Town Council Workshop

02/20/2020

In attendance: Wendy Dixon, Tammy Kelledes, Jaime Fowler, Lyndsey Ryan, Bill Lesmerises, Billy Biddle, and Randy Robinson.

Mayor Kevin Reichart, Commissioners: M. Mackey, B. Cunningham, B. Harrison, and E. Knight.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Reichart @ 7PM.

Mayor Reichart started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Manager Report: Wendy (see attached)

Commissioner M. Mackey discussed money in budget for the church.

Wendy also brough up doing a leadership meet and greet. And also using that time to do some census awareness for the town.

Mayor Reichart liked the meet and greet idea and suggested trying to make it an ongoing thing if we have enough participants.

Public Works:

Water Sewer Report (See attached)

Billy discussed Elmor Ct. fire hydrant how it got struck by a truck. Randy & Billy put tape around it for a short-term solution. Then all four men from Public Works went back and fixed it. Commissioner Cunningham believes FED EX backed into it. Billy also stated that the Historical building is clean. He also thanked Commissioner Mackey and the Mayor for coming out to visit public works and all their work.

Bill answered Commissioner Cunningham’s questions about the chlorine in the water lately. Stating that sometimes when they are mixing in the chlorine it comes out stronger in certain spots.

310 Academy (Passwaters):

The certified mail came back and was never picked up by them. Lyndsey said we need to get MDIA out there to do the report and to get Hal out there ASAP. Then we will get a court order to demolish it if the owner doesn’t demolish it. Commissioner Cunningham suggested someone go with Hal to see the property and take pictures. There is still electricity in the house and it is a major fire hazard. In eight days from the meeting it will be at the 30 days where we can proceed. Wendy or Sam will have to testify when we go to court.

Baldwin:

Lyndsey drafted a letter stating that he did the work wrong and that he needs to make the right repair within 30 days instead of 60. He paid $50K for the water fees on 14 lots in October 2013 then the capacity expired. There is no meter connection right now. Commissioner asked for clarity from Lyndsey.

Police Vehicle:

Commissioner Cunningham motioned to approve and Commissioner Mackey seconded it, all in favor say I.

MIDA Contracts:

Wendy stated that we need to raise our rates for the licensed inspector. Commissioner Cunningham asked why there is nothing for the HVAC. Wendy agreed that, yes, we should have that as a required inspection. Lyndsey said she will do a resolution.

Parks Board:

Commissioner Cunningham talked about how he did some research on Sam doing the minutes for the Parks Meetings. He found that the secretary should be doing the minutes not Sam. If people don’t show up for the meetings, he believes they should take away voter rights, not cancel the meetings. Commissioner Knight asked if we are still using the tobacco grant for the fishing derby? Mayor Reichart stated that he is going to do an email to discuss it with everyone on the parks board and make changes. Wendy mentioned that the group from the Greater Impact Church constantly volunteers to help out. Mayor Reichart stated again that he will send an email to everyone on the parks board to discuss these issues and concerns.

School Street:

Commissioner Cunningham has concerns on the paving issues. He believes that Allen Bryan is the best out of the different companies he has reached out to, they are only $200 an hour and it will take 2 or 3 hours to do the job. Lyndsey said that as long as they will do a job that small, it is fine. Commissioner Mackey asked about the Baldwin issue and if the next person buys the lots are, they responsible for the fees. The answer was yes. Commissioner E. Knight motioned to put the paving of School Street up for bid. Commissioner Mackey seconded it. Mrs. Zhu then spoke up and asked about repairing each street each year saying that she had heard that was going to happen.

Grants:

Tammy discussed our census grant and how we are going to use it towards getting IPADS to use while helping people take the Census. Also, that she is working on a grant for state aid for police protective gear which is $20K. She also is researching grants for training and equipment (USDA).

Wendy stated she got approval to get rid of the Public Works equipment that they wanted to sell.

Mrs. Zhu brought up her wanting a well again. Commissioner Cunningham said it's non- pittable well and that Caroline County will not issue you a well. If you have town water you have to be hooked up to it. It’s the law; there is no way to regulate the water. They also discussed all the fees that go along with it; the Irrigation fee and well drilling plus water, sewer, and town fees. Mrs. Zhu wants to have a small group discussion. Commissioner E. Knight said it’s a law bigger than what they can decide here.

Mayor Reichart thanked Public Works and said how happy he is with what they are doing. And also thanked them for reacting so quick to the fire hydrant. Mayor Reichart motioned for the meeting to close at 8:16 PM, Commissioner Harrison motioned it and Mackey seconded it.

Respectfully prepared by Jaime Fowler