

The Regular Parksley Town Meeting

May 9, 2022

Presided over by Mayor Frank Russell

Location: Parksley Volunteer Fire Company

When: 7:00 PM

Council Members Present

Dan Matthews, Sam Welch, Ricky Taylor, Jan Welch, Carol Matthews, Henry Nicholson

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Councilman Welch leads the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The April 2022 minutes were approved.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the April 2022 minutes, seconded by Councilman Nicholson. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

The May 2022 bills were approved.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the May bills, seconded by Councilman Welch. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Reports

Councilman Taylor stated per Chief Greer, there are no reportable incidents. Councilman Taylor stated Chief Greer will be placing flags in the cemeteries on May 22nd at 3 PM in honor of our veterans.

Old Business

Councilman Matthews tabled a motion to repeal ordinance 19-2 regarding the removal of trash at the June Town Council meeting.

New Business

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Councilwoman Matthews made a point of order, stating,

“Point of Order: Statement of Concern

RE: Town of Parksley FOIA/Open Meetings Law Concerns

As an elected member of the town council, I am concerned with the repeated, knowing, and willful violations of The Commonwealth of Virginia open meeting laws and FOIA I have witnessed. I want to state, for the record and for the citizens of the Town of Parksley, that I am making every attempt to rectify these infractions.”

Councilman Taylor made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-1; Eastern Shore of Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021. Seconded by Councilman Nicholson. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to hold a public hearing regarding the 2022-2023 budget on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Councilman Welch. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Councilman Matthews made a motion to purchase one (1) dump truckload of black mulch for the Town. Seconded by councilwoman Welch. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Councilman Nicholson made a motion to hold a grand opening event for the newly renovated Town Office on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 10 AM at the Town Office. Seconded by Councilwoman Matthews. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Councilman Matthews made a motion to replace lights in the alley behind the Public Library. Councilman Matthews tabled his motion until more information is gathered.

Councilman Matthews made a motion to repeal ordinance 94-2. Seconded by Councilwoman Matthews.

Ayes- C. Matthews, D. Matthews, F. Welch, J. Welch, Nicholson

Nays- Taylor

Councilman Nicolson made a motion to apply for a USDA grant for assistance purchasing a police vehicle. Seconded by Councilwoman Matthews. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Councilman Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Seconded by Councilman Matthews. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Frank A Russell ii

Mayor

Lauren Lewis

Clerk