

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 10, 2017

The Edinburg Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. All Council Members were present. Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal was also present. Also present were visitors: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Deputy Justin Thompson from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Nathan Budryk from the Northern Virginia Daily 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 December 13, 2016 regular meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. 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.

Councilwoman Minnick called attention to Mr. Ross's report and the EEMA report. Councilwoman Minnick reported that the Water & Sewer Committee Report about the tour they took of the plant was sent to EEMA and EEMA has two weeks to correct the problems.

Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Harshman if the water levels were coming back up. Mr. Harshman stated no, and that the Town will need to haul some water in. Mr. Ross reported that water levels have been lower since May.

Mr. Harshman reported that there was a leak in the 12" line near the elevated water tank right before the holidays that looked like it had been going on for some time, which has been fixed. Mr. Harshman also reported that Filter #1 is still offline and the Town is still waiting on a US Filter technician to come out to determine what is wrong. Plant Operator, Ms. Alice Davis has tried to troubleshoot the problem over the phone, but they have run out of things to try.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Maintenance Department is working on replacing a sewer lateral that comes down from South Grove Avenue. The old Orangeburg pipe collapsed and needed to be replaced.

Mr. Harshman reported that he will be meeting with the DEQ tomorrow to discuss the e-coli issue at the WWTP. Mr. Pete Lau and Ms. Alice Davis from EEMA will be joining him, as well as Mr. Karl Schaeffer and Mr. Earl Sutherland from Pennoni Engineering. The group will be discussing the steps that the Town is taking to increase detention time in the chlorine contact tank, as well as some more long-term upgrades to permanently solve the treatment problems that the Town has been having. Mr. Harshman stated that it is starting to appear like the Town might need to consider more than just increasing the detention time.

Councilman Beachy called attention to Mr. Ross's Street report. Mr. Harshman reported that Dominion Power has installed a new streetlight at 212 Printz Street.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Councilman Wood asked what the USA Blue Book charge was on the Bills to Be Paid report. Mr. Harshman stated that it was for a leak detection kit, which should help the Maintenance Department detect leaks better.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Capt. Wes Dellinger provided the Council with a “Calls for Service” report for December. Capt. Dellinger introduced Deputy Justin Thompson, the new deputy assigned to Edinburg.

Mr. Harshman reported that he attended the December Tourism Council meeting and has provided the Council with a copy of the minutes from the meeting. Mr. Harshman reported that the Tourism Council voted to not support the proposed budget prepared by the County Tourism staff. The group feels that what has been proposed is underfunded, especially in the areas of marketing based on what surrounding localities are spending and the impact of tourism on Shenandoah County.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Mill had around 9,000 visitors in 2016 and that the gift shops and wine shop had a good holiday season.

Mr. Harshman also reported that a lease has been signed with someone that will be opening up a restaurant in the Mill. The owner of the restaurant will be Ms. Stephanie Runion, who ran Pixie’s Café in Mt. Jackson for the last six years. The building that Pixie’s Café was in has been sold, and Ms. Runion had to find another location for her restaurant.

Mr. Harshman reported that the ARB did not meet this month.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Planning Commission did not meet last month.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals needs two new members. The term for members of the Board of Zoning Appeals is four years.

The Zoning Administrator’s report showed that one permit was issued:

1. Joan M. Reistetter
212 N. Main Street
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Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal reported that Town Treasurer, Ms. Michelle Heier spoke to him about a business that had been operating illegally in Town. Mr. Neal spoke to Mrs. Craig Barnes about violating the zoning ordinance by running an illegal appliance servicing business on Palmyra Road. Mr. Neal stated that Mrs. Barnes told him that she and Mr. Barnes would be moving out of the residence by February 1st. Council agreed to let this go since they are moving out of Edinburg.

Mr. Harshman reported that the DBDR Management Team did not meet over the holidays. Mr. Harshman reported that the architect created a brochure for the property owners that have signed Letters of Interest. Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town has received 17 Letters of Interest so far, and he will be doing one for the Mill and one for Theater Shenandoah. The grant application will be submitted in March 2017 and the next Management Team meeting will be on Thursday, January 26th at the Town Hall.

Mr. Ross asked Mr. Harshman about the “jake brake” signs that were ordered a while ago. Mr. Harshman reported that the “jake brake” signs could not be placed on any VDOT controlled streets.

Councilwoman Minnick asked if anyone knew why there was so much trash beside the Boy Scout’s recycling shed near the Town Office. She stated that there were some orange bags ripped

open that had been there since last summer. Mr. Harshman stated that he would call Mr. Phil Richman from the Boy Scouts tomorrow about the mess.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk