



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

Mayor: Frank Russell II

Regular

October 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Parksley Volunteer Fire Company

Available via Audio

Roll Call

Councilmembers: Ricky Taylor, Jan Welch, Sam Welch, Mark Layne, Henry Nicholson

Clerk Lauren Lewis

Absent- B. York

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 September 2023 meeting minutes and the September 11th, 2023 public hearing minutes:

Councilman Layne made a motion to accept the minutes as they were in printed form. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

Consideration and approval of the September 2023 bills:

Councilman Nicholson made a motion to approve the September 2023 bills. Seconded by Councilman Welch.

Shorely Unexpected!



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

Guests:

Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court, Samuel Cooper- Mr. Cooper thanked the council and constituents for allowing him to serve for almost 40 years and encourage everyone to vote.

Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court Candidate, Cedrick Cooper- Mr. Cooper thanked everyone for supporting his family over the years. He spoke about his background and why he's a good candidate for clerk of circuit court. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court Candidate, Talia Custis Taylor- Mrs. Taylor also spoke of her experience and what makes her a good candidate for the position.

Accomack County Board of Supervisors Candidate, Jeff Parks- Mr. Parks spoke about the reason's he feels he's a good candidate for the Board of Supervisors.

Ellen Johnson, ESRM- Mrs. Johnson spoke about the free annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Thanksgiving Day at the PVFC Banquet Hall. It will be take-out only. They're asking for donations, as well as help preparing the dinner. Please contact Jeff Stauffer for more information or to make donations. She reminded everyone of the upcoming 'Dine in the Dining Car' event on 10/14. Mrs. Johnson also spoke about the Ole' Fashioned Christmas to be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 5-7 PM. She also reminded everyone of the 'Stuff the Caboose Toy Drive' held now through 12/20/23. Donations can be made at the ESRM or at the Parksley Town Office.

John Stoll, 24205 Mary St.- Mr. Stoll expressed his concern regarding the proposed change to the Pickleball Courts and the existing water lines.

Council Discussion: Old Business

1. Proposed Food Truck Ordinance 23-01- Councilman Nicholson made a motion to pass the proposed ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion passed.
 - a. Ayes- M. Layne, R. Taylor, H. Nicholson
 - b. Nays- J. Welch, S. Welch
 - c. Absent- B. York
 - d. Discussion- Councilman Layne questioned the brick and mortar restaurants being for or against the ordinance. He also spoke about how the Facebook article written by the Eastern Shore Post had received hundreds of comments, but that no one showed up in person to present their concerns or comments. Mayor Russell spoke about how the issues with the current food truck have been somewhat costly and that they had



violated our ordinance by illegally connecting the food truck to the Town septic supply, dumped water illegally, and dumped buckets of grease behind the food truck.

2. Laptop- Clerk Lewis presented a quote for the laptop to be purchased with the ARPA- Law Enforcement Technology Grant in the amount of \$584.54 from Amazon. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilman Welch. Motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Ayes- R. Taylor, S. Welch, J. Welch, H. Nicholson, M. Layne
 - b. Absent- B. York

Council Discussion: New Business

1. Appointment of Town Attorney- Andre Wiggins of Turner & Wiggins- Councilman Taylor made a motion to appoint Mr. Wiggins the Town Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Welch. Motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Ayes- R. Taylor, S. Welch, J. Welch, H. Nicholson, M. Layne
 - b. Absent- B. York
 - c. Discussion- Mayor Russell publicly thanked Attorney Tom Dix for his many years of service to the Town of Parksley.
2. Abandon Well #3, MSA- Clerk Lewis read an email from Mr. Dirk Lynch of MSA stating they would subcontract Bundick Well & Pump to complete the process of abandoning the well. Councilman Layne made a motion to approve the quote sent by MSA once Bundick and MSA have confirmed it has not been filled in. Seconded by Councilman Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Ayes- R. Taylor, S. Welch, J. Welch, H. Nicholson, M. Layne
 - b. Absent- B. York

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- Regarding Ordinance 23-01 Governing the Use of Mobile Food Truck Units; Councilman Taylor made a motion to allow the existing food truck to continue to operate until their business license expires and then they would have to fall into compliance with the ordinance. The motion was not seconded and died.

S. Welch – Councilman Welch reminded everyone of our Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on 10/31.



J. Welch- Councilwoman Welch noted the Neuter Scooter was coming on 10/16 & 10/17.

H. Nicholson- Councilman Nicholson stated the water line repair on Bennett Street was almost complete. We are waiting on the asphalt to be available. He stated we are responsible for 2 years for the repair and we would start 'cold-patching' the area tomorrow, 10/10. He also stated we will begin picking up and chipping limbs/debris as soon as we're able. The dump truck was broken and has been repaired.

B. York- Absent

M. Layne- Councilman Layne asked what was happening with the new parking ordinance violations. Councilman Nicholson and Clerk Lewis informed him that violation's had been sent out. Councilman Layne noted he feels Clerk Lewis is doing the job of a Town Manager and should be compensated as such and have the title of Town Manager.

Mayor's Report- Nothing to report.

Clerk Lewis- Nothing to report.

Councilman Nicholson made a motion to enter executive session at 8:01 for financial reasons and asked Clerk Lewis to remain for the session. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

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 Taylor made a motion to re-enter regular session at 8:48 and certify the executive session in according with Section 2.2-3711(A) of the VA Code. Seconded by Councilman Nicholson. No action was taken.

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



Councilman Taylor made a motion to withhold payment for any outstanding invoice from Consolidated Pipe Company until they come meet with the Town Council and correct any outstanding problems. Seconded by Councilman Layne.

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

Councilman Layne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Welch.

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

The regular meeting was adjourned.

X *Frank A. Russell ii*

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Mayor 11/13/2023

X *Lauren Lewis*

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