

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 9, 2021

The Edinburg Town Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Mayor Harshman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. All Council Members were present, except for Councilman Dellinger. Also present was visitor, Mrs. Joan Reistetter.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on a proposed amendment to Chapter 175, Zoning. Article II District Regulations, Section 175-8 Residential District R-2 to allow certain commercial uses by Special Use Permit within the Designated Historic District.

Mr. Harshman asked if anyone had any comments. Mrs. Joan Reistetter stated that she was delighted that she received a Special Use Permit for her business. She stated that she could not concentrate on yarn and fiber with all the customers that kept coming in her old shop location and that it is going much better by appointment. She also stated that the Chamber has been very supportive.

Mr. Harshman stated that Mrs. Reistetter's Special Use Permit is what prompted the Town to think about this amendment and how there are many commercial-like buildings in the R-2 Historic District.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Councilman Boone and seconded by Councilman Baird to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present, except for Councilman Dellinger. Also present were Mrs. Joan Reistetter and Sgt. Robert French from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Baird to approve the Treasurer's Report and the paying of the bills including those already been paid. Motion carried.

The Water and Sewer Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he and the Plant Operator will be meeting with the Health Department on Thursday for the annual water inspection, which will include the storage tanks and the distribution system.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the budget for snow removal income has been exceeded for a total so far of \$37,500. Mr. Harshman also reported that he and Mr. Ron Ross met with Mr. Ed Carter from VDOT to discuss how small towns are not getting much help from VDOT. Mr. Harshman reported that towns with populations of 3,500 + can take over the maintenance of their streets and receive funds each year from the State. Mr. Harshman also reported that each District is allotted \$1,000,000 for the year for the smaller communities. Edinburg is in the Staunton District which has 12 counties, this is not much money to spread across all of them, so things probably will not change in Edinburg. Mr. Carter stated that he will talk to VDOT's planning and design people and have them contact Mr. Harshman about some of the other financial sources that the Town may be able to get involved with.

Councilman Wood stated that he is very thankful for the town crew and the job they do on the snow removal and the street sweeping which make the Town look so good. He has also heard comments from a lot of people about how well they do.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he and the Town Treasurer have been meeting with the Maintenance Department to discuss how the Town tracks overtime, comp time and holiday pay. Hopefully, all their questions have been answered and if not, they have been instructed to contact the Town Treasurer.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he is getting started on the Budget and should have a draft done by the April meeting. He also reported that the only adjustments should be the annual increase in the trash contract and the first sewer increase that is required by the Rural Development loan. Councilman Wood asked if the Town could start giving senior citizens a discount on the water and sewer rates. Mr. Harshman will check on what the Town can legally do.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman has informed the Town of Woodstock that the Town is interested in purchasing their dump truck, but it could be July before the Town can move forward since Woodstock has to wait until their new dump truck arrives to sell the old one.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the playground and the tennis courts were re-opened yesterday. Mr. Harshman also reported that he let Mr. Jered Hoover from County Parks and Rec know that he and Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar would represent Edinburg once he gets things set up for the Comprehensive Committee that Mr. Harshman reported on last month. Mr. Hoover will be emailing soon about possible meeting dates.

Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar stated that the Town needs to be thinking about the pool. Mr. Harshman stated that the Town needs to reach out to the pool people about some tiling work that needs to be done. Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar reported that the lifeguards and the swim team are asking if the pool will be opening. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town will be following the State Guidelines to decide whether the pool will be opening or not. Councilman Wood asked if the shelters at the Park would be available for rentals. Mr. Harshman stated that yes, they will be available for rentals.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Sgt. French from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department reported that the Calls for Service report for last month has been broken down between calls received by Deputies working in Edinburg during the 12-hour block and Deputies not working in Edinburg during the 12-hour block. Councilman Wood asked Sgt. French if he has heard anything about the Neighborhood Watch program. Sgt. French stated that nothing has been said to the command staff, but he will ask about it. Councilman Wood also asked if there would be any Bicycle Safety training for kids anytime soon. Sgt. French stated that he did not know anything about it, but he will find out.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Tourism Council had another virtual meeting in February.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Ole Time Festival Committee will be meeting next Monday upstairs at the St. Paul Heritage Center. They are planning on having the Festival this year on September 17th, 18th and 19th.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Round 3 COVID Grant applications have been coming in. These funds are from CDBG County Grants and the deadline for the applications was March 5th.

Mr. Harshman reported that Ms. Alice Findler and Ms. Louise Finger are having a “work party” at the Rain Garden at the Edinburg Mill to do general garden clean up on March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The Town Maintenance Department will be helping them out.

Mr. Harshman reported that Cornerstone Technologies showed the Town Office staff how to use the new equipment in the Council Chambers. Mr. Harshman asked the Council if they wanted to wait to use the equipment only when it is necessary or if we should start using it now for virtual meetings. Councilman Boone suggested that a trial run be done to see how it goes. Mr. Harshman stated that it will be set up and a trial run will be done.

Mr. Harshman reported that the annual sprinkler inspection was done at the Mill.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) should be meeting sometime this month with the person that is purchasing 310 North Main Street to discuss the exterior plans for the building.

Councilman Van Stee reported that the Planning Commission and the ARB met last month to discuss the proposed R-2 Amendment. He reported that they had a good discussion, and the Planning Commission was recommending approval.

The Zoning Report showed that six permits were issued:

1. Main Street Homes, LLC
Lot #52 – 210 Grafton Ct.
Enclose patio to sunroom
2. Main Street Homes, LLC
Lot #41 – Grafton Ct.
Build Duplex
3. Main Street Homes, LLC
Lot #42 – Grafton Ct.
Build Duplex
4. Main Street Homes, LLC
Lot #43 – Grafton Ct.
Build Duplex
5. Main Street Homes, LLC
Lot #44 – Grafton Ct.
Build Duplex
6. Walter Hisey
315 Shenandoah Ave.
Fence for dog enclosure

There was no Town Attorney report.

Mr. Harshman reported that he heard from the Engineers that the geo-technical report has been completed and everything for the design work should be completed by June 30, 2021.

Mr. Harshman read the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 175, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Section 175-8, Residential District R-2, sub-section C, Uses permitted by special permit to add (7) Certain Commercial Uses within the Designated Historic District. The second reading and consideration of the proposed amendment will be at the April meeting.

Councilman Boone asked if there has been any progress on Rails-to Trails. Mr. Harshman reported that it is still moving forward and there will be a Resolution of Support presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council to consider a Resolution establishing April 2021 as National Autism Awareness Month. A motion was made by Councilman Van Stee and seconded by Councilman Wood to adopt a Resolution establishing April 2021 as National Autism Awareness Month. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Baird to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk