

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All the Councilmembers were present except Councilman Wood and Councilwoman Reistetter. Also present were Sgt. Warren Poff and Dep. Travis Justice from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Harshman asked if anyone had anything that was not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Baird to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

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.

Councilman Beachy called attention to Inboden's report. Mayor Harshman reported that there has been a drop in water production as shown on the line graph in Inboden's report.

Mayor Harshman reported last month that there was an issue with the older compressor that had a clogged drain line that allowed water to build up in the tank. Mayor Harshman reported that the old compressor has actually died and the Town is working on getting a replacement unit with a dryer.

Mayor Harshman reported that there is nothing new on the Cave Spring water line.

Mayor Harshman reported that they began pressure washing the interior of the building at the Water Pump Station this week and then they will be installing and insulating a ceiling, painting the interior walls and hanging the gutters.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town replaced all the sidewalk areas and the asphalt areas where some leaks had been repaired. Mayor Harshman also reported that the base has been poured along Printz Street where the Town will be installing another historic style streetlight and the electricity for this light will be coming from the old dance studio building that is now owned by the Thompsons.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that there hasn't been much progress on 207 S. Main Street since he is waiting to hear back from the County Building Department as to whether they will enforce the Code Section on the condition of the building. Mayor Harshman stated that since the Town is going to serve the property owner, he would prefer to do everything at one time.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that he checked on the status of the dump truck and they are still waiting on a build slot.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that he hasn't heard anything about the map for the disc golf course. He also reported that the numbered bricks have been ordered for the tee locations.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Sgt. Poff reported that they have increased patrols due to several larcenies from front porches in town. He also reported that the Deputies currently assigned to Edinburg until November are Dep. Tyler Somers and Dep. Spencer Smith.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town & County Dinner should have been on Wednesday, October 4th, but New Market decided not to have it at the last minute, so they will hopefully have it in April 2024 instead.

Mayor Harshman reported that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday with the County and the other towns to discuss growth and development in the Town and how it fits in with the County Comprehensive Plan update. Mayor Harshman also reported that the County plans to follow up with each of the Towns individually later in October and in November.

Mayor Harshman reported that he finally heard back from T-Mobile about "Exhibit B", which is basically the same as the preliminary engineering drawings that show the installation of 9 antennas on the tank. Mayor Harshman also reported that he sent T-Mobile some changes to the contract that he and the Town Attorney made, but he has not heard anything back.

Mayor Harshman reported that he signed the proposal to install the generator at the Mill for the flood protection sump pumps. Mayor Harshman reported that the cost for re-routing the electric wiring for the sump pumps is \$3,800 and the generator will cost \$8,974.99. Mayor Harshman reported that the generator is a propane unit that can be tied into the existing gas lines and it will be placed along the sidewalk near the back door of the kitchen. Mayor Harshman also reported that there are some additional funds left over and he is thinking that these funds could be moved to park improvements.

The ARB did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

There were no Zoning Permits issued.

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

Mayor Harshman reported that he attended the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> along with Mr. Ron Ross, Mr. Mark Inboden, Mr. Jim Didawick, Mr. Tarcisio Guzman, Mr. Karl Schaeffer and 3 other engineers from Pennoni Engineering and 2 representatives from WGK Construction.

Mayor Harshman reported that WGK stated that they expect to be wrapping up the construction phase of the project by the end of this week and will begin to pull off the site until it is time to begin the demolition of the old plant. Mayor Harshman also reported that they feel that the construction phase is substantially complete except for some punch list items. Mayor Harshman stated that neither the Town nor the Engineer feel that this is the case and they pointed out that there is quite a bit of off-site clean up that needs to be completed at the areas where WGK stored fill dirt. The Mayor and the Engineer also do not feel that they are substantially complete until water is running through the new plant to find out if everything is working as it should. Mayor Harshman asked WGK when that could be expected to happen and they stated that it could begin on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, but that did not happen and they were still working on the start-up as of today.

Mayor Harshman reported that in addition to the off-site clean up and start-up, WGK gave the following breakdown of things that need to be completed including: Cleaning up the site and finishing punch list items, shutting down the potable water line to install a yard hydrant, tying in the sludge force main to the digester, painting some exterior piping, filling the clarifiers with water and exercising the telescoping valves to make sure that the sludge flow can be sent to the digester, making sure that the aeration basin diffusers are functioning properly, completing some adjustments to the UV trough, sending flow to it and starting up the flow through the new plant and setting up a bypass pump

to return this to the existing plant to assure proper treatment is taking place while the new system is being fine-tuned.

Mayor Harshman reported that once everything checks out the Town will need to acquire appropriate seed sludge from another local plant to get the “bugs” working in the new system. Mayor Harshman reported that the Engineers and the Contractor will also be working on as-built drawings to show where all the underground lines and wires were installed. Mayor Harshman also reported that after the meeting, everyone toured the new plant for over 2 hours.

Mayor Harshman read the first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 175 Zoning, § 175-17 Signs, subsection F, Supplemental Sign Regulations. Mayor Harshman reported that this is the proposed amendment that was discussed at the September meeting and he has provided the Council with a copy of the amendment as well as the Public Hearing announcement for the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Harshman stated that hopefully, the Planning Commission will be prepared to make a recommendation to the Council on the proposed amendment after their Public Hearing on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Harshman also stated that he will schedule a Public Hearing before the next council meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

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Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk