

DAYTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
April 13, 2009

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor LJ Purcell, Donna H. McCormick, Donna W. Bodkin, Steven J. Dean, Lisa R. Halterman, Charles T. Long, Gregory L. Trissel and Carolyn H. Ware.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: J. Jay Litten, Attorney; Rick Chandler, Town Superintendent; Chief Donald Conley; O. Wade Hill, Operations Manager; Ron Stover, Treasurer; D-NR and The Shenandoah Journal reporters; many local citizens and Pamela Shoemaker, Recorder.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Purcell and the Invocation was led by Rick Chandler.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the March 09, 2009 Council minutes by Donna McCormick was seconded by Charles Long and passed unanimously by Council. Those in favor: Purcell, McCormick, Bodkin, Dean, Halterman, Long, Trissel and Ware. Those opposed: none. Abstentions: none.

**MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 09,
2009 COUNCIL MEETING.**

POLICE REPORT: Chief Conley
Chief Conley read the police report.

Charles Long stated that two situations had been brought up by Mr. Dellinger at the last Council meeting and both matters have since been taken care of.

STAFF REPORT: Rick Chandler

- Eberly Road Stone Wall Restoration – on April 3rd and 4th worked to complete two more sections of the stone wall. There remains only one section to repair, but no time table has been set for completion.
- HRRSA Project – is approximately two weeks behind schedule but contractor feels the time can be recaptured in the summer. Contingency fund depletion is about 2% and overall the project is approximately sixty-five percent complete.
- Repairs to the Pedestal Water Tank were completed over the weekend.
- TEA-21 Project – the engineering proposal is currently being reviewed by Mr. VanLeer of VDOT. As soon as VDOT completes the “pre-audit” review, we can then sign the engineering contract and they can start the planning process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer Authority: Rick Chandler

- The plant is operating well and all permits were met during the month of March. March average flows were 8.86 MGD and year to date average flow is 9.41 MGD. Expenses for the year are approximately two percent under budget.

Finance: Donna McCormick

- We are still getting estimates for feasibility study. Rick Chandler stated he has spoken with Maximus who should be getting back with him in the next couple days and Titan Group who should get back with him this week.
- Mrs. McCormick stated that they had a meeting last week and will be having another meeting on Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Town will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 18th at Wilbur Pence Middle School at 7:00 p.m. to review the 2009/2010 budget.

Community Development: Charles Long

- Held our first meeting on March 18th and discussed changing some of the skate park rules and regulations. Also discussed Dayton Family Fun Day which will be held sometime in September.
- Second meeting was held on March 30th and we planned the Dayton Community Food Drive to help the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. We have started a CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) program for this area in case of a disaster.
- Wade Hill stated that in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day the Town is giving away two free tree saplings to residents (two per household) on Wednesday, April 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the basement Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Purcell stated there will be a group of volunteers getting together to clean up Cooks Creek on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional volunteers would be welcome.

Personnel Committee: Carolyn Ware

- Have met twice this month discussing the budget. Will meet again on Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in closed session.

Facilities: Steve Dean

- Route 257 Sewer Line Project – A&J Development of Harrisonburg is the new contractor for this project. They have approximately three weeks until final completion and have 140 feet of sewer main to install. They will also finish any back fill work involved with settling and most of the restoration. To date we have spent \$316,143.00. \$460,000.00 was the contract amount with the first contractor.

OPEN FORUM:

Mayor Purcell asked for public comments and questions.

Philip Way had comments on committee meetings, obtaining someone to do feasibility study, water and sewer rate increases, and annexation.

William Layman stated that the towns overstaffing of police officers was premature due to the possible annexation of Wal-Mart. He encouraged everyone to review the treasurer's report.

John Jacobson discussed Robert Rules of Order and stated he would like the open forum moved back to the end of the agenda so the residents can comment on the business that is discussed.

Betty Lou Huffman stated there were two concerns voiced by some Town residents during elections. The first was a lack of communication between the Town and the residents and she feels that issue has improved. The second issue is the number of employees the Town has hired in the last few years. Mrs. Huffman feels the Town should do the feasibility study so that it can be staffed at the correct level.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Purcell asked if there was any unfinished business to be discussed. Carolyn Ware stated that she would like the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting added to their packets. Mrs. Ware also stated that the Council still needed to nominate a Planning Commission Representative. Mayor Purcell relayed his interest as Council Representative. A motion to nominate Mayor Purcell as Planning Commission Representative by Donna McCormick was seconded by Donna Bodkin. The Council voted and the motion failed. Those in favor: McCormick and Bodkin. Those opposed: Ware, Dean, Long and Trissel. Abstentions: Purcell and Halterman. Charles Long stated the Council has not had time to discuss the appointment. Interest in the position will be e-mailed to Mr. Chandler.

Donna McCormick had questions about the financial information provided by the Treasurer, Ron Stover, and the software the Town is purchasing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Purcell asked if there was any new business to be discussed. Mayor Purcell stated the Council needed to adopt the Tax Rate Ordinance. A motion by Carolyn Ware to pass the Tax Rate Ordinance as presented was seconded by Steve Dean and passed unanimously by Council. Those in favor: Purcell, McCormick, Bodkin, Dean, Halterman, Long, Trissel and Ware. Those opposed: none. Abstentions: none.

MOVED THAT THE TAX RATE ORDINANCE BE PASSED AS PRESENTED FOR NEXT YEAR (Ordinance attached).

Lisa Halterman stated she agreed with Mr. Jacobson that the open forum should be moved back to the end of the agenda after the new business has been discussed. After much discussion the Council agreed to move the open forum back, following new business.

Mayor Purcell stated that the Dayton Police and Rockingham County Sheriff's Department are working on a Joint Operation Agreement on Silver Lake Road. This agreement would allow the Dayton Police to ticket speeders on Silver Lake Road and the enforcement of Silver Lake. Mayor Purcell stated there have been small gas boats on Silver Lake and he is concerned because the Town draws water from there. After much discussion the Council decided to discuss this next month.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

There being no Mayor or Council Comments, the meeting continued.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion to approve the bills by Steve Dean was seconded by Greg Trissel and passed unanimously by Council. Those in favor: Purcell, McCormick, Bodkin, Dean, Halterman, Long, Trissel and Ware. Those opposed: none. Abstentions: none.

MOVED THAT THE BILLS BE APPROVED.

Pamela Shoemaker read thank you notes from the Bridgewater Ladies Auxiliary, Massanutten Technical Center, USCG Auxiliaries 81 and 88 and the VA Dept. Of Game and Inland Fisheries, Fort Harrison, UVA Children's Hospital and Skills USA.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn by Carolyn Ware was seconded by Donna McCormick and passed by Council. Those in favor: Purcell, McCormick, Bodkin, Dean, Halterman, Long, Trissel and Ware. Those opposed: none. Abstentions: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LJ Purcell, Mayor

Pamela Shoemaker, Recorder