

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2018

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present. Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal was also present. Also present was Mr. Max Thornberry from the Northern Virginia Daily, Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. Wade Wolverton from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department and Town Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Ron Ross.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that there are still issues at the WTP. The Town is producing water, but we are still chasing leaks. Mr. Ross called in the Virginia Rural Water Association (VRWA) to help with leak detection. So far, leaks were found on Taylortown Road and at Edinburg Square.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town had to turn off valves in order to search for leaks, which can cause the Town to experience low water pressure in some areas.

Mr. Harshman reported that there was no trace of any e-coli in the re-testing results that were completed after the one September sample was contaminated. Mr. Harshman also reported that the second crypto test was good.

Mr. Harshman reported that the turn-down pipe in the wet well was repaired by Patterson Construction and the other one will be re-done during the work at the WWTP over next few years.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town continues to pump and clean the chlorine contact tank.

The Street Committee had no report.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that Mr. John Bailey has left his position at the Mill after 12 years and he would like to hire someone else on a full-time basis after the first of the year. Mr. Harshman reported that he would like to ask Mr. Daniel Showman, who is now working part-time for the maintenance department if he would like to apply for this position. Councilman Wood stated that he would like to move forward on this. The Council's consensus was that Mr. Showman would be a good idea. If he takes the position the Town will be looking for another part-time person to take his place.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the person that the Town hired from Brown & Edwards to help to clean up the balance sheet has left the company and now the Town is in limbo until someone else is found to help with this.

The Property Committee had no report.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Health & Safety Committee Chairman Steve Wood thanked Capt. Dellinger and his staff and Mr. Ron Ross and his staff for doing a great job during the Christmas Parade. Councilman Wood also commended Capt. Dellinger and the officers for the awards and recognition they received at the Sheriff's Department Banquet. The Council thanked them for their service as well.

Capt. Dellinger thanked the Mayor and the Council members that attended the Sheriff's Department Banquet. Capt. Dellinger provided the Council with a "Calls for Service" report for November 2018. Capt. Dellinger reported that he reached out to VDOT and they have put speed signs up in town. Capt. Dellinger stated that he will forward the data from the signs to the Town Office when he receives it. Councilman Dellinger stated that at High Street and Center Street people do not stop at the stop signs. Capt. Dellinger stated that he will keep an eye on that.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Tourism Council did not meet in November.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Rev-up judges awarded the \$5,000 in promotional assistance for Edinburg to Wightman Insurance. Wightman has budgeted \$12,500 for this program and the funds must be spent by June 1, 2019 to receive the \$5,000 reimbursement.

Mr. Harshman reported that he provided the Council with a copy of the presentation that was made to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed bus service on Route 11. It shows the results of the survey that had been circulating around the County.

Mr. Harshman reported that the repairs on Mr. Mark Dellinger's building on Main Street have finally been completed. The large windows were removed and reset after the sill was repaired. This repair was covered by the Town's insurance since the problem started when the sidewalk was removed at the corner of the building.

Mr. Harshman reported that Christmas in Edinburg was a success. Mr. Harshman thanked Councilman Wood for organizing an impressive parade. Mr. Harshman reported that the tree lighting went off without a hitch and the Children's Party was a hit again. The Town received \$1,605 in donations for the event in addition to dozens of cookies and the help of many volunteers.

Mr. Harshman reported that there will be a CDBG How-to-Apply Workshop in Staunton on January 15<sup>th</sup> that he may be attending, depending where the Town stands with the CDBG application.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

The Planning Commission did not meet last month. Councilman Van Stee reported that no responses were received from the two letters that were sent out. The next step is to start looking for a Building Inspector and he will speak with the Mayor about this. Mr. Harshman reported that the County does not enforce the building maintenance part of the Code and an inspector must be hired.

The Zoning Administrator's report showed that two permits were issued:

1. F&M Bank  
300 Stony Creek Blvd.  
Sign
2. Rick Simonetti  
88 Mowry Ln.  
Garage

The Town Attorney had no report.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council if he could just read the title for the second reading of a proposed amendment to Chapter 175, Zoning, Article I, General Provisions § 175-2 Definitions and Word Usage. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to allow Mr. Harshman to just read the title of the proposed amendment. Mr. Harshman read the title. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to adopt an amendment to Chapter 175, Zoning, Article I, General Provisions § 175-2 Definitions and Word Usage. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - aye, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - aye, Boone - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town has not received any money yet for reduced tap fees and asked the Council if they would authorize him and the Finance Committee Chairman to secure a bank loan, not to exceed \$100,000, if necessary to fund water and wastewater repairs. The deadline for the reduced tap fees is December 28<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Boone to authorize the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to secure a bank loan, not to exceed \$100,000, if necessary to fund water and wastewater repairs. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town has not received any responses on the CDBG façade program from any of the downtown business owners. The Council agreed that the Town should send out one more mailing to the business owners. Mr. Harshman stated that if there is not any participation, then the program is dead.

After a discussion about the proposed amendment to Chapter 31, Animals, Article IV, Dogs § 31-10, Running at Large, there was a motion made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to schedule a Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman asked Council if they would consider a Resolution in Support of Redistricting Reform in Virginia. Councilman Beachy stated that he doubts it will ever get done, but that it seems like a good plan and the Council may want to consider supporting it. After some discussion, Councilman Beachy made a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Wood for Mr. Harshman to read a Resolution of the Town of Edinburg, Virginia in Support of Redistricting Reform in Virginia. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman read the Resolution of the Town of Edinburg, Virginia in Support of Redistricting Reform in Virginia. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to approve the Resolution. Councilman Wood dissented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to go into Closed Session to discuss contract matters as permitted by § 2-2.3705.1 (12). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to go back into Regular Session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger that all that was discussed in the Closed Session was contract matters as permitted by § 2-2.3705.1 (12). Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - aye, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - aye, Boone - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman read a Resolution of the Town of Edinburg, Virginia's Intent to Upgrade the Town's Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to approve a Resolution of the Town of Edinburg, Virginia's Intent to Upgrade the Town's Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

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Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk