

October 8, 2007 Meeting

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

Present: Mayor Rick Chase; Council: Parks Phillips, Rodney Smoot, Ellen Boyce, James Eichelberger, and Carter Parks; Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Fred Matthews and Clerk Denise Bernard

Visitors: Susan Haycox, candidate for Accomack County Commissioner of Revenue, and Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC

Mayor Chase called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Boyce led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

S. Haycox stated that she is a candidate for the position of Commissioner of Revenue and is very qualified for the job. She currently works for the A-NPDC.

B. Schwenk asked about the pre-bid conference.

Mayor Chase stated that he felt very positive, had 2 contractors and several sub-contractors. He and Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews went to the meeting at Nandua High School, no new news. The county is suffering due to sewage leaching into the potable water. Also, Parksley is not in the original draft plan; it is listed as a "Stakeholder". He advised S. Hart Mears that he is going for the STAG money, again, which may be broken up 3 ways.

B. Schwenk stated that Bill Bishop's information was bad; the STAG had not run out.

Mayor Chase asked if the ESRM's \$90,000 grant could be re-directed.

B. Schwenk stated that it could only be used for transportation related things.

Mayor Chase stated that tomorrow, 10-09-07, is the deadline to be put on the County's agenda for the Supervisor's meeting.

B Schwenk stated that Steve Minor was sick, need to contact the Atty. Mark Taylor.

The minutes from the Sept. meeting were approved.

Councilwoman Boyce made the motion to pay the bills. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Smoot. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Chase stated that the advertising proposal from C.J. Cole was a great deal, but the town shouldn't have to collect the money from the businesses.

Councilman Parks stated that the money was in the budget for advertising and it would help business in town.

Mayor Chase stated that the money in the budget is also for the legal advertising that has to be done.

Councilwoman Boyce stated that the Council can't let the town fall down, waiting for the sewage.

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Mayor Chase stated that he was not in favor of the town advertising.

Councilman Smoot stated that he was, but not collection the money from the merchants.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that \$3,500 is in the budget for advertising, to promote the town, last year it wasn't all used, so we purchased banners and signs.

Councilman Eichelberger stated that Exmore doesn't advertise, the business association does it. Cape Charles and Onancock both have active business associations. He agrees with this, except for collecting the money. The town needs to advertise, everyone will benefit.

Councilman Parks made the motion to pay \$200 a month for advertising for the year, to promote the town, take out of the contract about the town collecting the merchant's money. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Boyce. Ayes- Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, and Parks. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that PVFC would take care of \$300 for their functions in May, June and July.

Councilman Parks volunteered to be the liaison with C.J. Cole.

Councilman Eichelberger suggested the town paying the \$2400 up front and if the merchants want to advertise, they would pay the town \$100.

Mayor Chase wants another contract; need clarification.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the special ads would be paid for by the merchants.

Councilman Eichelberger stated that he was afraid that the merchants wouldn't pay for the extra advertisement.

Councilman Smoot agreed, the contract needed to be clarified.

Councilman Smoot had to leave at 8:40 p.m.

Councilwoman Boyce stated that Helena Killian and Barb Schwenk went to a meeting across the bay about the T Grant.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he had talked to Kat Edwards about redoing the parking lot; can get work done through a grant because of the drainage problems.

Councilman Eichelberger stated that the town can have more than one T grant at a time.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews and Councilwoman Boyce will meet with Kat Edwards and look over the parking lot.

Mayor Chase stated that he want the electric panel in the pavilion to be locked, and the drainage problem on Staunton needs worked on.

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Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the drainage work had been started on the far end; by Dot Smith's. They can only take out so much; it won't help much behind the Dillon house on Staunton.

Committee Reports – Building Facilities and Alleys – Councilwoman Boyce asked if Cooke St. could be cleaned.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that they can't get much; Mark Rew has offered to clean the streets (they did it by hand for the Spring Festival).

Councilman Eichelberger stated that the Health Dept. did their yearly inspection. The town needs to follow up on their backflow prevention questionnaire, and they picked out the spot for the new well.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he was given a "Wish List" to fill out for the water system. Need 2 sets of harnesses for the water tower; VML has a lot of requirements for their insurance.

Councilman Eichelberger stated that the wish list was for general things, could get grants for new pipes; still have the bid from Southern Corrosion, but don't have the money for that. He has a company sending information on a flow meter and also meter reading equipment.

Councilman Phillips stated that Saturday is the Eagle Fest at Metompkin; Sun. is the parade in Milton, DE. The PFVC calls to the new apartments (Accomack Manor) are starting; there are 92 apartments and currently 26 people.

Councilman Parks stated that it is hard to see at the northwest corner of the old Parksley Middle School. *F.M. will let the owner know about this.*

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that over the weekend there were problems in the back apartment on Adelaide, he will call J. Kirkpatrick. He also stated that he went to Tim Valentine and had him fill out the actual special use permit application and approved it. He asked the council if there were any stipulations for it. After some discussion, the council decided to only stipulate that if opening on Sunday, it must be after 12 noon.

Clerk stated that the pre-trial was held on 10-01-07, and Mrs. Smoot will be applying for a special use permit to allow her to turn the remaining farmland into cemetery. The Public Hearing must be advertised for 2 weeks and then a Special Meeting to vote on the special use permit. The Public Hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. on 10-24-07.

New Business – cleaning person for the town office. Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he had a community service worker coming in that could clean the office. After some discussion, it was decided to not hire extra help for regular cleaning.

Councilwoman Boyce made the motion to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Eichelberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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