



Town Council: Ricky Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, Henry Nicholson, Carol Matthews, Dan Matthews

Mayor: Frank Russell II

The Regular Parksley Town Council Meeting

August 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Parksley Volunteer Fire Company

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers; Dan Matthews, Sam Welch, Ricky Taylor, Jan Welch, Carol Matthews; Clerk Lauren Lewis

Absent: Henry Nicholson

Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Consideration and approval of July 11, 2022, meeting minutes:

Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as they were in printed form. The motion was not seconded, and the motion died.

Councilwoman Matthews requested a Point of Order to be added to the minutes.

The minutes will be presented for approval, with the discussed revisions at the September 12th council meeting.

Consideration and approval of the August 2022 bills:

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the August bills. Seconded by Councilman Welch.

Ayes- Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, D. Matthews

Abstain- C. Matthews

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Nays- None

Councilman Mathews noted that regarding the office and railway museum renovation, Morales Painting has been paid ~\$17,000 without the council voting on hiring outside help and without putting it out to bid.

Guests:

M. Layne- 24378 Adelaide St.- Expressed concern regarding residents parking incorrectly on Adelaide St., including a box truck that violates the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Layne also expressed concern about the work completed by Morales Painting not being put out to bid.

B. Farley- 24252 Chadbourne St.- Ms. Farley thanked the council for the opportunity to speak and be heard. Ms. Farley claims she has heard a rumor that a member of the council is saying “bad things” that are false regarding the home next to hers and her feelings about the property. She asked the council members to please remember their ethics.

R. Justis- 24300 Pine St.- Mr. Justis stated he is constructing a burn pit to reduce the amount of smoke traveling to neighboring homes. Mr. Justis claims his neighbor, M. Rew, is shooting golf balls at and onto his property.

E. Johnson (ESRM)- Update on Railway Museum renovations. The annex and garage area are complete. Mrs. Johnson has been working with Hortco Garden Center and will be planting memorial trees that will be available for purchase

Council Discussion:

1. Transient Occupancy Tax- Proposed ordinance 22-1. The council discussed implementing a flat annual fee per homeowner, rather than the standard monthly fee of 5%. The council discussed the need for registration requirements and regulations. The council asked Clerk Lewis to inquire about Accomack Counties TOT ordinance and ask the Town of Onancock what they do and don't like about their ordinance and registration procedures. Councilman Matthews made a motion to hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on September 12, 2022, before the September council meeting, to have a final discussion on the proposed ordinance and the fee schedule. Seconded by Councilwoman Welch. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
2. Blighted Properties- Clerk Lewis provided the mayor and council with a list of properties that have been sent and have received a blight ordinance violation letter but have made no improvements. Councilman Matthews made a motion to forward the list of properties, only to include numbers; 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, & 10 in the document, to town attorney Tommy Dix to take the



next appropriate steps in contacting homeowners of blighted properties to rectify the situation. Seconded by Councilman Welch. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. Invoice Cloud Proposal- Clerk Lauren Lewis provided the council with a proposal to add Invoice Cloud software to the current utility billing system. The discussion was tabled until more information is provided.
4. TextMyGov Proposal- Clerk Lauren Lewis provided the council with a proposal to add a text alert system. The council asked for a survey to be taken to see if residents would utilize the services. A survey will be posted on the Town's Facebook page.
5. ABC License Application- Off the Rails Restaurant and Bar- Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the license application. Seconded by Councilman Matthews. Ayes- Taylor, J. Welch, D. Matthews, C. Matthews. Nays- S. Welch
6. Community Clean-Up Day- To be held on August 15th, 16th, and 17th. Residents must put items on the street side. Cannot include any toxic chemicals, batteries, or paint and must not be over 100 lbs.

Department & Council Reports:

Police Dept- Given by Councilman Taylor for Chief Greer- Chief Greer notes only one reportable incident; Embezzlement at Dollar General. Chief Greer also reported he's awaiting evidence on damages from an incident at the former Club Car Café.

R. Taylor- Inquiry regarding changing the speed limit for golf carts.

S. Welch- Councilman Welch made a motion to make a \$500 donation to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Seconded by Councilman Matthews. Ayes-J. Welch, S. Welch, D. Matthews, C. Matthews. Nays- None. Abstain- R. Taylor.

J. Welch- No report.

C. Matthews- Encouraged residents to continue to register cat colonies with Northern Accomack Community Cats.

D. Matthews- Spoke about the possible art project. Students would paint the stone containers that surround the trash bins on Dunne Ave. Councilman Matthews noted the final walk-thru for the Revitalization Project is scheduled for 8/12 at 1 p.m. He noted that R.H. Construction had to travel out of state to get the caps for the bandshell, the contractor was originally supposed to hook up the electricity, and that roof for the stage wouldn't start until after the current project is complete.

H. Nicholson- Absent.



Mayor's Report- Mayor Russell stated that he and the council had received an application for funds from the Revolving Loan Account for Off the Rails Restaurant, presented by owner Kelley Hart, in the amount of \$50,000. The application included a detailed business plan, the need for the funds, and the proposed use of the funds. Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Councilman Taylor. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Adjourn- Councilwoman Matthews made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Welch. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Frank A Russell ii

Mayor

Lauren Lewis

Clerk