

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11, 2017

The Edinburg Town Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Mayor Harshman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. All Council Members were present. Also present were visitors: Ms. Anne Parks, Mr. M.E. Hite and Mr. Ronald Ross, Town Maintenance Supervisor.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the proposed amendment to Chapter 68, Article II. Water, Sewer and Trash Fees § 68-3, Rates Established, to add \$15 per month to all Sewer Customer Utility Bills for a period of six (6) months to fund a DEQ required Preliminary Engineering Report on the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There were no comments.

With no comments or questions, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present. Also present were visitors: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Deputy Justin Thompson from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department and Town Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Ronald Ross.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger 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 to the EEMA report. Mr. Harshman reported that everything is currently operating at the WTP and the water levels are up.

Mr. Harshman reported that his trip to Lexington with Plant Operator, Ms. Alice Davis to meet with the Health Department on Tuesday, June 27th to discuss the problems with the testing went well. Mr. Harshman stated that it appears that the use of the new lab should keep the Town on track going forward. Mr. Harshman reported that he will be including the notification of the 3 violations that occurred in the first quarter of 2017 in with the Newsletter that will go out with the water bills on August 1st.

Mr. Harshman reported that shutting down half of the WWTP to allow the removal of all of the solids from the RBCs, clarifiers and digester has been progressing well. Capitol City came and thoroughly cleaned the digester and some repairs were done to make sure that all of the aerators are functioning properly.

Mr. Harshman reported that the cathodic protection testing on the fuel tank for the WWTP generator has been completed and everything checked out fine.

Mr. Harshman reminded the Council that the EEMA Christmas in July dinner is scheduled for Friday, July 21st at Dan's Steakhouse.

Mr. Harshman reported that he has not heard anything from the engineers on the progress of the Preliminary Engineering Report for the WWTP.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that there does not seem to be a simple solution to the question about sight distance at the Stony Creek Boulevard/Main Street

intersection with the 2 parking places in front of Farmer's & Merchant's Bank. Mr. Harshman reported that no one wants to eliminate any parking places downtown. Councilwoman Minnick suggested restricting the 2 spaces to compact car parking only. Mr. Harshman spoke to VDOT about the compact car designation and they did not feel that it would work, so it appears that there is nothing that the Town can do.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the junk problem at 207 South Main Street still has not been resolved. Mr. Harshman asked Council if they would like this turned over to Mr. Neal. The Council agreed that it should be turned over to him. Mr. Harshman also reported that he spoke to the owner of the property at the corner of Center and Printz Streets and he has removed the junk from the front porch. He also said that he is in the process of cleaning the building out and will be putting the property on the market soon.

Mr. Harshman reported that the new Flood Plain Ordinance will need to be adopted in the next couple of months, which will require a first reading of more than 30 pages of text. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town checked with the VML about other options to the lengthy reading of the Ordinance. The VML said that the Council could vote to suspend the rules, provide copies for the public to review and just read the title and summary paragraph. Council agreed to this process.

The Personnel Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman stated that a closed session to discuss a personnel matter needed to be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to add a closed session to discuss a personnel matter to the agenda. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that both the A/C units at the Town Office and at the WWTP Lab have been replaced.

The Cemetery Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he received an estimate of \$5,000 to remove the 2 dead trees at the cemetery. Mr. Harshman also reported that Mr. Ross is checking with Dominion Power since there are power lines near these trees. A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to authorize that these trees be taken down at an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.

Park & Pool Committee Chairman Wood called attention to the Park & Pool report and also stated that the park is a great place to come with your family.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Capt. Wes Dellinger provided the Council with a "Calls for Service" report for June. Capt. Dellinger reported that Deputy Bill Copp will be leaving the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Copp has taken a job with Stephen's City so he can be closer to home. His last day will be July 19th and his replacement has just started at the Academy. Mr. Harshman asked Capt. Dellinger if any speed control has been set up between Palmyra Church Road and Creekside Campground. Capt. Dellinger stated no, but he will put somebody up there.

Mr. Harshman has provided the Council with the minutes from the June Tourism Council meeting. Mr. Harshman reported that the next Tourism Council meeting will be a work session for long-term visioning for County Tourism.

Mr. Harshman reported that the attendance at the Visitor Center and Museum continues to increase compared to the same period last year with almost 100 more visitors this June compared to last year.

Mr. Harshman reported that he will be attending the kickoff meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update tomorrow afternoon at the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission.

Mr. Harshman reported that no one saw the Department of Historic Resources when they did the annual inspection of the Mill on Thursday, June 29th, but he is assuming that they were onsite and should be hearing the results soon.

Mr. Harshman reported that the “Rev Up Marketing” series is coming together and will begin on September 6th through October 11th.

Mr. Harshman reported that the ARB met last night for an informal discussion. Mr. Harshman also reported that Ms. Anne Parks would like to become a member of the ARB. She would be replacing Ms. Heather Holsinger whose term expires on June 30, 2020. Ms. Parks is also on the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the appointment of Ms. Anne Parks to the Edinburg ARB. Motion carried. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town still needs members for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Planning Commission met last month and appointed Mr. Steve Van Stee as Chairman and Mr. Bill Boone as Vice Chairman. The Planning Commission also discussed Rails to Trails and the Special Use Permit application from Wholesome Foods. Mr. Harshman stated that Notification for the Joint Public Hearing on July 18th at 7:00 p.m. was in the newspaper and was also mailed out to adjoining property owners.

The Zoning Administrator’s report showed that three permits were issued:

1. Theresa Wilkerson
116 Kadies Lane
Storage shed
2. April Huffman
100 N. High Street
Privacy fence
3. William T. Murden Construction LLC
Massanutten Street
New house

Councilman Beachy asked if the privacy fence at 100 North High Street was taken before the ARB. Mr. Harshman stated that it was not and it is up to the Zoning Administrator whether or not something should go before the ARB. Mr. Harshman also stated that the ARB should have contacted the Zoning Administrator about this. Councilman Beachy reported that the property owner at 100 North High Street asked the Church if they could purchase the pie-shaped parcel on the Church’s property, but the Church declined.

The Town Attorney was not in attendance. Mr. Harshman reported that Mr. Pollack has now appealed the case against the Town to the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Town’s VML Attorney, Mr. Bob Mitchell stated that there is nothing for him to do unless the court asks for an argument from him.

Mr. Harshman read the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 68, Article II. Water, Sewer and Trash Fees § 68-3, Rates Established, subsection B. Sewer of the Code of Edinburg, Virginia. The second reading will be at a Special Council meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. prior to the Joint Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by §2.2-3707 and 2.2-3711 as required by Code section 2.2-3712. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy verifying that the only thing discussed in the closed session was a personnel matter, as permitted by § 2.2-3707 and 2.2-3711 as required by Code Section 2.2-3712. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - aye, Beachy - aye, Wymer - aye, Minnick - 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