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The regular meeting of the Parksley Town Council was held on Monday February 11, 2008, in the Council Chambers on Dunne Ave.

Present: Mayor Chase; Council: Parks Phillips, Ellen Boyce, James Eichelberger and Frank Russell; Chief of Police Tommy Carpenter; Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Fred Matthews and Clerk Denise Bernard

Visitor: Sam Welch

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

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Christmas merchant advertisements – Mayor Chase stated that \$1300 has been paid, to date. Clerk stated that Maddox and Smoot are the only ones left that haven't submitted their bills. Mayor Chase stated that 2-29-08 is the deadline to submit the bills. Jaxon's and What's Your Fancy's bills were submitted, but not paid (will wait & pay when all bills at the end of the month to make sure everyone can be paid). *Councilman Russell will talk to Smoot & Maddox about deadline.*

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

User letters for the sewage customers – Council was given a copy of the proposed letter to go to the sewage users. There was much discussion on suggested wording (see attachment).

Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Administrator Matthews stated that the irrigation pipes are in.

Councilwoman Boyce asked how much the town can grow; before something has to be done about the water tower (have enough water). F. Matthews stated that it is ok for growth that is available in town.

Mayor Chase stated that the new (proposed) RVS water billing software is capable of adding sewage to it. He would like to purchase the printer now & install the software (can use it for 4 months for free). Sewage related projects may be able to be paid for after the end of the project with left over funds.

Councilman Eichelberger made the motion to purchase the printer from RVS and use their utility billing system for the trial period. Motion was 2nd by

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Councilman Phillips. Ayes-Phillips, Boyce, Eichelberger, and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Russell stated that Peck Watkinson is filling out the inventory sheet for the trophies.

Committee Reports-Mayor Chase stated that he agreed with the letter from Delegate Lewis concerning overcrowding. The letter from Commonwealth of Virginia Dept. of Conservation & Recreation concerning the Chesapeake Bay Act states that the town needs to have a written agreement with the County.

Buildings, Facilities and Alleys – Councilwoman Boyce asked if Kat Edwards is coming to a meeting, if Chief Carpenter talked to Mr. Moon about signs; asked for an update on the arcade and about the Club Car Café expanding their pool room.

Councilman Eichelberger has an appointment with Kat Edwards, to see what money is available.

Chief of Police Carpenter talked with Mr. Moon about the "Children at Play" signs and there had been a fight at the arcade; all involved have been served no trespass notices. Mayor Chase stated that Tim Valentine is finishing the renovations to the building and once the sewage is in, he plans on modernizing the kitchen & redoing the eating area. The roof is being fixed now; the building was built in 1966.

Councilwoman Boyce stated that the woman that owns the old Masonic Lodge has accepted her son-in-law's offer to purchase the building. They plan on living in the apartment upstairs and have an upscale restaurant downstairs (hopefully in the next 6 to 8 months).

Councilman Russell stated that Greg Pemberton is working on plans for a sandwich shop or country store in his building.

Councilwoman Boyce asked about Broadband. Mayor Chase stated that he had been put on a Broadband Committee and attended a meeting at ESCC. They are hiring a director to be in charge of bringing in the backbone and the "last mile"; he will be in the A-NPDC building. He will be paid through the A-NPDC and grant money. The plans showed the backbone going down Rt. 13 and the spur goes to Hickman Ave. (the town will have to pay for it to go the rest of the way). The money is in place, but the contract is not awarded.

Personnel & Community Affairs – Councilman Russell stated that we need another maintenance person, Benny Annis had moved.

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Dir. Of Pub. Wks./Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he still had the applications from before to go over. For this time of the year, we can get by with temporary help for trash days. Dennis should be able to get his driver's license again after April 14th.

Mayor Chase agreed to holding off hiring a new maintenance worker for awhile; currently have some part time help in the office. F. Matthews is doing the inspection for the sewage project and the town can get reimbursed at the end of the project (he must maintain his inspection time records).

Police and Public Safety-Councilman Phillips stated that the 3rd ambulance is in service. The PVFC is responding to over 100 calls every month; the Police Dept. is going good.

Chief of Police stated that Officer Kilmon goes to school on March 10, 2008.

Councilwoman Boyce asked about the arcade staying open till 1 or 2 am.

Mayor Chase stated that the only restrictions were the Sunday opening time and at one year, they Council will review. He asked if the legal opinion had been received. *No it hadn't*. Matt Hart was given a permit for the arcade; he needs a zoning permit for the dance hall (if one is put in) and a zoning and building permit for the deck out back.

Councilman Russell stated that there are 2 more pool tables in the backroom for "Night or Ghost Pool".

Solid Waste, Water & Sewage- Dir. Of Pub. Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the 1st phase with the DEQ, they agree with what he and Councilman Eichelberger said. Now they send it on to Richmond.

Chief of Police stated that he will check on the "Easy Pass" for Officer Kilmon to use when he's in school.

Dir. Of Pub Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the parts are ordered for the John Deere.

New Business – Mayor Chase stated that he would like to have a study done on the possibility of a 10% discount for senior citizens and disabled citizens. Tonight was the Mayor's Association meeting (which he couldn't attend).

Councilman Russell asked again about checking on the possibility of a cell phone tax.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.