

DAYTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
June 8, 2009

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor L.J. 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, Director of Public Works; Ron Stover, Treasurer; The Shenandoah Journal reporter; many local citizens and Susan Smith, Interim 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 Councilperson Charles Long.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the May 18, 2009 Council minutes with one correction noted by Councilperson Long was seconded by Councilperson Dean 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 JUNE 8,
2009 COUNCIL MEETING.**

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Gregg Dickie, Director of Member Services with the Virginia Municipal League Self Insurance Association, presented a plaque to the Town of Dayton for outstanding performance in Risk Management. VML recognizes one member for each of the three membership tiers, and Dayton is the Tier 1 recipient this year. There are more than 420 government members in this program.
- Mayor Purcell and Kevin Burgoon presented Dillon Riley a plaque commending him for outstanding performance on his Eagle Scout project. Dillon placed rubber edging around swing sets at Cooks Creek and Sunset parks.
- Mayor Purcell and Rick Chandler presented Jay Litten a plaque and gift certificate in recognition of his twenty years of outstanding service as town attorney.

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

STAFF REPORT: Rick Chandler
(report attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer Authority: Rick Chandler

- The plant is operating well and all permits were met during the month of May. May average flows were 13.4 MGD and year to date average flow is 9.89 MGD.

Finance: Donna McCormick

- No Report

Community Development: Charles Long

- No Report

Personnel Committee: Carolyn Ware

- Meeting with Council tomorrow night, June 9, 2009.

Facilities: Steve Dean

- Route 257 sewer laterals are hooked up. Only one more driveway needing to be paved at this time. As soon as the old manhole is abandoned it will be filled with slurry. Landscaping and seeding is thirty percent complete. The waterline in front of Mr. Sheets and Mrs. Eberly has been repaired.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Budget and fee ordinance by Councilperson Long was seconded by Councilperson McCormick and passed unanimously by a show of hands by Council. Those in favor: Purcell, McCormick, Bodkin, Dean, Halterman, Long, Trissel and Ware. Those opposed: none. Abstentions: none.

MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2009-2010 BUDGET AND FEE ORDINANCE.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to nominate Councilperson Long as the representative to the Planning Commission by Councilperson Dean was seconded by Councilperson Trissel. A second nomination by Councilperson Halterman to appoint Councilperson Bodkin as Commission representative was seconded by Councilperson McCormick. After clarification from legal counsel that a majority of council votes would be required, Councilperson Bodkin withdrew as a nominee. Mayor Purcell asked for a show of hands to appoint Councilperson Long as Council representative to the Planning Commission. Those in favor: Purcell, McCormick, Bodkin, Dean, Halterman, Trissel and Ware. Those opposed: none. Abstentions: Long.

MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCILPERSON LONG AS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

OPEN FORUM:

- A few residents had comments regarding the recent layoffs.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Appreciated people attending public hearing for the 2009-2010 budget.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion to approve the bills by Councilperson McCormick was seconded by Councilperson 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 BILLS TOTALING \$198,439.79
BE APPROVED.**

A letter of thanks was received by resident James Burke for gifts given to him and his family by town staff this past holiday season.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn by Councilperson McCormick was seconded by Councilperson Trissel 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LJ Purcell, Mayor

Susan Smith, Interim Recorder

STAFF REPORT
June 8, 2009

PROJECTS/INFRASTRUCTURE:

- 1) Rt. 257 Sewer Project – The contractor has finished the repairs to the water main and completed ninety-five percent of the “backfilling” in the various areas of construction. All but two driveways have been repaired, and Pettit’s Landscaping will be starting Monday on yard restoration. Still water Excavating is restoring the Weaver land site, which was the construction “holding area” during the project. Every sewer lateral is complete except one, and that should be finished by Tuesday, June 9th.

With the exception of missing four days the last couple of weeks, things are moving smoothly. Target date for completion is June 29th.

- 2) HRRSA Project – Director Poe has indicated the project is running smoothly in both cost and schedule. We are slightly behind (about ten days) on the schedule. The contractor has eighteen months remaining on the contract. He has used about fifty-four percent. To date, HRRSA has paid out approximately fifty-five million of eighty-million dollar contract.

Mr. Poe informed the Board that including the contractor, engineers, and equipment items purchased directly, the total project costs are now close to sixty-five million of the ninety-one million dollar project. Most of the current activity is focusing on paving concrete and backfilling around a number of the tank structures. Some portions of the project are scheduled for start-up and testing late summer or early Fall.

- 3) Clear-Well Tank Restoration – Our public Works crew has now completed pressure-washing of the large storage tank, and the small mixing tank at the water-plant site on Bowman Road. We plan to start painting next week, as weather permits. I will have a more accurate cost when the project is over, however I am confident the Town will be saving thousands of dollars over the cost of a contracted price.

- 4) Weaver Building- There is two items that need attention. Upon inspection by a certified electrician, there are immediate repairs needed to the main fuse panel on premises and a new service-line is needed. We are upgrading from an old sixty-amp service, to two-hundred amp service.

Additionally, the old boiler is shot. We are pricing gas heaters as a better alternative, because the boiler price will cost five-thousand dollars. On a positive note, Heartland will be increasing their rent payment from eleven-hundred a month to twelve-hundred fifty a month, starting in July, to cover usage of the additional space.

PLANNING/OTHER:

- 1) TEA-21 Project – I am pleased to report that I was able to negotiate the engineering contract with Anderson & Associates down from the original amount of \$178,490.00 to \$168,490.00. We have now agreed in principal to the contract, and it has been submitted to VDOT for pre-audit approval. We should know something within six weeks, per Mr. Van Leer.
- 2) HRRSA Report (May) – May average flow was 13.49 MGD, up considerably from last month, due to the amount of rainfall, which in turn is directly related to infiltration. Year to date average flow is 9.83 MGD. All permit requirements were met during May.
- 3) Vacancy Planning Commission – Just a reminder that we still have the vacancy (Council rep.) on the Planning Commission, which really should be filled immediately. If possible, can decide on Monday night? There are two letters of interest enclosed in your packets for consideration.
- 4) Flowerbeds – Kudos to Phil and Judy Way for doing the flower pots on Main Street and at the Cannon, to the 4-H Bit & Bridle Club for taking care of the Cooks Creek Park flowerbed, and Rod & Donna Bodkin for taking both Welcome sign flowerbeds on Rt. 42. We appreciate everyone's effort and consideration in beautifying Dayton.