

TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING ~ MINUTES ~

David Leake, Mayor http://www.townofhaymarket.org/ 15000 Washington St Haymarket, VA 20169

Monday, June 18, 2012

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

A Special Meeting of the Mayor & Council of the Town of Haymarket, VA, was held this evening in the Board Room, Commencing at 7:00 PM

Mayor Pamela Stutz called the meeting to order.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Mayor Pamela Stutz: Present, Vice Mayor John Cole: Present, Council Member/Liaison to the Treasurer Jay Tobias: Present, Council Member/Liaison to Planning Commission Robert Weir: Present, Council Member Milt Kenworthy: Present, Council Member/Liaison to ARB Mary Scarbrough: Present, Council Member David Leake: Present.

3. Citizen's Time

Chuck Carnahan - 6654 Hunting Path Road

He said a couple of things that need to be addressed. First is the rehiring of Mr. Bennett, he does appreciate the responses from Scarbrough & Cole regarding the action that was taken on the open Town Attorney position. He [John Bennett] may well be the best guy for the job, but he quit. He doesn't understand what the severance pay does. He would like someone to answer how this serves the interest of the Town. Mr. Leake commented that John Bennett is a seasoned professional. It begs the question that if he is a professional why he quit without proper notice. He challenges any Council Member to put forth a motion that if Mr. Bennett guits again that he repay the town six months.

Second, Budget: Town owned properties. It appears by the budget. He feels the Fiscal Year 2013 budget is a plan to fail. There is no money budgeted for Capital Improvement on any Town owned property. This budget reflects a net loss proposed of \$80,674+ on Town owned property. He does realize that part of the savings not factored in is the use of the Town Hall building and the Police Department. There are some expenses included that are not true building operating expenses. There are also a lot of things that Mr. Carnahan has not calculated in like snow removal, wages attributable to the properties, etc, yet we are still operating at a net loss. He chaired a committee in 2009 with regard to the Town Property. Goal was to formulate a vision for this property. The recommendation from the committee was to operate the Town property as a for profit business. Clearly we aren't planning to do that. The first recommendation was to address the flooding of the Town Hall building. That has yet to be addressed. Have we failed to plan or planned to fail.

Hope Carnahan - 6654 Hunting Path Road

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I stand before you this evening for the first time as a citizen concerned about two specific issues.

First is the public appearance of the Town in the media. We may once have been known as the "little town that fought off "Mickey Mouse". Now, however, We are being presented as Prince William County's own Town of Clowns. Comparable to a reality show with members of the Council only out to one up and stomp on their fellow Council members. I am here to ask that the incoming Council members please put a stop to this action. You are not 3 years old in a sandbox elected to throw sand at one another and yank toys away just to become what you perceive to be King of the Mountain. I, as a citizen, expect you to behave as the adults you are. As elected officials I expect and ask you each to work together to make decisions that are for the good of the Town and its residents. You were not elected to carry out personal agendas and if that is your plan resign now and allow someone that can and will do the job, take your place.

Secondly, I recently became aware of a group of citizens that is taking aim at our Chief of Police, Jim Roop. It is my opinion that Chief Roop is well liked in our neighborhood. He often stops to chat with residents and more importantly our children. He encourages them to follow all safety laws when riding bikes, skateboards and such. He has encouraged his officers to do the same and therefore you will often see residents and children waving at all of them and even yelling out to them. To the group of citizens taking aim at our Chief of Police all I can say is don't mess with my Chief. He is doing his job and represents the Town of Haymarket in a positive manner which is more than I can say for the Council and I stand in front of at this time.

4. Agenda Items

A. Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

Mayor reminds that the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2013 proposed budget was held on June 4, 2012.

Tobias: There is one suggested change. Page 3 of 6, we have budgeted \$3,000 for discretionary funds; the recommendation is to strike that and add it to the general reserve. General Reserve can be used for anything. That would change the General Reserves From \$67,069 to \$70,069. Councilman Leake recommends that we just rename it. Mayor reminds all that the discretionary funds are typically used for funerals and new businesses. Weir comments that the issue is one of transparency.

Motion passes with the one change noted above.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Tobias, Council Member/Liaison to the Treasurer

SECONDER: David Leake, Council Member

AYES: Cole. Tobias. Weir, Kenworthy, Scarbrough, Leake

B. Zoning Permits

Marchant Schneider - This request is to accommodate certain deadlines that the auto dealers have with the Commonwealth Dealer Board.

This is to relocate 3 of the auto dealers

Cole moves to approve the zoning permit #20120302 for auto dealer use at the following addresses in accordance with Town Code Section 58-381 (a) S&W Auto Sales at 15001 Washington Street, #1; Arlington Imports at 15001 Washington Street, #4; and A&A Auto Imports at 15017 Washington Street, #2, Scarbrough seconds; Discussion: Weir recommends that the motion include "and the accompanying DMV zoning form". Motion amended as such.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: John Cole, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Mary-Lou Scarbrough, Council Member Liaison to ARB

AYES: Cole, Tobias, Weir, Kenworthy, Scarbrough, Leake

5. ARB Appointment Extension

Pam Swinford, Chair of the Architectural Review Board, has a term that ended on June 17, 2012. It is being requested this evening for the Town Council to extend her term through June 30, 2012 so that she can participate in the June 20 ARB meeting.

Motion to extend the term of Architectural Review Board Member, Pam Swinford, to June 30, 2012

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RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: David Leake, Council Member

SECONDER: John Cole, Vice Mayor

AYES: Cole. Tobias, Weir, Kenworthy, Scarbrough, Leake

6. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: John Cole. Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Mary-Lou Scarbrough, Council Member Liaison to ARB

AYES: Cole, Tobias, Weir, Kenworthy, Scarbrough, Leake

Submitted:

Jennifer Preli Town Clerk

Approved:

Pamela E. Stutz, Mayor