

The Parksley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Dunne Ave.

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

Visitors: C.J. Cole, WVES and Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC

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

Mayor Chase recognized the visitors – B. Schwenk stated that she had not heard anything from the engineer, Ken Nowakowski. The bid announcement must be advertised only once and then 2 weeks later do the opening.

Atty. Lewis asked about the verbiage that Atty. Mike Sterling had suggested.

Mayor Chase stated that he had sent the suggestions to K. Nowakowski and would like for Atty. Sterling to approve the bid package before it is advertised.

The minutes from the July meetings were approved as written.

*Councilman Russell made the motion to pay the bills. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Boyce. Motion passed unanimously.*

Unfinished Business - C.J. Cole went over her suggested promotion for the town. The Town would have 20 spots a month, Mon. thru Fri. (can be changed every two weeks), weekend- 4 spots (2 per day), 1st week have an interview with the Mayor; use “neighborhood” every other month interview different members of the council. The value of this package is \$280 per month. Businesses- showcase a different business every two weeks; and the same number of spots a month; total value \$560 a month.

*Councilman Russell made the motion to re-adopt Robert’s Rules of Order. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Smoot. Ayes – Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Chase went over the letter from the UDC about the contribution of a bench to go by the monument. *The Council agreed to accept the donation.* He had also received a letter from Steve Minor about the suspension of all burning in the county, effective Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Buildings and Facilities – Councilwoman Boyce commented on how good the building looks.

Dir. Of Pub.Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he has the tar kettle to work on the parking lot and the money from the county to clean out a ditch. The old shirt factory is for sale. The company, HAV which bought the school property, has contacted 2 demolition companies and also the state about extending Mary St. The town has to request that the street be opened up and can require HAV to pay for it.

Personnel and Community Affairs – Councilman Russell stated that everything is going smooth.

Water – Councilman Eichelberger stated that he, the Mayor and F. Matthews met with the DEQ; the town is set up to go forward with the water withdrawal permit.

Dir. Of Pub.Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that MSA has been here to measure from well to well.

Councilman Eichelberger stated that there is a lot of ground work for MSA to do before sending in the application. He had copied a draft golf cart ordinance & given to each council member to go over to discuss next month.

Councilman Parks asked about the Parksley trophies, old Nock Motors Building, house on the corner of Staunton and Adelaide St., Tom Watson's house and swimming pools without a fence.

Dir. Of Pub.Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that the form has been done for the trophies and they need to be inventoried. *Councilman Russell will take the agreement to P. Watkinson and inventory the trophies he has.* The Nock building ended up worse than was expected, but is being fixed and he will check on the pools.

Chief of Police Carpenter stated that the IBR is installed and they are reporting now.

Dir. Of Pub.Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that Parksley Scout Troop 300 may lose its charter, due to lack of boys. They have 3 boys that are working on their Eagle Scout Badge.

Mayor Chase stated that Parksley has had a continuous charter for over 50 years and in the 80's the numbers were low also. *He will try to check on this.*

Councilman Russell stated that Alison Hart is Miss Parksley and Alison Lang is Little Miss Parksley. The motor cycle rally is this weekend.

Clerk explained that Edean Bundick, Bookkeeping Essentials, is going to set up QuickBooks for the town. Fri. is a Virginia Municipal Clerk's Association meeting in Cape Charles. *Clerk will attend.* And the application has been accepted to be a notary.

New Business- Dir. Of Pub.Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews had a proposal for a 2' X 8' sign for over the door on the Clerk's office at \$150. (Out of Bldg. & Grounds)

*Councilman Russell made the motion to purchase the sign for \$150. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Eichelberger. Motion passed unanimously.*

Dir. Of Pub.Wks/Zoning Admin. Matthews stated that he would like the Council to consider the purchase of Benny Annis' bucket truck for \$6,500; pay \$4,000 now and the rest in November. He would like it to come out of the water fund; it would carry the tools and supplies for the water dept.

*Councilman Eichelberger made the motion to purchase the bucket truck from Benny Annis for \$6,500. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Smoot. Motion was passed unanimously.*

Mayor Chase stated that the town's money is the lowest it has been since he's been on the council.

*Councilman Russell made the motion to go into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Smoot. Ayes – Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. No-none. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Smoot made the motion to go back into regular session. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Boyce. Ayes – Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell. 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 - Smoot, Boyce, Eichelberger, Parks and Russell; Nays-None; Motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Chase stated that the town will advertise for a new public works employee; and the personnel committee will consist of Councilman Russell, Smoot and Parks. The committee will review the applications and interview the applicants. The ad will be run once in the newspaper and the applications must be in by Friday Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. The Public hearing for the proposed arcade for Matt Hart and pool tables for Tim Valentine will be Wednesday, Aug. 29th at 7:00 p.m. and a Special Meeting immediately after, so the council can have their work session after that.

*Councilman Parks made the motion to adjourn. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Eichelberger. Motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.