

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2018

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present with the exception of Councilman Dellinger. Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal was also present. Also present were: Capt. Wes Dellinger, Dep. Justin Thompson and Dep. Robert Taylor from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 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.

There was no EEMA report or Maintenance Department report.

Mr. Harshman reported that US Filter was scheduled to come this week, but had to re-schedule for next week.

Mr. Harshman reported that Mr. Jim Patterson will check his schedule to come and work on the RBC unit; he has been very busy with the deep freeze.

Mr. Harshman reported that the meeting on December 28th with the County and the engineers to discuss the option of running the Town's sewer to the County's WWTP at the old Aileen plant went well. Mr. Harshman also reported that the engineers are doing some research on possible funding sources.

Mr. Harshman reported that the chlorine contact tank at the WWTP continues to be pumped out and the Town has been able to stay in compliance. The Town has been struggling with some testing results and aren't sure if it is being caused by only using one of the RBCs or the extreme cold. The engineers suggested that the clarifiers be covered with tarps to contain as much of the heat as possible to help with the test results.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town also has to pump and haul at the Massanutten View Pumping Station. There is a pump that is malfunctioning, but the Town thinks that the problem is a frozen force main. A section of this line is actually hanging from the bridge that crosses Stony Creek at Ox Road and has been exposed to the wind and extreme temperatures of the past couple weeks. Mr. Harshman reported that if it doesn't open up with the recent warmer temperatures, the Town will try to send a pressurized flow of water through the pipe to break the clog loose.

The Street Committee had no report.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town received a thank you note from Shenandoah County Parks & Recreation for letting them use the park and pool for their

Doggie Paddle. Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town received a \$500 donation for the park from Shentel.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Capt. Wes Dellinger provided the Council with a "Calls for Service" report for December. Capt. Dellinger introduced Dep. Robert Taylor, who will be assigned to Edinburg beginning next week.

Mr. Harshman provided the Council with the minutes from the December Tourism Council meeting.

Mr. Harshman reported that once again, the Ladies of the VFW Auxiliary did the judging for the Decorating Contest. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town will be looking for another organization to do the judging next year to change things up.

Mr. Harshman reported that the new Edinburg Mill Restaurant will be opening on January 17, 2018. The restaurant will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Mr. Harshman reported that 2018 is a Town Election year and the election will be on Tuesday, May 1st. Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar and Councilman Dellinger are the three council members up for re-election, along with the Mayor. Councilwoman Strong will probably also be on the ballot since the State now requires newly appointed council members to also run for election.

Mr. Harshman reported that Theater Shenandoah is looking for additional space to store their props, costumes, etc. If anyone has extra storage space that the Theater can use, please let them know.

Mr. Harshman reported that there will be a Revitalization Project meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

The Planning Commission did not meet last month.

The Zoning Administrator had no report.

The Town Attorney had no report.

Mr. Harshman stated that he sent the Council a memo on January 5, 2018 about having to replace the generator at the WWTP. Councilman Van Stee asked if the Power Connection would be giving the Town a \$15,000 generator and if the Town would have to pay the installation costs. Councilman Beachy stated that there needed to be some kind of warranty on the unit. Mr. Harshman asked the Council if they were comfortable with the \$6,000 amount for the installation. The Council's consensus was yes. Mr. Harshman stated that the Council should really think about this and Councilman Van Stee stated they should since the negligence was on the part of the Power Connection. Councilman Van Stee also stated that the Town shouldn't push them too far and to not be unreasonable. Mr. Harshman stated that according to the Maintenance Contract, the Power Connection comes once a year and this is the first time that there was a power outage. The technician only filled up the coolant halfway and was going to add more when he came back to replace the water pump. Mr. Neal stated that the Council should do a motion to authorize Mr. Harshman a limit, and to do a no more than amount. Mr. Harshman also stated that the Town was not going to pay anything for the portable generator.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to give Mr. Harshman the authorization to negotiate the price to install the new generator, not to exceed \$6,000, and to require a warranty on the unit that the Power Connection will be moving in and the Town is not to be charged for the portable generator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by § 2.2-3705.1 (1) . Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy that the only thing discussed in the closed session was a personnel matter, as permitted by § 2.23705.1 (1). Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee – aye, Dellinger – absent, Beachy – aye, Wymer-Hollar – aye, Strong – aye, Wood – aye, Harshman – aye.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Embrey, Town Clerk