

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 8, 2018

The Edinburg Town Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Mayor Harshman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Councilman Dellinger. Also present were visitors: Dep. Robert Taylor from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Josh Gully from the Northern Virginia and Mr. Ronald Ross, Town Maintenance Supervisor.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the proposed amendment of the 2017-2018 Budget and the proposed Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

There were no comments.

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

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 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 visitors: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. Robert Taylor from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Josh Gully from the Northern Virginia Daily and Town Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Ronald Ross.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 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

Mr. Harshman called attention to the EEMA report. There was no Maintenance Department report.

Mr. Harshman reported that the air compressors at the WTP have been malfunctioning for the past few weeks and one of them finally failed due to a bad bearing. The lack of a proper air supply caused the air activated valves on the filters to not open and close properly which shut down operation due to low influent flow levels. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town has been able to keep things somewhat running by using a portable compressor set up outside the Plant. The compressor that went down is what is referred to as the "small compressor" even though it is a 5HP, just like the other one except it does not have a built-in air dryer like the main unit. Mr. Harshman reported that either one of the 5HP units should be sufficient to run the Plant, but the second unit was needed to augment the other unit to keep things running at maximum output.

Mr. Harshman reported that the cost to rebuild the compressor is \$4,000 and the cost to purchase a new compressor with a built-in air dryer is \$5,300. Mr. Harshman thought it would be best to go with the new unit which will give the Town two units with air dryers which should help with the overall operation of the filters since the air activated valves do not like excess moisture. The existing air compressor with the air dryer will need to be repositioned to make room for the new unit since it is larger than the old unit without a dryer. Mr. Harshman looked at replacing the compressor with a 10HP unit, but there is not enough floor space to fit the larger unit while keeping the existing 5HP unit as a backup. The air compressor company is also going to do some adjustments to how the system is running after the new unit is online.

Mr. Harshman reported that he hasn't heard any comments on the response letter to the Health Department about the water use. The Engineers are working on the non-potable water system for the WWTP and hopefully the Town will be able to implement it very soon. Mr. Harshman reported that removing 15,000-20,000 gallons per day in water use will be a great help to the WTP.

Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town heard from the Health Department that we now have reduced monitoring for disinfection byproducts. This moves the Town from quarterly testing to annual testing and should save some money going forward.

Mr. Harshman reported that the RBC is starting to see some "bug" growth and Plant Operator, Ms. Alice Davis has partially opened the flow to it per the Engineer's recommendation. Mr. Harshman also reported that one of the new air scoops came loose at the outlet end of the RBC and caused some damage to other scoops in that area. The unit is running without the one scoop until it can be reattached and it does not appear to be causing a problem.

Mr. Harshman reported that there continue to be problems meeting BOD testing with only the one RBC fully operational. Mr. Ross is still pumping out the chlorine contact tank at the WWTP weekly, which allows the Town to stay in compliance on e-coli.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Engineers have submitted the amended PER to the DEQ with the recommendation that the Town move toward sending the sewer to the County's North Fork Plant. The Town still has not heard anything from the DEQ as to how they feel about this idea.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town heard from Rural Development that they have more loan and grant money available this year than ever before in the history of the Agency. There has also been a reduction in the user rate levels for grant qualification.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman stated that the three streetlights that Clyde & Judy Beachy are donating to the Town which he reported in the last newsletter will be installed on South Main Street, not along Massie Farm Lane.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town is still getting complaints about the Hutchinson property on Main Street. There is now a truck parked on the property with an expired tag and no town sticker and there is still an accumulation of stuff in the yard.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the pool leaks may be in the skimmers and that four of them would need to be replaced. The Council agreed to approve the purchase of four new skimmers for the pool if necessary.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Councilman Wood reported that the park is nicely mowed and the Little League has started practicing.

The Insurance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town still has not heard anything from the VML on the renewal numbers.

Capt. Wes Dellinger reported that the present contract with the Town has been presented to the Board of Supervisors and Capt. Dellinger does not anticipate them having any problems with it. Capt. Dellinger provided the Council with a "Calls for Service" report for April 2018.

Mr. Harshman reported that the April Tourism Council meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Harshman reported that the EEMA "Christmas in July" dinner will be on Friday, July 20th at the Edinburg Mill.

Mr. Harshman reported that Shenandoah County Parks and Recreation are reducing their Advisory Board down to 11, which will eliminate the individual town representatives. Mr. Larry Beazley, who was the Town's Advisory Board member, will now be an at-large member on the restructured Advisory Board.

Mr. Harshman reported that there will be a workshop for Planning Commissioners and Elected Officials on Thursday, May 31st at the County Government Center. Mr. Michael Chandler will be the guest presenter and Mr. Harshman stated that he does a great job. Mr. Harshman asked the Council to let the Town Office know by Friday, May 11th if anyone would like to attend the workshop.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission's Annual Spring Dinner will be on Thursday, May 17th and he is planning on attending.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Executive Director of the Artisan Center of Virginia, Ms. Sherry Smith is leaving due to her husband's health problems. Ms. Smith has been a driving force behind the growth of the Artisan Trail network since 2009 and since then, the membership has gone from 50 members to 1400 members.

Mr. Harshman reported that the newly elected Council Member and re-elected Mayor and Council Members will receive something in the mail from the Registrar's Office to take to the Circuit Court. The Town will also receive notification and Town Clerk, Ms. Mary Embrey will coordinate with the Clerk's office to make sure that everyone gets sworn in by July 1, 2018.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

The Planning Commission did not meet last month.

The Zoning Administrator had no report.

The Town Attorney reported that letters were sent out to people that owed money to the Town for water & sewer charges that have not been paid. Some of the people have paid, but for the ones that have not, issuing a Warrant-in-Debt is the next step. Mr. Neal asked the Council if they wanted him to start the Warrant-in-Debt process, and Council agreed that Mr. Neal should start that process.

Mr. Harshman asked Council if he could just read the title for the second reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, § 160.1 Adoption of State Law. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to allow Mr. Harshman to read just the title for the second reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, § 160.1, Adoption of State Law. Mr. Harshman read the title of the Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, § 160.1 Adoption of State Law. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - absent, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - aye, Strong - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman asked Council to consider a Resolution to amend the Budget for the fiscal year 2017-20178. Mr. Harshman read the Resolution. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - absent, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - aye, Strong - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman asked Council to consider a Resolution to establish the percentage of Personal Property Tax Relief for qualifying vehicles during the 2018 tax year. Mr. Harshman reported that the percentage is 26%, which is the same as last year and then read the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to adopt the Resolution to establish the percentage of Personal Property Tax Relief for qualifying vehicles during the 2018 tax year. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - absent, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - aye, Strong - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman asked Town Clerk, Ms. Mary Embrey to read the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 68, Article II. Water, Sewer and Trash Fees § 68-3, Rates Established. Ms. Embrey read the Ordinance. The second reading will be at next month's meeting.

Mr. Harshman asked Council if he could just read the title and § 145-38 Levy and Rate for the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 145, Taxation, to add Article VI, Cigarette Tax. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Van Stee to allow Mr. Harshman to just read the title and § 145-38 Levy and Rate for the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 145, Taxation, to add Article VI, Cigarette Tax. Motion carried. Mr. Harshman read the title and § 145-38 Levy and Rate. The second reading will be at next month's meeting. Copies of the Proposed Ordinance are available for public review at the Town Office.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council to consider an Ordinance to Adopt the Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Harshman asked Council if he could just read the title and the first implementation page of an Ordinance to Adopt the Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to allow Mr. Harshman to just read the title and the first implementation page of an Ordinance to Adopt the Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Motion carried. Mr. Harshman read the title and the first page of the Ordinance. Copies of the Proposed Ordinance are available for public review at the Town Office.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Embrey, Town Clerk