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The regular meeting of the Parksley Town Council was held on Monday, May 12, 2008, 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 Frank Russell; Chief of Police Tommy Carpenter; Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Fred Matthews; Atty. Lynwood Lewis and Clerk Denise Bernard

Visitors: Sam Welch, Johnny Williams and Matt Hart

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

Mayor Chase recognized the guests. M. Hart stated that he had recently found out that The Ozone Arcade didn't have the required permits from the county for a recreation room. After the county's approval, he would like to go ahead with the Special Use Permit from the town to allow dances and bands. The dance floor is already complete; business has fallen off, since they haven't been having dances.

Mayor Chase stated that the procedure would be for M. Hart to tell the council when he is ready to go ahead with the Special Use Permit application so the Public Hearing can be advertised for two weeks. That is when he needs to present his plans & have his support.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

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

Unfinished Business – Budget- Mayor Chase went over the proposed budget. The proposal is for the water rate to be \$7.50 per month for 2,000 gallons and \$4.00 per thousand over the minimum, to be billed monthly. Also proposed is a \$5 per month trash removal bill; RE tax rate to be lowered to .18 per hundred (due to the reassessment) and PP and Machinery to remain at .80 per hundred. The sewage rates are \$66 per month for residential and \$95.50 per month for commercial users.

Councilman Eichelberger made the motion to accept the Proposed Budget and advertise for the June 2, 2008 Public Hearing. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Smoot. Motion passed unanimously.

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School Trophies-Mayor Chase instructed F. Matthews and the maintenance dept. to get the old school trophies for the July 27th Reunion.

Planning Commission- Councilwoman Boyce stated that the 6 members are C.L. Bundick, John Bowden, Rachele Luttig, Jimmy Eckard, Ellen Boyce and Fred Matthews; they are going to meet quarterly (the 3rd Thur. of the month) and searching for one more member.

Water/Sewage Ordinance-Mayor Chase stated that it must be in place when the sewage system is put on line, will work on it at the next work session. The next work session will be Tuesday May 27th (due to Memorial Day).

Committee Reports- Mayor Chase had a thank you from Helena Killian for recognition for 20 years with the railway museum. He suggested, to enhance the park, to purchase a gazebo for the middle grassy area. The cost would be between \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Director of Pub. Wks/Zoning Admin. stated that the council needs to go over the "Park Use Application" the rules and regulations need updated for the park and pavilion.

Budget & Finance-Mayor Chase stressed to the Council to be careful of spending in the months of May, June and July.

Buildings, Facilities and Alleys- Councilwoman Boyce asked if boats were covered under the junk car ordinance. *Chief Carpenter told her that notices go out for boats too.* She had received a complaint about the house behind the old Shirt Factory, there are 3 families living there.

Atty. Lewis stated that the legislation on overcrowding that got passed will make it easier to prove and increases the fines.

Mayor Chase wondered if the town could give a monthly award for the most improved.

Personnel and Community Affairs- Councilman Russell stated that the Spring Festival will be held on June 7, 2008.

Police and Public Safety-Councilman Phillips stated that the PVFC is now manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The firemen were out late cutting up trees in town, after the storm.

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Solid Waste, Water and Sewage- Dir of Pub Wks Matthews stated that the town trash truck had broken down, and he borrowed Wachapreague's truck, for the day.

Mayor Chase had talked to Francis Hall about the wheat planted over the sewage system; the town can go ahead and cut it down.

Chief Carpenter stated that activity is picking up, for the summer. Officer Kilmon is ½ way through with his school and the Holly Grove bus driver asked if she could park the bus in the parking lot through the end of May. *Council approved.*

Councilwoman Boyce stated that Paula Belote had told her that someone had tried to get up on her building. Chief Carpenter stated that it had happened the same night that the bus was ransacked and Zunin store was broken into and ransacked.

Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Matthews stated that HAV (the company that owns the old school property) will deed the Mary St. right of way to the town. The plat shows the right of way, and E.S. Trenching will locate the water lines.

Councilman Smoot made the motion to accept HAV's proposal to disconnect the water main and cap it off in return for the 60 foot right of way for Mary Street. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Phillips. Ayes-Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Dir of Pub Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews suggested giving Matt Hart back the \$150 for the Special Use Permit Application.

Councilman Eichelberger questioned the parking for the arcade; Fresh Pride and Paddock are private properties.

M. Hart stated that it wasn't too far to walk from the public parking lot to the arcade.

Mayor Chase wants Zoning Admin. Matthews to work with Matt Hart on the permit application.

Dir of Pub Wks/Zoning Admin Matthews stated that one hand held meter reader won't save time. A lot of the meter boxes have to be dug out and pumped out,

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and don't have a full day to read the meters. When there is bad weather, it will make a difference on the monthly bill where it doesn't matter for a quarterly bill.

Mayor Chase stated that the proposed budget needed to be adjusted; move the money into Billing Program/Equipment for the 2nd handheld reader.

Councilman Russell, having voted on the prevailing side, made the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Council voted to advertise the Proposed Budget. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Eichelberger. Ayes- Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Smoot made the motion to advertise the Proposed Budget as amended. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Phillips. Ayes- Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger and Russell. No- none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Russell stated that Donnie Ayres' daughter had died, the funeral is Wednesday.

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

Councilman Russell made the motion to reconvene in regular session. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Eichelberger. Ayes-Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger 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. Ayes-Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Clerk

Mayor