

May 13, 2019

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, May 13, 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 Vince Savona; Public Works Director Danny Siegert; Police Officers Tyler Marks and Kelsie Cobb; and Clerk Letitia Greer.

Visitors: Cara Burton, Dan Bareiss, Shirley Johnson, Colette Nelson, Bill Nelson, Jerry McCorkle, Clare Bareiss, Betty Farley

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

Mayor Marshall recognized the visitors who wished to speak.

C Burton thanked the town for helping with Profiles of Honor. She stated that we broke both their scan and their attendance records. She also thanked the town for their help with Celebrate Us Multicultural Fair.

D Bareiss provided an update on the pickle ball court. He stated it was finished and had already been used. He suggested advertising. He stated that he had not had time to work on the tennis court. The town had budgeted \$1100 for the pickle ball court and he spent approximately \$1450 which includes benches and tables as well as a fence between the two courts. He stated they had planned an introduction to pickle ball at the court on May 13. He noted that some of the lights were not working. Mayor Marshall and the council thanked him for all of his work. D Bareiss thanked the public works department for cleaning up the area in preparation for his work.

S Johnson reminded everyone about the 10 am Memorial Day Service on May 27. Councilwoman Nash volunteered to do the introductions at the service. Councilman Welch will be leading the prayer.

C Nelson, President of the Library Foundation, requested a \$1000 sponsorship from the town for the groundbreaking planned for July. She would also like the town to encourage its businesses to sponsor the event as well. C Burton stated 14,000 invitations would be mailed to library card holders with a list of the sponsors. C Burton brought bookmarks to place in the town and DMV Select offices.

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

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

#### Unfinished Business

Councilman Russell asked for an update about the barking dog. Councilman Matthews stated he had reviewed the town's noise ordinance. Clerk Greer stated she had located an ordinance from 1973 requiring a permit issued by the police chief to have any large animal in town. The permit may be revoked by the police chief if the animal is determined to be a nuisance. Clerk Greer stated that agricultural animals were prohibited in an ordinance from 2006. Councilman Matthews read from the noise ordinance regarding animals. Councilman Matthews and Mayor Marshall stated the ordinance needed to be rewritten to remove the town requiring a permit from the police chief as well as modifying what animals are allowed. Officer Marks stated Chincoteague issued summonses for barking dogs that was covered by their noise ordinance violations. He also stated that Accomack County had an ordinance regarding barking dogs. Councilman Matthews stated he would work on amending or adding new ordinances to address issues with animals.

Councilman Russell asked for copies of the new ordinance regarding off street parking. He volunteered to hand out copies to those in violation. Councilwoman Nash stated she had been thanked for posting new ordinances on the town's Facebook page. Councilman Matthews has been researching websites that will codify and publish ordinances.

Councilman Matthews suggested creating a Welcome to Parksley packet for new residents with a local map, frequently used ordinances, coupons for in town businesses, council information, etc.

Councilman Matthews asked for an update on citizens reporting ordinance violations. Councilman Welch stated it had been approved and he had been working on recruiting members that reside in different areas of town.

#### Mayor and Council Reports

Councilman Russell thanked Mayor Marshall and public works for their work on cleaning the area around the parking lot. Councilman Russell thanked C Burton for her work on the multicultural festival.

Councilman Russell stated that J Stauffer of Taste of Eden had purchased a building on Dunne Ave to open a *butcher shop*.

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Councilman Welch had no updates at this time.

Councilwoman Nash stated our town plan is from 2006 and needs to be updated. She asked if could use information from the CDBG application to update the plan. Councilman Matthews will speak to ANPDC about them helping with the update.

Councilwoman Nash attended a VDH conference. They would like for us to have more sidewalks and crosswalks and work on other ways to lessen driving in town, including bike lanes. One conference speaker shared information regarding artwork on the roadways, including artwork that washes away over time. She stated that Exmore is trying a pop-up bike lane. VDOT also attended the conference and was very supportive of the suggested activities.

Councilman Matthews has spoken to Clara of ANPDC regarding a VDOT grant for ADA compliant sidewalks that we will apply for if awarded the CDBG. The grant could also cover connecting MES to town. VDOT will be coming in June regarding crosswalks and sidewalks. The grant would also cover for wayfare signage, lighting, and plants. This grant would cover activities not covered by the CDBG.

Councilman Savona shared that Station 7 responded to 18 fire calls and 77 EMS calls so far in May.

Councilman Savona shared that he had been questioned by a town resident about the absence of a basketball court in the park. Councilman Russell stated that the last basketball goal located at the park had been damaged and repaired several times before finally being eliminated. Councilwoman Nash recommended giving the pickle ball court a year before adding new sports. Councilman Welch stated that possibly the town would find a place for the court if those interested would provide the funding for the equipment.

Councilman Russell received a quote from Hortco for work at the mini park. Removing current plants and replacing them as well as providing a one year guarantee would cost approximately \$4750. B Farley stated that the Master Gardeners would take care of the labor if the town is awarded the CDB grant. The town would only need to provide the plants, including the alleyways. Mayor Marshall stated that the town would begin working on clearing out the planters and Councilwoman Nash would work on finding a temporary, inexpensive way to improve the area until the CDBG is awarded.

Councilman Russell thanked Aaron and Shirley Johnson for their work beautifying the memorial.

Mayor Marshall stated that the town is hiring a public works laborer due to a recent resignation.

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Public Works Director Siegert stated he is donating the lumber to repair eight 8 ft benches.

Councilman Russell would like a table and benches in the gazebo.

Clerk Greer stated that Keith Privett of VDH had reached out suggesting the town rescind Ordinance 98-1 since VDH will begin requiring Food Service Manager's to be certified in food safety. VDH will be assuming responsibility for enforcing the new state policy effective July 1, 2019.

Clerk Greer stated that Pastor Layman of Grace UMC had dropped off a flyer requesting permission to use the park for family gatherings on Saturdays from July 13 through August 3 from 9:30-11:30 am.

Clerk Greer stated that DMV would be conducting a compliance audit May 15, 2019; and the current DMV contract expires June 30, 2019 and needs to be renewed.

New Business -

*Councilman Savona made the motion rescind Ordinance 98-1. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Russell. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Savona, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Russell made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Matthews. Ayes - Russell, Nash, Savona, Matthews. No - Welch. Motion passed.*

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 Savona. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Savona, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

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*Councilman Welch made the motion to stay one payment ahead on the Taylor Bank sewage loan. Motion was 2nd by Councilman Savona. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Savona, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilman Savona made the motion hold public hearings for the 2019-2020 proposed budget, move the election, and levy a cigarette tax on June 10, 2019 at 6:30pm. Motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Nash. Ayes - Russell, Welch, Nash, Savona, Matthews. No - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.



Clerk



Mayor