

DAYTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2013

Public Hearing

Mayor Long called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 pm and turned it over to Jeremy Mason of VDOT. Mr. Mason gave a presentation on the No-thru Trucks restriction for Main and College streets. The proposal was presented to the State Traffic Engineer. There is a criteria of four items to be met: 1) Provision for reasonable alternate routes, 2) Compatibility of truck routes, 3) Residential in nature, 4) Local route. Mr. Mason stated that the Town meets the criteria and has completed all the necessary action. Mr. Mason is in support of the proposal and requested public comment. Mayor Long asked for a time frame of getting approved. It can take as long as three months for actual approval. This gives time for public comments which will be reviewed. The comments will be compiled and submitted to the CTB. (Commonwealth Transportation Board)

Comments from public present at hearing:

Fred Shank: Suggests parking on one side of street, street is narrow.

Terry and Loretta Pennington: Kids live on the street, there is an alternate one block away.

John Jacobsen: There are more families with children moving into these streets, street is narrow, time it takes trucks to stop, what size trucks does this include.

Mr. Mason: 18-wheelers and trucks over 7500 lb. weight limit.

Rick Knott: Lives on West View Street, there is a lot of truck traffic there day and night, noisy, recommend to include West View Street.

Jodi Meyerhoffer: Light poles are constantly being damaged, mostly concerned about safety.

Jerry Critcher, PC: The Planning Commission has looked at restricted parking, those issues have been explored.

With no further comments, Mayor Long closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. and welcomed the guests. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by Mayor Long.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Long, Council members Greg Trissel, Laura Daily, Steve Dean, Josh Lyons, Jeff Daly, and Kehris Snead.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jason Ham, Attorney; Chief Conley; John Crim; Jerry Critcher, and Gerald Lehman, PC; and several local citizens.

MINUTES: Mayor Long asked for comments pertaining to minutes of the Council meeting dated January 14, 2013. Hearing none, a motion by Councilperson Trissel was seconded by Councilperson Daly to approve minutes as is and passed by Council. (those in favor; Long, Trissel, Daily, Lyons, Daly; two abstentions; Dean and Snead)

MOVED, THAT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A special presentation was given by Fred Shank, member of the Board of Directors and Rodney Alderfer, President of Bridgewater Retirement Community. A short video was shown: Advancing the Vision. Their purpose is to raise awareness in the community. They are working on a project to create a home environment for their residents. They began training staff two years ago. Hope to begin construction in June with a 2 ½ year completion date.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A presentation was given by Lelan Siler and Nancy Carr. They briefly went over the Source Water Protection Plan in hopes of obtaining Council approval. However, Council has not seen the final plan and it will need to go to the Planning Commission.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Chief Conley decided to give his presentation at a later date.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Justin Moyers
Mr. Moyers was not present so there is no report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Gerald Lehman

No formal report at this time. Meeting will be held this Thursday, February 14, instead of the normal meeting date on the 21st.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Conley

Chief Conley gave the report for the month of January. They are continuing to provide support at PMS and DLC with very positive feed back. They assisted Walmart with a Safety Seat Program on Saturday. By July all Officers plan to be SRO certified. Mayor Long stated that the Department has gone through all the proper channels to be in the schools. He also read a second letter from Carol Fenn, Rockingham County Schools supporting the addition of another Police Officer position.

STAFF REPORT: John Crim

Report attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer Authority: John Crim

No report at this time. There was no meeting in January. December permits have been met.

Finance Committee: Josh Lyons

No report at this time. Will be meeting the week of the 25th.

Personnel Committee: Steve Dean

Met on January 24th with Chief Conley regarding the hiring of a new police officer.

Economic Development Committee: Jerry Critcher

Mr. Critcher met with the Merchants Association. Some suggestions are the Downtown signs need updating, repairs and paint and the promoting of the Redbud Festival.

Community Relations Committee: Laura Daily

Met January 24th and discussed combining Dayton Fun Day with Course with a Cause which will be held on August 3rd. Also, there will be an Easter egg hunt on March 30th.

Infrastructure Committee: Steve Dean

No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney, Jason Ham stated that VDOT has 90 days to approve the transportation part of the Comprehensive Plan. It does not need to go back to Planning Commission – moving forward. Rezoning of Artisans Courtyard to B-1, conditional. Need to hold public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

After a brief discussion of hiring a police officer with several positive comments, a motion by Councilperson Dean to hire an additional officer for the Town was seconded by Councilperson Snead and passed by council by roll call vote: (those in favor; Long, Trissel, Daily, Dean, Lyons, Snead, Daly) It was also noted that if 1% of the budget was amended there would be a public notice.

MOVED, TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER POSITION.

Councilperson Laura Daily stated that the Redbud Arts & Crafts Festival is scheduled for April 27, from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be activities throughout the town with approximately 50-60 vendors.

OPEN FORUM:

Jerry Critcher thanked Council for adding an additional police officer.
Gerald Lehman thanked the Town on behalf of the school system.
Chief Conley thanked the Town for their support.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Laura Daily thanked the Police Department for their dedication.
Steve Dean mentioned upcoming shooter training.
Mayor Long stated that it was a long night but well worth it.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion by Councilperson Lyons to approve bills totaling \$301,915.94 was seconded Councilperson Daily and passed by Council by roll call vote: (those in favor; Long, Daily, Lyons, Trissel, Daly, Dean, Snead)

MOVED, THAT BILLS TOTALING \$301,915.94 BE APPROVED.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles T. Long, Mayor

Jeanette Thompson, Recorder