

The regular meeting of the Parksley Town Council was held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Dunne Ave.

Present: Mayor Thomas Young; Council: Rick Chase, Rodney Smoot, Ellen Boyce, James Eichelberger, Carter Parks and Frank Russell; Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Fred Matthews; Atty. Lynwood Lewis and Clerk Denise Bernard

Mayor Young called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Boyce led the Invocation and Pledge.

There were no visitors.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Councilman Parks made the motion to pay the bills. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Eichelberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Young stated that from now on, only one person at a time can talk. He listened to last month's minutes, which was hard to understand because more than one person was talking at a time.

Unfinished business - Sewage - Mayor Young stated that everything had been approved, and the job is ready to go out on bid. Barb Schwenk is going to contact Wiley and Wilson; they will run the ad in the papers. He had received a copy of the condemnation petition from Atty. Lewis.

Atty. Lewis stated that the Certificate of Take was just the 1st step in the condemnation process, and that was all that was required for the "List of Conditions". The Certificate of Condemnation is the next required step for the condemnation process, and it will be served on Mrs. Smoot this week.

Councilman Russell asked about the building on Chadbourne St. and the old Parksley Middle School property.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Matthews stated that the school property is up for sale for \$195,000, and is being advertised up north.

Councilwoman Boyce asked about the Scout House. She wondered who is in there; she understands that it is in bad shape and needs cleaning up. The Lions Club built it, but who owns it? *The Town owns it.*

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Matthews stated that the Boy Scouts are in there, they meet once a week, and the ESSHL stores some things in there. It does need to be painted inside, the town repaired the leak by the chimney and he's not aware of any more leaks. There is no heat in it other than when there is a meeting; it's a very damp building.

Councilman Chase stated that he was Scout Master in Parksley for 7 years. The Town let them use the Scout House, provided the heat, electricity, etc. he felt the least they could do was maintain the building. The town provided the paint and other supplies that were needed and the Boy Scouts provided the labor to clean it and paint it. He feels that the Council should expect it to be taken care of the same way now. He left the heat on at about 40 degrees to keep the bathrooms from freezing.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Matthews stated that the heat is only on for the meetings, the bathrooms no longer work.

Councilwoman Boyce stated that the building was built by the Lions Club in 1953, with the promise that her husband would be the Scout Master when he got out of the Army. He was the Scout Master for 17 years and the building was kept in great shape.

Mayor Young wants Councilwoman Boyce to inspect the Scout House and see what needs to be done, and report back to the Council.

Councilman Chase stated that he had been going over the budget the Dec. numbers aren't in, yet. Right now, it looks like everything is on track for the half year. He wanted the Council's permission to work with the Clerk & come up with reports that he can understand easier.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Matthews stated that he had a couple of trees cut down by the Scout House, to help the roof dry out, but it's just not used enough. The Scout Master is Elwood Taylor. He asked what the deadline was for the \$750 for sewage hookup.

Mayor Young stated that he doesn't think the grant amount is enough, will have to apply for more money, and wants to wait to set the deadline. The User Agreement states "prior to construction".

Atty. Lewis stated that Mrs. Smoot should be served this week and she will have 21 days to file a response.

Councilman Chase made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Boyce. Ayes- Chase, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Chase made the motion to go back into regular session. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Boyce. Ayes- Chase, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Parksley Town Council has convened an Executive Session 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 2.2-3711(A) of the code of Virginia requires a certification by this Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parksley Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the Executive Session to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Executive Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

Vote: Ayes - Chase, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell; Nays-None; Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Young stated that Atty. Lewis will write a letter or call the town's insurance company and get a complete list of materials that Mr. Frank Lewis was paid for.

Councilman Parks made the motion to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Russell. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.