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Andrea Erard, Town Attorney

Town Council meets for its regular session on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Persons wishing to be heard or having an item to be placed on the agenda should make their request to the Clerk of Council by the final Monday of the month preceding the meeting.

Town of Mineral Council Meeting
September 11, 2017
7:00pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pam Harlowe, Mayor; Mike Warlick; Vice Mayor, Tom Runnett, Bernice Wilson Kube, Roy McGhee, William Thomas, and Doswell Pierce

STAFF MEMBERS:

Sal Luciano; Town Manager, Ti-Lea Downing; Treasurer/Clerk, Andrea Erard; Town Attorney

PUBLIC:

Kelly Taylor, VDOT Reprehensive; Nathan Umberger, and Alan Saunders, Joseph Haney with The Central Virginian

Public Comments:

Adopt/Amend Agenda: Under Old Business move VDOT discussion up and Under New Business add Street Lights by Tex Pierce

Motion for Approval of Amended Agenda by Roy McGhee, seconded by William Thomas, with all in favor.

Approval of the August 2017 Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Tex Pierce, seconded by William Thomas with all in favor.

Approval of the September 2017 Bills to be Paid:

Motion to approve September 2017 Bills to be Paid by William Thomas, seconded by Mike Warlick, with all in favor.

Town Manager's Report: Sal shared that \$1,000 was paid to Louisa Water Authority for water connection on 9th and Park Avenue. There was 2 water leaks found, one on Spring Road and the other on St. Frances Ave. Miss Utility was called and Central Virginia Contractors will be working on it. Sal shared that Pam and Tommy have worked on getting a grant from Department of Forestry to spray the trees at Spring Road. Tommy met the guy from the Department of Forestry and the trees were sprayed. The estimated price for this is going to be about \$500. The repairs done to the sidewalk at Lewis Keller's house is working great.

Town Attorney's Report: The attorney shared that there is a court date set for January 25, 2018 at 9:30 with Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan argued for a jury trial, but Andrea pointed out that he had not followed the correct procedure for a jury trial and the courts agreed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Beautification/Anti-Litter Committee: Tommy shared that everything is looking good. He was asked about spending the money to have the streets cleaned before the homecoming parade. Pam shared that Updike put trash cans at the farmers market, because they couldn't lift the blue barrels to dump them.

Budget & Finance Committee:

Building Committee: Mineral Shakes will be closing on September 30th, and they will be cleaning out the building in October.

Cemetery Committee: No Report

Economic Development Committee: No Report

Personnel Committee: Closed Session

Planning Commission: Tommy shared that the planning commission is finishing up the comprehensive plan.

Police & Legal Matters Committee: No Report

Streets Committee: Mike shared a list of potholes that need to be repaired. He also shared his concern about the grass being blown on to the street while it's being cut and

the safety hazards of this. Sal said that he would look into this and speak with the maintenance men.

Walton Park: Tommy has made arrangements for a good subbase be put in on 6th street. He is hoping that this will save us money. Sal shared that they will be voting this month on the recreational grant and the paving of Walton Park.

Water & Sewer Committee: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Center Turn Lane V-DOT-Nathan Umberger: Sal shared that Nathan Umberger from VDOT will share their view on adding a center turning lane on Mineral Avenue. Nathan shared that there is 18 ft lanes at Mineral Avenue, and that it is just wide enough but not wide enough where two cars can fit side by side. VDOT has looked at adding three 12ft lanes, and this would not take away from existing parking on the streets. There have been about 12-13 accidents in this area over the last 5 years. Narrowing these lanes would help slow down traffic, and help with both the safety of the area and the flow of traffic. There will be a 12ft median and two 12ft lanes for traffic. Work on this project is expected to be done with in the next month.

Motion to approve plans for the turning lane down Mineral Avenue by Tex Pierce, seconded by Tommy Runnett, with all in favor.

Sample Ordinance Farmers Market: A motion was made by Williams Thomas to accept the ordinance, no second was made. Discussion followed on if there was a need for this ordinance.

Sample Ordinance for tall grass and public nuisance:

Pool Ordinance: This will go to the Planning Commission so that they can address it and so that there can be a public hearing on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Street Lights: Tex Pierce shared his concerns on having street lights put up on the back streets due to recent vandalism in the area. Sal will contact Dominion Power and get a price of what this would cost.

Closed Session:

Council was authorized to go into closed session to discuss property under Virginia Code Section 2.2-37-11 a1.

Motion to go into closed session by Tommy Runnett, seconded by William Thomas, with all in favor

Certification that only what was announced was discussed.

Tommy Runnett/ yes

William Thomas/ yes

Roy McGhee/ yes

Doswell Pierce/ yes

Pam Harlowe/ yes

Michael Warlick/ yes

Motion to adjourn meeting by William Thomas, seconded by Roy McGhee, with all in favor.