

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2012

Call to Order

The Clarksville Town Council met in regular session on October 16, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Kevin Allgood called the meeting to order and provided the invocation. Council members present were Mayor Kevin Allgood, Vice-Mayor Connie Torres, Chris Clarke, Carolyn Hite, Glenn Jurczyk, Bill Nunn, and Mike Sizemore. Staff members present were Town Manager Jeff Parrott, Treasurer/Clerk Tara Murphy, Town Operations Director Richard Elliott, and Police Chief Ricky Wilkinson.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 18th, 2012 meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Sizemore, seconded by Council member Clarke, and approved by all.

The minutes of the October 2nd, 2012 Council Workshop were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Council member Sizemore, and approved by all.

The minutes of the October 2nd, 2012 Special Meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Clarke, seconded by Vice-Mayor Torres, and approved by all.

The minutes of the October 9th, 2012 Special Meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Hite, seconded by Council member Nunn, and approved by all.

The minutes of the October 11th, 2012 Special Meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Sizemore, seconded by Council member Clarke, and approved by all.

Presentation of List of Vendors Paid

The list of vendors paid for September 2012 was presented to Council. Vice-Mayor Torres motioned to approve the list of vendors paid for September 2012, seconded by Council member Clarke, and approved by all.

Presentation of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements for September 2012 were presented to Council. Vice-Mayor Torres motioned to approve the September 2012 financial statements, seconded by Council member Clarke, and approved by all.

Presentation of Town Operation Reports

The Town Operations reports were presented to Council.

Town Operations Director Richard Elliott informed Council that the Southwest Downtown Improvement Project will begin the next phase of sewer line replacement along with sidewalks and paving along 9th, 8th, Market, and Carolina Streets. He stated that there will be some activity in that area, but it will be cleaned up in time for the Christmas parade. He informed Council that the Hwy 15 Pump Station project which is part of the Kinderton Technology Project will have a bid opening on November 9, 2012. He stated that the 7th Street pump station is still using the by-pass pump until the new pump that was ordered arrives. He stated that leaf collection will begin November 5, 2012 and during leaf season, brush pick up will be sporadic.

Presentation of Police Activity Report

The Police Activity report was presented to Council.

Chief Ricky Wilkinson informed Council that there is a deer issue in Town, and it seems the hunters are not taking much interest. He stated that Car #35 hit a deer near Food Lion, and it damaged almost the entire side of the car, but it will be going into the body shop for repair. He informed Council that Car #34 needs a transmission module on top of the valve body. He stated that the estimate from Homes Transmission service is \$1,000. He stated that this car has high mileage. Council member Nunn suggested getting a quote on replacing the transmission since the motor has already been replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Manager Position Update

Mayor Kevin Allgood informed Council and the public that the Town Manager position has been filled and introduced Jeff Parrott as the newly hired Town Manager. He stated that his first day was today. Mr. Jeff Parrott thanked Council and stated that he appreciates the support and looks forward to working with the Council and staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween Restrictions

Mayor Allgood stated that each year Council approves the Halloween restrictions. He stated that the restrictions include the Town has an 8:00 p.m. curfew and that no one over the age of 12 is permitted to wear a mask. Council member Hite motioned to approve the Halloween Restrictions, seconded by Council member Sizemore, and approved by all.

Police Car Update

Mayor Allgood stated that an opportunity has come from Mecklenburg County regarding potential police cars. Chief Wilkinson stated that the Sheriff's Department has been going through their fleet and relieving some of the older cars. He stated that Mecklenburg County has offered to give the Clarksville Police Department a 2009 Crown Victoria with 102,505 miles on it. He stated that all the Town has to do is transfer the title and tags and transfer the radios. Council member Sizemore motioned to accept the 2009 Crown Victoria car from Mecklenburg County Sheriff's office, seconded by Clarke, and approved by all.

Bucket Truck Update

Director Elliott stated that he received a quote to repair the current Bucket truck for approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 because the repairs are very labor intensive, but the truck is not safe to operate. He stated that he has continued to check for other trucks available for purchase. He stated that with the help of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, a 2000 Ford F450 Bucket truck has been found in Indiana for \$9,250. He asked Council's permission to travel to inspect the truck and purchase it if the truck is in good condition. He provided some pictures for Council to review.

Council member Nunn motioned to appropriate \$9,250 from General Fund contingency to purchase the Bucket truck if it is in good condition, seconded by Council member Sizemore, and approved by all.

Veteran's Memorial Committee – Veteran's Day

Mayor Allgood stated that he was approached by Stuart Buchanan regarding the Veteran's Memorial Committee wanting to use the Fine Arts Center on Veteran's Day in case of inclement weather. He stated that Mr. Buchanan informed him that the rental fee is \$100 and asked if the fee could be waived for the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Council member Clarke motioned for the Town to waive the rental fee for using the Fine Arts Center, seconded by Council member Nunn. The motion passed with a vote of four in favor and two abstentions (Council member Sizemore and Vice-Mayor Torres).

Other Information

Council member Clarke informed Council and the public about some training opportunities. He stated that recently in South Hill there was a business training seminar for new entrepreneurs wanting to start their own business. He stated it was a 13 week program through United Virginia and SVCC and there will be more to come. He stated that out of Richmond, there is a Transtech Alliance being formed for Southern Virginia counties to show that the area is united and to showcase the excellent resources available in this area. He stated that the first meeting is on October 30, 2012 from 1-4 p.m. at the library in South Hill.

Town Manager Jeff Parrott informed Council that he recently completed a 10 week program concentrating on Economic Development as a regional concept and that is the way of the future.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Lynn Smith of 104 Staunton Terrace stated that she feels the Town should commemorate Mr. Robert Billings, the local soldier that recently died in Afghanistan.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kevin Allgood, Mayor

Tara Murphy, Treasurer/Clerk