

The regular meeting of the Parksley Town Council was held on Monday, June 11, 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, Carter Parks and Frank Russell; Chief of Police Tommy Carpenter; Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator Fred Matthews and Clerk Denise Bernard

Visitors: Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC, and Sam Welch, town resident

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

B. Schwenk stated that the town will know on June 20th about the \$300,000 STAG money from the County.

Mayor Chase stated that Parksley is not eligible; in order to be eligible you must solicit by letter minority and female owned businesses for bids. Don't want to re-bid now, are negotiating with the low bidder. Still looking for other funding (with 0% interest).

B. Schwenk stated that the town has to have a Public Hearing for the additional loan of \$558,554.

Mayor Chase stated that he had talked to Senator Nick Rerras; he is looking for additional funding. *B. Schwenk will talk to him also.*

Clerk was instructed to get a copy of the letter Atty. Lewis sent to Branscome about the bid process.

Mayor Chase stated that he had talked to Dwayne Austin about giving the bid acceptance. It could take 60 days to hear from the loan application. Marcor can complete project in one month and twenty days.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

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

Unfinished Business – Public Hearing will be June 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the PVFC.

Mayor Chase stated that Marcor had made further reductions: cut out piping on Adelaide where houses weren't hooking up, and raised the elevation of the total system, also stopped the line after the Paddock.

Councilman Parks asked about the \$46,000 cut being applied to the \$750 that is being paid per hookup.

Mayor Chase stated that the USDA requires the hookup fee; Town could pay it for them. Town is absorbing the maintenance cost, and could use that credit to cut the loan.

Committee Reports – Mayor Chase stated that he had received an email from Robert Watts (about secret town meetings) which he read to the council. He also read the response he had done. He will go to the Supervisors meeting and thank them for looking into the STAG, but don't need everyone to go now. *F. Matthews will get the word out to the merchants that were going to attend the meeting.*

Councilman Russell suggested asking them if there was any other money we could use.

Mayor Chase stated that CSB will have to pay the cost to be connected to the sewage system.

Budget & Finance – Councilman Smoot made the motion to adopt the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget as was advertised for the Public Hearing. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Russell. Ayes- Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Buildings, Facilities and Alleys – Councilwoman Boyce stated that the siding had been bought and will set a date with F. Matthews to look at the Scout House.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks/Zoning Adm. Matthews stated that Benny Annis is going to help with the siding around the deck, and will start on it next week. Have reworked the alleys, can't get any shells right now.

Personnel and Community Affairs- Councilman Russell stated that the Spring Festival went smoothly. Helena Killian asked about a house on Cooke St. (windows out, front porch falling off etc).

Mayor Chase stated that the town has the option to inspect rental property.

Dir. Of Pub. Wks/Zoning Adm. Matthews stated that this had been looked into, in the past, would have to have a licensed building inspector. The town falls under the county building codes. He had gone into houses before for occupancy and living conditions; and if it is a health issue it can be reported to the Health Dept. and they have 72 hours to respond.

Mayor Chase stated that they will look into this further.

Councilman Parks stated that he had talked to C.J., from the radio station, she will be at our July meeting with a presentation for advertisement.

Clerk had the prices for "Welcome" banners for the light poles. They are \$70 each and a \$95 set up fee.

Council decided to order 14 (4 on Dunne, 4 on Bennett, 4 on Rt. 316 and 1 on Cooke). F. Matthews will have to get brackets made for the wood poles for the banners.

Councilman Smoot made the motion to purchase 14 banners. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Phillips. Ayes-Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, and Parks; No- Russell. Motion passed.

Police and Public Safety- Councilman Phillips stated that everything is fine.

Solid Waste, Water and Sewage-Councilman Eichelberger passed out a proposed resolution to evaluate existing water supply. This is mandatory, but it is not recommended to do on our own; it has been enacted in Northampton County which is 6 to 8 months ahead of Accomack County. A-NPDC has a \$300,000 grant to work on this and it would cost the town \$500 (would cost more & be more work to do on our own). He will get everyone a copy of the check list; the town will start sending data to A-NPDC and the deadline is 2010 for Regional.

Councilman Eichelberger made the motion to adopt the Resolution regarding regional water supply planning and application for a FY08 water supply planning grant. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Parks. Ayes-Phillips, Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Environmental-Councilman Parks asked if the town is spraying for mosquitoes. Yes. And stated that swimming pools are being put up. Dir. Of Pub Wks/Zoning Admin Matthews is checking on the pools.

Chief of Police Carpenter stated that he had received the bill for the IBR system, which had been ordered.

Dir of Pub Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the existing signs coming into town are rotten, has the price of \$300 each to get new ones which are vinyl, metal and aluminum. He will use the streets and alleys money for this and go ahead and paint the Scout House; wait till next year's budget for other work on Scout House.

Councilman Smoot made the motion to replace the three signs coming into town, at the price of \$300 each. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Boyce. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk stated that she and Councilman Eichelberger are going to a workshop on Tuesday June 19th; and the work session will be held on Wednesday June 27th (instead of Monday the 25th) right after the Public Hearing.

Mayor Chase wants the Council to remind the merchants and anyone else about the train excursions coming in Aug. He had a request from Peck Watkinson for the Parksley High School trophies. *They are stored in the PVFC attic.*

Councilwoman Boyce didn't think that the trophies needed to go to P. Watkinson's; C.L. Bundick and others had volunteered to serve on a committee to display them. It had been suggested to display them in different stores.

Councilman Russell stated that he had talked to the merchants before, and they didn't want the responsibility.

Councilman Parks stated that he could clean them up and display them in the back of his store, on shelves.

Mayor Chase asked how P. Watkinson got the trophies that he already had.

Councilman Russell stated that he had given them to him, to clean up, and then he asked if he could display them.

Mayor Chase wants the trophies inventoried and give a letter of loan to P. Watkinson and anyone else that accepts them.

Dir of Pub Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he also has the corner piece from PHS.

Councilman Parks stated that he could display that also. He feels that the trophies and corner piece should be in one place.

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

Clerk

Mayor