

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2021

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. All Council Members were present, except for Councilman Dellinger. Also present were Sgt. R.N. French, Dep. N.M. Poventud and Dep. J.L. Cook from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department and Mr. Tarsicio Guzman from Inboden Environmental.

A motion was made by Councilman Van Stee and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

The Water and Sewer Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the water levels have returned to normal since a large leak was repaired on Cave Spring Lane. Mr. Harshman also reported that there have been some higher than normal turbidity readings due to the rain and the snow melt. He also reported that this is the first winter since the Town began using the new clean in place regiment that Memcor recommended and it seems to be working.

Street Committee Chairman, Councilman Baird reported that there are several potholes on High Street and that it is a bumpy ride on Piccadilly Street. Mr. Harshman stated that he should report this to the Town Office, and they will pass it along to the Maintenance Department. Mr. Harshman reported that so far, the Town has put in \$8,803 for snow removal with VDOT.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the accountant is still working on the QuickBooks reports, which is slowing him down on getting information to USDA for the Sewer Plant upgrade.

The Property Committee had no report.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Sgt. French from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department read the Calls for Service Report for December, which consisted of 957 total calls. Councilman Wood asked Sgt. French why there aren't ever any deputies controlling traffic on Main Street during wrecks on I-81. Sgt. French stated that they are doing as much as they can with the staff shortage and COVID and if a deputy is available, one will be there.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Tourism Council did not meet in December, but they will be meeting virtually next week. Mr. Harshman also reported that there will soon be an organizational meeting with the Grant Committee that he served on in 2020 for the next round of COVID Grant funds.

Mr. Harshman reported that Cornerstone Technologies has almost finished installing all the virtual meeting equipment in the Council Chambers. There is some electrical work that still needs to be done.

Mr. Harshman reported that the additional Christmas lights this year were a big hit and there is currently a discount on them if the Town plans to expand this next year. The bulbs are 50% off and the strand lights are 30% off. Mr. Harshman stated that the Edinburg Heritage Foundation will pay for half of the total of the bulbs and the lights and Mr. Harshman asked the Council if the Town would consider paying for the other half, at a cost of \$1,900. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to approve the purchase of bulbs and strand lights at a cost of \$1,900. Motion carried.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

There was no Planning Commission meeting last month.

The Zoning Report showed that one permit was issued:

1. Jeremiah Bennett & Ivy Kline
115 North High St.
Fence

There was no Town Attorney report.

Mr. Harshman reported that things are still moving ahead with the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. Mr. Harshman also reported that the first interest payment was made this month to Pioneer Bank.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council to consider the reappointment of Anne Parks to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Van Stee and seconded by Councilman Baird to approve the reappointment of Anne Parks to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman asked if the Council had any comments or additions to the possible changes to the R-2 Residential District within the Designated Historical District, which was sent out to the Council a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Harshman had listed some businesses that could possibly fit in the R-2 District with a Special Use Permit. Councilman Van Stee suggested, that if the Rails to Trails goes through, someone could possibly open a bike shop with rentals and repairs in the R-2 District. Mr. Harshman will work on the changes.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Van Stee and seconded by Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk