

REGULAR MONTHLY Meeting of the Gate City Town Council was held on Monday, April 17, 2006 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Jenkins, Vice-Mayor Rita Tipton, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Frances Perry, Town Manager Jason Stewart, Town Attorney Mike Carrico, Recorder Heather Kiser

ABSENT: Jack Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Newton, Zeke Newton, Debbie Kindle, Ron Kindle, John Shepard, Lisa McCarty, Pat Loggans, Jan Jenkins, Sandy Jenkins, Beverly Robinette, Jay Dixon, Carol Dixon, Randall Hurt, Jason Cox, Joe McMurray, Tommy Quillin, Ross Jenkins

Mayor Mark Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation was provided by John Shepard.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Newton.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to approve the minutes from the March regular monthly meeting with the correction to typo errors and changes to Frances' statement to Tommy Quillin. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Mayor Mark Jenkins opened the floor for public comment at this time.

With no public comment, Mayor Mark Jenkins closed the floor for public comment.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico met with Pat Loggans about the damage to the police department building. A possible solution to repairing the police department is installing vinyl siding and a Welcome sign could be painted on the building.

Pat Loggans discussed a prior agreement made with an old town manager. Broadwater Drug is willing to do what needs to be done to repair the police department building.

Frances Perry spoke about repairing the police department building.

The council discussed repairing the police department building.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed the bids on demolition of the theatre building.

The town received one bid to demolish the entire building and one bid was just to remove the back of the building but leave the store front.

The council discussed the bids on demolishing the theatre building.

Town Attorney Mike Carrico suggested that the council wait until the town has received the third bid to discuss the bids already received.

A resolution needs to be drafted to send to the county requesting that the county waive tipping fee to allow the town to dump material at the landfill after the theatre building is torn down.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to allow Town Attorney Mike Carrico to draft a resolution to send to the county requesting the tipping fee to be waived. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Frances Perry declared war on the cigarette butts on town's streets. Frances wants Jason Stewart to look into installing a cigarette butt containers on the streets, installing signs stating the fine for littering, and have the police department to enforce the littering signs.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to install cigarette receptacles and to enforce the littering laws currently in effect. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are trying to start a non-profit performing arts center in Gate City. The Dixon's are requesting the town to join in the efforts of starting the non-profit performing arts center.

The council discussed the performing arts center.

Joe McMurray discussed what the town would be responsible for with the organization.

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded, members voted to explore a potential relationship with a 501-3(C) non-profit organization. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Police Chief Jason Cox handed out his monthly police department report and discussed his report with the council and informed them of upcoming events.

Frances Perry requested a report each month from the K-9 Officers of the dog's activities.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed speeding on Jackson Street.

Frances Perry discussed U-Turns on Jackson Street.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed parking on Jackson Street, vehicles crossing a double line to pull into a parking space, and pedestrian crosswalks.

Mayor Mark Jenkins commended Jason Cox for his work.

Public Works Foreman Randall Hurt handed out his monthly report and discussed the need to replace old equipment with new in the future.

Rita Tipton asks Randall to get a list together of things the public works department needs and give the list to Town Manager Jason Stewart because the Planning Commission is revising the Comprehensive Plan.

Randall discussed the bathrooms at the park under shelter #1. The bathrooms need to be repaired.

A sign needs to be placed on the bathroom doors stating that they are closed for repair.

Tommy Herron discussed the bush hog that the public works department needs.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Rita Tipton, members voted to allow Public Works Foreman Randall Hurt to get three quotes on a bush hog and to purchase the lowest priced bush hog. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Mayor Mark Jenkins spoke about the need for weed-eaters for the summer.

Town Manager Jason Stewart discussed his monthly report with the council.

Mayor Mark Jenkins has been speaking with Skip Sheets about the county and town combining to form a walking trail.

The street committee will probably have a decision regarding the streets that need paving at next month's meeting.

Mayor Mark Jenkins discussed the parking in the road at Scott Farmer's Co-Op. He is going to speak to the manager of the co-op. V-DOT needs to paint lines on the road to divide the street.

The Planning Commission requested that Town Manager Jason Stewart research the prices of a power point system for the Planning Commission and the Town Council to use during meetings. The Planning Commission is also working on the comprehensive plan.

Tommy Herron questioned an employee's overtime. The employee has had to fill in for another employee on medical leave.

The Sanitation Authority did not meet.

EDRC did not have a quorum.

The council discussed obtaining applications for new members for Economic Redevelopment Committee.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to go into closed session. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Gate City Town Council has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-7312 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gate City Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification applies and (2) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Gate City Town Council.

VOTES: **AYES:** Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, Tommy Herron, Steve Williams, Mark Jenkins

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Jack Anderson

Upon a motion by Frances Perry and duly seconded Tommy Herron, members voted to go back into regular session. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Upon a motion by Rita Tipton and duly seconded by Tommy Herron, members voted to transfer money into the police fund for the new police officers. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Tommy Herron questioned the utility refunds.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded Frances Perry, members voted to pay the bills. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

Upon a motion by Tommy Herron and duly seconded by Steve Williams, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Voting in favor of this motion was Tommy Herron, Rita Tipton, Frances Perry, and Steve Williams. Absent from the vote and meeting was Jack Anderson.

MAYOR

RECORDER
