

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All the Councilmembers were present. Also present were Mr. Steve Crisman, Mr. Bob Smith and Mrs. Paige Roberts.

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

Mayor Harshman stated that the condition of 207 S. Main Street needs to be added to New Business on the Agenda and the Council agreed.

A motion was made by Councilman Baird and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar 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 he provided the Council with some information about the Town wells and that the static levels were still holding. Mayor Harshman also reported that Mr. Ron Ross checked the static levels of both wells on September 5th and the level at Well #1 was at 33 feet and Well #2 was at 50 feet.

Mayor Harshman reported that the air compressor company is scheduled to complete the work to eliminate the excessive amount of oil getting into the air lines and valves. They will also be doing maintenance twice a year on the compressors and they may go to once a year when the Town is able to solve the air leak problems on the filter units. Mayor Harshman also reported that there was an issue with the older compressor this past week with a clogged drain line that allowed water to build up in the tank.

Mayor Harshman stated that there was nothing new to report on the Cave Spring Water Line Replacement Project since the Town is still waiting on the Engineer to complete the layout and drawings for the new lines.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town got the Virginia Department of Health's approval to move forward on the water pump station. Mayor Harshman reported that someone is scheduled to pressure wash the interior of the building, insulate and install a ceiling, paint the walls and hang the gutters. Mayor Harshman reported that they also met with Patterson Construction, the contractor that did the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and elevated tank and also assisted with the line work that has been completed so far at the water pump station.

Mayor Harshman reported that the backup generator and propane tank installation at Well #2 is complete and the generator people will be coming soon for the startup. Mayor Harshman also reported that the Town plans to put this generator under an annual maintenance program with The Power Connection, which is the company that handles all of the other generators.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman stated that he is sure everyone has noticed the new crosswalk on Stony Creek Boulevard, as well as the freshly painted curbs. Mayor Harshman stated that he had hoped to have made progress with sidewalk repairs, but the Town lost their concrete contractor and hasn't had much luck locating a replacement.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman stated to the Council that they needed to replace the old pages in their Code Books with the new ones they received.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town has submitted the paperwork to Shade Equipment for the new dump truck. They have stated that they will store the bed and the snowplow if the Town purchases them and they will also hold the price the Town was quoted.

Mayor Harshman also reported that he met with the Architectural Review Board (ARB) to discuss the King Cola building and he asked them about window replacement and vinyl siding and the consensus was that the wood siding should be repaired and the building painted. Mayor Harshman is also going to get a price on siding. There was also some discussion about color schemes, but nothing was finalized. Mayor Harshman asked the Council if they had any color suggestions to let him know.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar called attention to the Park & Pool Report and reported that there were 45 dogs at the Paws in the Park. She also reported that there was no pool food left over and it was a good season.

Mayor Harshman reported that he and Councilman Wood met with the man who installed the disc golf course and he is working on a map of the course that will explain how to use the 6 holes. Mayor Harshman reported that he is also ordering numbered bricks that will be installed to create the tee locations to be able to play 18 holes. Councilman Wood added that the bricks will not stick up but will be flush to the ground. Mayor Harshman also reported that a resident came in the office to say that he would be happy to help with the course and Councilman Wood is going to contact him.

Councilman Wood asked Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar what she thought about the activity at the Park and she stated that there was more activity this summer. Councilman Wood thanked Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar and her staff.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

There was no one present from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, so Councilman Wood called attention to the Calls for Service report and reported that the Deputies will be busy with the Ole Time Festival. He also thanked the Deputies for serving.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Tourism Council met in August and he will forward the minutes to the Council as soon as he receives them. Mayor Harshman also reported that the Tourism Council will not be meeting in September. Mayor Harshman reported that the Tourism Office is launching a new website for visitshenandoahcounty.com and they have added an area that offers guided or self-guided tours of places in the region. Mayor Harshman also reported that the Town doesn't have a high-tech tour like some of the towns, but he did provide them with information about the Historic Walking Tour for the website.

Mayor Harshman reported that the ShenGo Bus Service will be 2 years old on October 4th and ridership for July was 1,488 and August was 1,550.

Mayor Harshman reminded some of the Council about taking the Conflict-of-Interest Training (COIA) and the Freedom of Information Act Training (FOIA) that needs to be completed by the end of year. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town Clerk sent a link to the FOIA Council's website where the Council can print out a copy of the complete Act.

Mayor Harshman reported that he provided the Council with some information he put together showing a possible connection between the Edinburg Mill and other points of interest with the Rail Trail. He also supplied them with a copy of a Press Release with information that came out about the State Budget and comments from various mayors along the proposed Trail. Mayor Harshman also reported that up to \$35 million will be allocated to the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail for acquisition purposes.

Mayor Harshman reported that he still hasn't heard anything about the T-Mobile contract. Mayor Harshman reported that they have not shown the Town "Exhibit B" yet and he is not comfortable moving forward until they show the Town exactly what they plan on installing.

The ARB met with Mayor Harshman about the King Cola building as reported earlier.

The Planning Commission did not meet last month, but Mayor Harshman will have more on the Planning Commission later in the meeting.

The Zoning Report showed that one permit was issued:

1. Edinburg Volunteer Fire Co.
200 Stony Creek Blvd.
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There was no report from the Town Attorney, but Mayor Harshman has been corresponding with him about the property at 207 S. Main Street.

Mayor Harshman reported that there was a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade meeting on September 5th to go over the status and next steps. At this point, most of the meeting was another discussion about scheduling for the month and coordinating with suppliers.

Mayor Harshman reported that completion of the installation of the air lines for the aeration blowers should be done this week and the piping to the chlorine contact tank should be installed. Mayor Harshman reported that the electrician has completed the electric hookup to the new headworks building, as well as completing the work on the control panel. Mayor Harshman reported that the equipment representatives for the clarifiers are scheduled to be on site on Thursday to do a dry run and startup the clarifiers. Mayor Harshman also reported that the blower people are scheduled to come the week of September 18th for startup and they will also be changing out parts on one of the aeration blowers with one of the digester blowers to make both blowers function correctly. Mayor Harshman also reported that the UV disinfection representative will be at the Plant on September 21st for the startup of that equipment and the new piping will be pressure tested.

Mayor Harshman reported that there will be a lot going on in the next 30 days and the Engineers are hoping for weekly updates as they move toward the actual startup. They are also starting on a preliminary punch list with the contractual finish date of September 24th.

Mayor Harshman stated that if the Council decides to make changes to the Supplemental Sign Requirements, both the Planning Commission and the Town Council will need to have a Public Hearing. Mayor Harshman asked the Council if they were ready for the Planning Commission to meet to discuss the proposed changes and the Council stated that they were. Mayor Harshman reported that the State Code has changed the advertising requirements, but the Town Council can still have a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission. The Town still needs to advertise once a week for two successive weeks and the change in the State Code states that the first notice must appear no more than 14 days before the intended adoption.

Mayor Harshman reported that there will need to be a Planning Commission meeting scheduled to discuss the changes and once the Planning Commission agrees with the proposed changes, the Town Council can bring it up at their next meeting and do the first reading of the proposed changes. The Town Council would then schedule a Joint Public Hearing for the next month before the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting with the Planning Commission. After the Joint Public Hearing, the Planning Commission will need to have a quick meeting with a motion to recommend the changes to the Supplemental Sign Requirements to the Town Council. Mayor Harshman reported that then the Town Council representative on the Planning Commission would make this recommendation to the Town Council and the Town Council would consider the Amendment under Old Business. It was decided that doing two separate Public Hearings would work better. The Mayor will contact the Planning Commission members about scheduling a meeting date for their Public Hearing.

Mayor Harshman asked the Council to consider appointing Ms. Mandy Roberts as the Town Treasurer. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilwoman Reistetter to appoint Ms. Mandy Roberts as the Town Treasurer. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman asked the Council to consider adopting the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Mayor Harshman asked the Council if he could just read the title of the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to allow the Mayor to read just the title of the Resolution. Motion carried. Mayor Harshman read the title of the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adopt the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Smith stated that he has lived in Edinburg for 2 years and that it is an exciting community. He also stated that the Council has done a great job.

Mayor Harshman reported that he provided information about the condition of 207 S. Main Street to the Council. He included the Code Sections on Nuisances and Building Construction, both of which he believes pertain to this property. The Town has been through the weed and grass cutting with this property before with the Town Crew cleaning up the property and billing the owner. Mayor Harshman reported that they refused to pay the bill and the Town currently has a lien on the property. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town has checked with the Town Attorney about the proper way to serve the owner based on what the Ordinance now states. He also reported that the owner lives in Fairfax, and he is not sure how the Town would go about serving them.

Mayor Harshman reported that this will be the first time that the Town has brought up the condition of the building. Mayor Harshman also reported that the condition of the front porch shows that the building is falling into disrepair and there was also a large water leak a couple of years ago that probably did some damage. He has also reached out to the County to see if the Building Department is able to get involved if the Town decides to pursue the repair of the building.

Mayor Harshman asked the Council if they were ready to move forward on this and the consensus was yes. A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Wood to give the Mayor the power to enforce the Ordinance. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Wood to go into closed session to discuss Personnel Matters as permitted by § 2.2-3711. A-1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Wood to come out of closed session and return to regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy that to the best of each member's knowledge, they certify that only personnel matters were discussed as permitted by 2.2-3711. A-1 in the closed session. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar – I certify, Dellinger – I certify, Baird – I certify, Beachy – I certify, Reistetter – I certify, Wood – I certify, Harshman – I certify.

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 8:28 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk