

**DAYTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Mayor 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:** Mayor L.J. Purcell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lynn Suter, Attorney; Rick Chandler, Town Superintendent; Chief Donald Conley; Daily News Record reporter; and many local citizens.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Mayor McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McCormick and the invocation was led by Councilperson Ware.

**MINUTES:** Vice Mayor McCormick asked for any corrections to the minutes of the September 14, 2009 Town Council meeting. Lynn Suter noted that she was present at the September 14, 2009 meeting. Councilperson Dean moved to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Long, and passed unanimously by Council.

**THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** In the absence of Mark Martin, Planning Commission Chair, Rick Chandler noted only that the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet October 15, 2009 to discuss the Lineweaver annexation.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Conley

Chief Conley reviewed the police report (report attached). Chief Conley highlighted larceny problems at Willow West. Additionally, Chief Conley described a mutual aid agreement that has been drafted by counsel for the Town and is being reviewed by the County attorney, which, if approved by the Town and the County Sheriff, would give Dayton police the authority to patrol those sections of Silver Lake and Mosby Road leading in to the Town of Dayton.

**STAFF REPORT:** Rick Chandler

Mr. Chandler reviewed the Staff Report (report attached). Councilpersons noted that additional information is needed regarding other jurisdictions' procedures for collecting vehicle license taxes without requiring that a decal be posted to evidence payment. Mr. Chandler will seek additional information to present to Council.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Sewer Authority:** Rick Chandler

Mr. Chandler reported that the wastewater treatment plant is operating well, and all permits were met during the month of September. Sharon Foley was appointed new Director of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Regional Sewer Authority starting November 2, 2009.

### **Finance:** Donna McCormick

Mrs. McCormick reported that Finance Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

### **Community Development:** Charles Long noted the following:

- Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Invitations have been mailed out to participants. Councilperson Long has given Council list of participants.
- Dayton Autumn Celebration was a success. Council expressed its appreciation to all volunteers, public works and police department.
- Council Christmas Party was mentioned but no date has been set. The Methodist Church was noted a possibility of having Christmas Party this year.

### **Personnel:** Carolyn Ware

Mrs. Ware had no report on behalf of the Personnel Committee.

### **Facilities:** Steven Dean

- Steve Dean reported that Facilities Committee had not met.
- Charles Long reported that, on behalf of Facilities Committee, he and Rick Chandler had met with the developer of the South Breeze Estates about cleaning up the construction site, which the developer has indicated it intends to do by the first of November.

Chief Conley asked, and was given permission, to supplement his report with the following information. The City has offered the Town police force grant money to purchase computers for squad cars so that internet-based information, as well as improved communication with other jurisdictions, could be available in those cars. Chief Conley intends to use the grant money, and supplement it with funds in his budget, to purchase four computers which can be moved from car to car.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OPEN FORUM:**

Several citizens commented on the following issues:

- Citizen expressed thanks to Council for having the doggie pots put in.
- Citizen expressed frustration with milk trucks using their engine brakes coming down the hill on Rt. 257 in the middle of the night and early morning. Chief Conley stated that he would check with VDOT to see whether the speed limit sign could be moved, perhaps up to Limestone on 257.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilperson McCormick noted with appreciation being able to attend the Certified Planning Courses with Donna Bodkin and Gerald Lehman (Planning Commission member). The closing session will be in December.
- Steve Dean mentioned the issue of local gangs, noting that there is a gang presence at Wilbur Pence Middle School. Chief Conley noted some of the police training that is occurring to deal with gangs.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** A motion by Councilperson Dean to approve payment of the Town's bills for the month of September, seconded by Councilperson McCormick, passed unanimously by Council by show of hands.

**PAYMENT OF THE TOWN'S BILLS FOR THE 30-DAY PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 WAS APPROVED.**

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion to adjourn by Councilperson Ware was seconded by Councilperson Dean and passed unanimously by Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Donna McCormick, Vice Mayor

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Angela Propst, Recorder