



Town Council: Ricky Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, Henry Nicholson, Brad York, Mark Layne

Mayor: Frank Russell II

Regular

September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Parksley Volunteer Fire Company

Available via Audio & Zoom Recording

Roll Call

Councilmembers: Ricky Taylor, Jan Welch, Sam Welch, Mark Layne, Brad York

Clerk Lauren Lewis

Chief Bryan K. Greer

Absent- Henry Nicholson

Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

Consideration and approval of August 2023 meeting minutes and the August 2023 public hearing minutes:

Councilman York made a motion to accept the minutes as they were in printed form. Seconded by Councilwoman Welch.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent- H. Nicholson

Consideration and approval of the August 2023 bills:

Councilman Layne made a motion to approve the August 2023 bills. Seconded by Councilman York.

Shorely Unexpected!



- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent- H. Nicholson

Guests:

Ellen Johnson- ES Railway Museum- Mrs. Johnson stated the ESRM Board had their first meeting regarding the Old-Fashioned Christmas that is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. The event will include Santa, hayrides, and Letters to Santa. This year there will be a toy-drive event, 'Stuff the Caboose', occurring the whole month of December. Toys can also be dropped off at the Parksley Town Office located at 18444 Dunne Avenue. They're also planning on having a Christmas Cookie Decorating Event and a Movie Night. The Dine in the Dining Car event on October 14 at 6:30 pm is sold out. Tickets for the 4:30 seating are still available.

Brian Spannbauer- 24400 Maxwell St.- Mr. Spannbauer stated he has a large manger scene that he's willing to sell to the Town for \$500. The mayor stated the Council would take that into consideration and thanked him for the offer.

Karon Eichelberger- 24255 Adelaide St.- Mrs. Eichelberger mentioned the alleyway behind her home had many over-hanging limbs and shrubs that are scratching cars because of how low they are. In Councilman Nicholson's absence, Clerk Lewis stated she would discuss the Town trimming the alleyways with him and the public works department to see how we could help.

Council Discussion: Old Business

1. B&C Seal Coating Bid for parking lot repairs- Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept the bid submitted by B&C Seal Coating to make the necessary repairs in the Town Office parking lot. Seconded by Councilman Layne.
 - a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
 - b. Absent- H. Nicholson
2. Proposed Food Truck Ordinance 23-01- Councilman Taylor made a motion to table passing the ordinance until after the September work session scheduled for 9/25/23. Seconded by Councilman Welch.
 - a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, B. York
 - b. Nays- M. Layne
 - c. Absent- H. Nicholson

Council Discussion: New Business

1. Town Wide Clean Up- Clerk Lewis stated she had spoke with Davis Disposal about doing a town wide clean up between the dates of October 22 and 28th. Liter Grant funds will be used for this



event. Councilman Layne made a motion to approve moving forward with the clean up and to advertise the information in the Eastern Shore Post. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
 - b. Absent- H. Nicholson
2. Affordable Business Systems Printer- Clerk Lewis stated that per Affordable Business Systems, the large printer in the town office is being discontinued and parts will no longer be available in the near future. ABS provided the Town with a quote for a model similar to the one already in the office. Councilman York made a motion to approve the quote to lease the printer from ABS, which includes a maintenance agreement. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.
- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
 - b. Absent- H. Nicholson

Department & Council Reports:

Police Dept- Chief Greer stated the Block Party hosted by Off the Rails was a great event and that the car show went well. Chief Greer will be helping with the Stuff the Caboose Christmas toy event for the Railway museum.

Public Works- Nothing to report.

R. Taylor- Nothing to report.

S. Welch Nothing to report.

J. Welch- Nothing to report.

H. Nicholson- Limb pickup will resume as soon as our chipper is repaired.

B. York- Nothing to report.

M. Layne- Councilman Layne stated he feels the Council is “putting too much on the Town Clerk” and that Clerk Lewis does the job of a Town Manager.

Mayor’s Report- Mayor Russell thanked everyone in their support and help in the Grand Opening Event for the Library.

Clerk Lewis- Clerk Lewis stated that regarding the digital solar speed limit signs previously discussed, funded by a law enforcement technology grant, she had spoken with VDOT regarding the regulations and had sent Chris Isdelle the product information. The location(s) of the signs need to be submitted to VDOT along with a resolution, prior to them approving the signs. The Resolution will be submitted at the October 9th Town Council meeting.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to enter executive session for financial, personnel, and legal reasons and asked Clerk Lewis to remain for the session. Seconded by Councilman Layne.



- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent- H. Nicholson

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 Layne made a motion to re-enter regular session at 8:20 and certify the executive session in according with Section 2.2-3711(A) of the VA Code. Seconded by Councilman York. No action was taken.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent- H. Nicholson

Councilman Layne made a motion to proceed with pursuing Andre Wiggins of Turner & Wiggins located in Eastville as the new Town Attorney. Seconded by Councilman York.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent- H. Nicholson

Councilman Layne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent- H. Nicholson

The regular meeting was adjourned.



X *Frank A Russell, II*

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Mayor 10/9/2023

X *Lauren Lewis*

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Clerk 10/9/2023