaime Fowler, Chief of Police Gregg Glassel, Deputy Chief Glenn Ray, Town Attorney Lyndsey Ryan via phone. Public: Amanda Weaver, Phillip Connaster, Ed Connaster, and Gloria Connaster.

Meeting was brought to order @ 6 P.M. by Mayor Reichart.

Commissioner Cunningham said they needed to make a motion to add an executive session to the end of this meeting in regards to personnel matters. Commissioner Cunningham made the motion, and Commissioner Harrison seconded it.

**Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Dixon said she didn't have much as she just got back from vacation. Commissioner Mackey asked if we have heard anything new from Baldwin. Ms. Dixon said we are waiting on the final from McCrone.

**Discussion**

Fleet Enterprise:

It will be about \$900.00 a month for the cost to lease through Enterprise Dixon said if we were to do this plan with the police vehicles. She suggested we look into going through a dealership and could rent them for a lower price; in addition, there are grants available. Also discussed was adding a push bar to the police vehicles. Commissioner Cunningham asked if we could look into another company besides Ober to do the maintenance on the police cars. He also asked if it would be feasible to set up a vehicle that would be ready for K-9 use. There was some discussion on the lettering to be done on the police cars once we get them. Discussed doing the ghost decals like many other towns do. Amanda Weaver spoke up and said she thinks we should have at least one car marked normally, because seeing police presence is important in this town. Commissioner Knight said that she makes a good point. Commissioner Cunningham said we need to get three quotes once we are ready to do it. Commissioner Mackey said what Amanda said is spot on. Commissioner Cunningham said the ghost lettering is what everyone is doing; it's the new trend. Chief said he met with the graphics company.

Trees/Property Lines:

Commissioner Cunningham stated that this was discussed last meeting but right now we don't have any ordinances or codes on it; we need to implement something. Commissioner Knight agreed and said it is a safety issue. Town Manager Dixon said with Baldwin the trees are in the master plan. Commissioner Mackey brought up the issue with Mr. Deale. Amanda Weaver said she would like to talk about that when she is allowed. Attorney Ryan and Town Manager Dixon both said they don't think they can mandate where people can plant their trees on their property. Commissioner Harrison spoke about a few years ago how where his daughter lives there is a paper alley that had four trees that were endangerment to people's homes or hurting someone. He said they had them removed themselves.

Dixon stated she has concerns on imposing on residents' property rights. Commissioner Mackey said this is something we need to work on and get something in place for. Dixon suggested we get some opinions.

Amanda Weaver spoke about her issue that her tree had split and hit Mr. Deale's lean-to. She said she wanted to remove the tree years ago but Jeanette told her there was a ten-foot barrier and she couldn't it. She never removed the tree and now she can't afford to. Town Attorney Ryan asked if they have a title search from when she purchased the property. Commissioner Harrison said she is referencing before, with old town staff but she can't move the fence back. The address is 501 N. Main and she is asking for help before it takes out other people's homes and properties. Commissioner Knight said let's start by reviewing the survey. Amanda said she would get the survey to the town staff. Her insurance company said they would only remove it if it was dead. Also, the suggestion to contact Delmarva power was made to her.

#### G. Fedale-siding and windows:

Discussed quote on windows and siding for the Town Meeting Hall building. Commissioner Cunningham asked to get more bids; at least two more. Town Manager Dixon stated that Main Street America may also help cover it. Everyone was in agreement to get two more bids.

Mayor Reichart brought up the new Town Planner Patrick that Attorney Ryan had recommended. Mayor Reichart and Ms. Dixon met with him and both really liked him. Commissioner Mackey asked about the part-time position for the Town office. Town Manager said she would let the Town Clerk, Tammy, explain at the next meeting, but we think we found someone. Ms. Dixon also stated they are doing Public Works part-time interviews on Tuesday. Commissioner Cunningham asked if they could talk about the retirement for the Police Officers at the next meeting? Town Attorney Ryan said that Easton Police opted into LEOPs and we could contact the Sheriff's office to get more information on that.

Motion for agreement for the new town planner was made. Commissioner Mackey made motion and Commissioner Cunningham seconded it.

Commissioner Mackey asked about any new applicants for the police department. Chief had gone to the police academy that day in PG County to talk to some possible applicants. He found one person he liked. And he sent an application to them. This person would graduate in November. They also might have one more that may be interested.

The Connasters talked and discussed that they were thankful to the town for offering the apartment to them since their home had a fire. Commissioner Knight offered them resources to get more help.

#### **Adjourn**

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7 p.m. Commissioner Mackey made the motion and Commissioner Cunningham seconded it.

Respectfully prepared by,

Jaime Fowler

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