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The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers on Dunne Ave. The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Wayne Marshall; Council: Frank Russell, Sam Welch, Dan Matthews, Julie Nash, and John Parks; Public Works Director Danny Siegert; Police Chief Keith Greer and Officer Kelsie Wood; and Clerk Letitia Greer.

Visitors: Beth McHenry, Ernie Swisher, Shirley Johnson, Eddie Gray, Kay Lewis, April Gray, Larry Weisner, Patricia Weisner, Henry Nicholson

Mayor Marshall opened the meeting and Councilman Welch led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Marshall recognized the visitors who wished to speak.

E Swisher questioned if there were any ordinances regarding barking dogs. Councilman Russell stated there is an ordinance. E Swisher stated that Clerk Greer had told him there was not an ordinance. Councilman Russell suggested that E Swisher speak with the neighbor regarding the constant barking. He also suggested calling the neighbor whenever the dogs barking caused an issue. Councilman Russell stated that he needed to have all neighbors within a 500 ft radius of the home sign a petition regarding the barking. Councilman Russell stated that if there was not currently an ordinance, the council would adopt one.

E Gray stated the town needs to "do something with that bunch" referring to the house across the street from his residence. He stated they have a truck with no exhaust they used at approximately 9 or 10 pm one night to pull a tree out of their yard. They spin wheels and are in and out all hours of the night. Mayor Marshall asked if they had called the police. E Gray stated he had not called the police and that the police had ridden through. A Gray said they were in and out all night dealing drugs; their pit pull had jumped the fence while A Gray has walked her dog. Police Chief Greer stated he had not received any complaints regarding the residents. Mayor Marshall stated that they needed to start calling the Accomack County Sherriff's Office when there is an issue.

S Johnson stated that the memorial brochures were ready to go to print and she is looking for a speaker for the Memorial Day program. Councilman Russell stated that he would check with a few people regarding speaking at the event.

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Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the bills. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Parks. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Parks, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Matthews made the motion to approve the previous month's minutes. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Russell. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Parks, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished business

Fire Hydrants -

Councilman Parks reviewed a quote from Beauchamp Construction for fire hydrant replacement. The total is \$71,000, including \$11,000 for hydrant installation at Metompkin Elementary School. He suggested continuing pursuing other options. He wants to submit for bid. He plans to reach out to another contractor located in Baltimore, MD for pricing. Councilman Russell asked if it was possible to do one or two per year. Mayor Marshall stated that it is essentially too late, we should've been doing one or two per year historically. PVFC President Nicholson had no objections to the town using all of the Aid to Localities money for the hydrants. Clerk Greer will have RFP published in newspaper for more bids.

Community Development Block Grant

Councilman Matthews stated the grant application was formally submitted March 29, 2019 and the town needs to formally adopt the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

Council Reports

Councilman Russell asked Public Works Director Siegert for an update on the people living in the garage behind the blue house. Public Works Director Siegert stated they are moving.

Councilman Russell asked about wires hanging down on Bennett St from an accident several weeks ago. Public Works Director Siegert said he would find out.

Councilman Russell would like the holes in the town parking lot filled. Public Works Director Siegert stated he had been waiting on the weather to break.

Councilman Russell is building a new driveway and would like for it to be compliant with a forthcoming zoning ordinance. Councilman Matthews stated that he was working on approved materials for constructing driveways.

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Councilman Matthews proposed changes to ordinance 2-16 to add approved materials.

Councilman Russell stated that the gazebo had been primed and the second coat of paint would be added soon.

Councilman Russell stated that the Cathell house now has windows. He would provide a list of more houses that need windows.

Councilman Russell asked Mayor Marshall for an update on the pickleball court. Public Works Director Siegert stated that he had spoken to the donor and told him that we only needed lines painted and any oil based paint would work.

Councilman Welch stated that the budget committee was planning to meet April 22.

Councilman Parks had no updates.

Mayor Marshall stated that Dru from Hortco would be coming out to look at the brick planters to offer some advice on what to plant. He is waiting for a date.

Councilwoman Nash suggested replacing the current plants in the brick planters with something colorful. She would like knockout roses like what is planted at Eastern Shore Community College. Mayor Marshall stated that he would prefer something low-maintenance. Mayor Marshall stated that he would follow-up with Hortco and also ask Thomas Gardens for input. A Gray suggested contacting ESCSB to see if they could help since they have greenhouses.

Public Works Director Siegert stated that he is currently working on the town's backhoe and front end loader. He stated that some of the equipment is 35 years old and would soon need replacing.

Councilman Russell would like the town to send Jeff Stauffer a thank you letter for his help working on the gazebo.

Councilwoman Nash stated that the zipline company was waiting for payment. Clerk Greer stated that she was waiting on needed information and someone would need to sign the contract to send back with payment. Councilwoman Nash stated the trees need to be trimmed in that area. Councilman Russell stated they planned to put the zipline near the train station walkway. Councilman Russell will meet Public Works Director

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Siegert Tuesday to clarify placement. Councilman Russell explained the ride inspection process and stated he would try to find out who does the inspections.

Councilman Matthews proposed an amendment to a current ordinance to require grass clippings to be cleared from roadways upon completion of lawn mowing. The ordinance contains fines of \$50-\$250 for each offense.

Councilman Matthews proposed a change to Article V-7 requiring residents to park in their driveway, parallel to it, or in their backyard, and prohibiting parking in the front yard.

Councilman Matthews proposed an amendment defining what a driveway must be constructed of.

Chief Greer stated they had an appointment for the new police software to be installed. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Profiles of Honor exhibit.

Public Works Director Siegert stated the Boy Scouts had replaced the seating boards on all of the park benches as part of their Eagle Scouts project. Another scout will be redoing the castle as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Clerk Greer stated DMV had completed 804 transactions for February.

New Business -

Councilman Matthews made the motion to amend Zoning Ordinance 2-60 regarding construction materials to be used in driveways as read earlier. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Nash. Ayes - Russell, Nash, Matthews, Parks. No - none. Abstained - Welch. Motion passed.

Council Matthews made the motion to amend Article V regarding off-street parking to prohibit parking in front yards as read earlier. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Parks. Ayes - Russell, Nash, Matthews, Parks. No - Welch. Motion passed.

Mayor Marshall asked that this change be posted to Facebook and parksley.org as well as speaking to residents in violation in case they do not have internet access.

Councilman Matthews made the motion to amend the ordinance regarding blowing grass clippings onto roadways during mowing operations as discussed earlier. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Parks. Ayes - Parks, Matthews, Nash, Russell, Welch. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.

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Councilman Matthews made the motion for the town to adopt the Downtown Revitalization Plan submitted as part of the Community Development Block Grant. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Nash. Ayes - Nash, Matthews, Parks, Welch, Russell. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Russell made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Parks. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Parks, Matthews. 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.

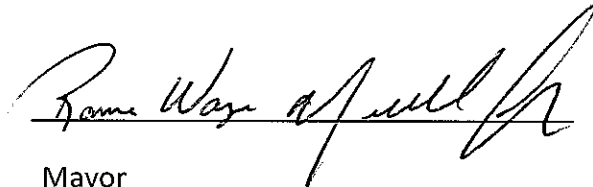
Councilman Russell made the motion to go back into regular session. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Parks. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Parks, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Parks made the motion to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Russell. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Parks, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41.



Clerk



Mayor