

Minutes of Town Council Meeting
February 12, 2013
Glasgow Public Library

Council Members Present: Sonny Williams, Roger Funkhouser, Mike Turner, Monica Dock, Ruby Clark.

Absent: Councilor Caleb Keckler resigned.

Also Present: Town Manager Paul Parker, Mayor Sam Blackburn, Administrative Assistant Jane Higginbotham, Town Attorney Tom Simons.

Guests Present: Lynda Miller, Robin Reynolds, Roberta Lyle, Glasgow STP Supervisor Jeff Rankin, Boyd Walker, Reese McClanahan, Billy Wells, Stanley Wright, Doris Hedrick with Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry, Glasgow Town Sgt. Aaron Britton, Judy Loughhead, Roberta Anderson with the News-Gazette.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Ruby Clark, followed by a brief prayer.

Mayor Sam Blackburn called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Comment Period:

Billy Wells of 430 Shawnee Street – Mr. Wells stated in the summer of 1998 he was turned in for burning rubber by the Glasgow Fire Department and asked who the Fire Chief reports to. Mr. Wells stated he wants to sue for defamation of character. Mr. Wells stated he is being stalked by a Town employee.

Doris Hedrick, representative for Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry – Mrs. Hedrick stated the food pantry gets most of their revenue from contributions. Mrs. Hedrick stated they served 941 individuals in December (370 households) and 50% were Glasgow residents. Mrs. Hedrick stated last year the Town included the food pantry in their budget for an \$800 contribution. Mrs. Hedrick stated this year the food pantry is asking for \$1,000.

Review of Minutes:

Regular Meeting 01/08/2013

Workshop Meeting 01/20/2013

Motion by Monica Dock and **Seconded** by Ruby Clark to approve minutes.
Carried unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Bills:

Town Manager Parker stated the bill from the Rescue Squad for the 2012 Christmas parade was \$425.59, which was in the budget. Town Manager Parker stated the Rescue Squad has also requested a \$300 contribution from the Town to sponsor a band for Riverfest 2013, which would still keep them under budget for 2012.

Motion by Ruby Clark to pay all bills as presented and any other bills that may come up, plus give the Rescue Squad \$300 to sponsor a band for Riverfest 2013. **Seconded** by Monica Dock.

Carried unanimous voice vote.

Committee/Commission Reports:

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairperson, Roberta Lyle, stated the new equipment for the playground will be installed March 23rd at 9:00 AM. Mrs. Lyle stated the Ruritans will be helping town employees. Mrs. Lyle stated anyone else who would like to help to contact the Town Manager or the Public Works Supervisor. Mrs. Lyle stated there will be two (2) “Music in the Park” events this year, tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2013 and August 17, 2013. Mrs. Lyle stated they would like to have a Gospel Fest this year but will talk with the area churches before set a date.

Police Activity Report:

Sgt. Britton stated Council has a copy of his January activity report in their packet. Sgt. Britton stated the police car had a hairline fracture in the water pump and has been repaired. Sgt. Britton stated he has been parking the police car at different businesses on Rt. 130 to curtail speeding. Sgt. Britton stated he has been driving the Explorer and it is at the Town Manager’s disposal any time he needs it. Sgt. Britton stated he has scheduled a tentative meeting of March 3, 2013 at the rescue squad building for a re-establishment of the Community Watch. Sgt. Britton stated he does not want council members on it, only town citizens, as this will be their program. Councilor Ruby Clark asked about the mileage listed in the January activity report. Sgt. Britton stated this was for both vehicles. Sgt. Britton stated he wrote 15 tickets in two (2) days on Anderson Street outside of Mohawk. Sgt. Britton stated he has been working with the Rockbridge County Sheriff Department the last three (3) days and has four (4) warrants for arrest for one (1) individual and three (3) for another individual. Citizen Boyd Walker stated he lives at 926 Fitzlee Street and there is speeding at the corner of 10th Street and Fitzlee Street. Mr. Walker stated this is a deaf area. Mr. Walker asked if Sgt. Britton had a copy of his summons available. Sgt. Britton stated no by law, as these have personal information on them. Town Manager Parker stated he would like to commend Sgt. Britton, in conjunction with the Rockbridge County Sheriff Department, for curtailing a B&E (breaking and entering).

Old Business:

- A. Abandoned Houses – Town Attorney Tom Simons stated the previous Town Manager had sent letters to the owners of the last two (2) houses on the list, 1105 Rockbridge Road (William Walker) and 605 Shawnee Street (William Camper). Mr. Simons stated there was no action after this. Mr. Simons stated both houses are beyond repair and would suggest, because the letters sent were now over one (1) year old, resending the letters. Mr. Simons stated he would rewrite the letters and change the language and send out again, giving the owners the right to have a public hearing, and go through the process again. Council agreed.

- B. Grates on Culverts – Town Manager Parker stated he had spoken to Ricky Sprinkler from Norfolk and Southern and they will not remove the grates but have given the Town permission to clean them when needed. Councilor Roger Funkhouser stated he wanted before and after pictures taken of the grates.
- C. Light at CSX Property at River – Town Manager Parker stated the light has been put up.
- D. Light at Ball Field – Town Manager Parker stated Dominion’s volunteer crew put the new pole up several weeks ago. Mr. Parker stated Dave Brooks Electric will be putting the lights on the pole and the breaker box on the outside wall of the concession stand next week.
- E. Planning and Zoning Appointments – Town Manager Parker stated Billy Davis and Jeremy Kilgore accepted their appointments to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board respectively.
- F. Town Shop – Town Manager Parker stated Council has a list in their packet of repairs that need to be done to the Town Shop. Council agreed to go ahead with the repairs.
- G. Business at Old Chevron Station – Town Manager Parker stated David & Penny Dudley of Natural Bridge Station bought a business license for Virginia Environmental and Industrial Services, Inc. and opened a water account. Mr. Parker stated Jerry Jennings is the owner of the building. Mr. Parker stated he had spoken with Robert Foresman, Rockbridge County Emergency Management Coordinator, and Mr. Foresman stated he is researching the business to see if they are meeting state and federal guidelines and will notify Mr. Parker when he gets the information.
- H. Canoe Launch Agreement – Town Manager Parker stated the agreement has been finalized with changes made by Glasgow Town Council. Mr. Parker stated he got the draft of the canoe site from Mr. Orrison today. Mr. Parker stated Mr. Orrison still has to do the US Army Corps of Engineer permit and the boundry lines, and this should be finished in two (2) weeks. Mr. Parker stated the final plat and Corps permit will be submitted in two (2) weeks. Mr. Parker stated Mr. Orrison has donated his time doing this for the Town of Glasgow.
- I. Water System Improvement Project – Town Manager Parker stated Town Council approved the hiring of Hurt & Proffitt as the engineers for this project at the workshop on January 29, 2013. Mr. Parker stated he is mailing the packet to Richmond tomorrow for the procurement process. Mr. Parker stated the same thing will have to be done for the bond counsel.
- J. Possible Claim with VML – Town Manager Parker stated he had contacted VML and told them there may be a claim from a Glasgow resident, Robin Brown of 1016 10th Street, for sewer back-up in her home.
- K. Flags for Blue Ridge Road and the Park – Town Manager Parker stated the Parks and Recreation Committee had voted to buy flags. Mr. Parker stated he would work with Councilor Ruby Clark and Mrs. Roberta Lyle to purchase new flags. Mr. Parker stated the Town will take over the purchase of flags.

New Business:

Town Manager Parker stated Council has a list of on-going projects and initiatives for 2013 they discussed in the January workshop.

1. Water System Improvement Project
2. Canoe Launch – Glasgow Landing – received a grant from DGIF
3. Abandoned Houses/Beautification
4. Abandoned Vehicles – Sgt. Britton is beginning soon
5. Stormwater /Runoff Study at Sallings Mtn. – update from 1996 – write RFP – have also requested Rockbridge County to contribute
6. Complete the update to the 2006 Comprehensive Plan by 12/31/2013
7. Sidewalk/streetlight project – VDOT enhancement – grant for Blue Ridge Road

Other:

1. Councilor Monica Dock stated she would like Council to revisit the noise ordinance so Sgt. Britton can enforce. Mrs. Dock stated there is an Ordinance Committee and they should meet soon. Sgt. Britton stated he already has the wording.
2. Town Manager Parker stated he has given Council a copy of a letter of resignation from Councilor Caleb Keckler he received by email today. Mr. Parker stated it is up to Council and the Town Attorney to decide how to proceed. Town Attorney Simons stated Council can appoint someone to finish his term or have a special election. Mr. Simons stated in the past, Council has appointed someone to finish the term. Council agreed to bring names to the March 12, 2013 Council meeting and vote. Councilor Roger Funkhouser stated he would like to advertise and have the person fill out an application with their qualifications or come to the March meeting stating they are interested. Councilor Mike Turner stated Council needs to make sure that those who ran for Council last year and did not win know the seat is available. Town Manager Parker stated he will work with Town Attorney Simons to get an ad in the paper and an application made and also post on the website. Mr. Parker stated this will be on the March agenda.
3. Councilor Ruby Clark asked why the roads on 15th & Anderson Street and 15th & Fitzlee Street are not paved and why the potholes have not been filled in. Councilor Roger Funkhouser stated the Town applied to VDOT to take over these roads. Citizen Judy Loughhead stated the past Town Manager had told her the paving for these roads had been approved by VDOT. Town Manager Paul Parker stated he will find out who to contact with VDOT and have an answer at the March meeting.
4. Councilor Ruby Clark stated a double wide had been put in on 7th & Anderson Street. Town Manager Parker stated this is the residence of Henry Smith. Town Manager Parker stated Mr. Smith had a building permit and the double wide was placed at the back of his property and the current residence will be torn down.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Mayor

Clerk

