

Town of Haymarket
15000 Washington Street, #100~Haymarket, Virginia 20169
Monday, June 7, 2010
Mayor Pamela E. Stutz

Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Edwards, Leake, Cole, Stutz, Scarbrough, Kenworthy, Weir

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1st Hearing is on the FY 2011 Proposed Budget

Mayor invites anyone in favor of the proposed FY 2011 Budget to come forward and speak.

Gene Swearingen-Town Manager-FY2011 Budget Presentation

The Town Manager thanks the Town Council and the staff for this budget. "Haymarket is in great financial condition. This budget reflects a limited burden on the tax payers. No tax rate increase is proposed. There are projections of \$360,000 for the meal's tax. 1/3 of our budget revenue comes from outside the Town in the meal's tax and cigarette tax." Residents get local police protection, garbage removal, care of property that is owned by the Town, mowing, and at a burden of approximately \$48/month per household. In addition, the Town provides Haymarket Day; a summer concert series; but most importantly a small beautiful town that maintains its small values."

2nd Call

Linda Landwehr-Fayette Street

She feels as the Town Manager, council has done a good job keeping the Town in the black. However, she doesn't recall any discussion of the priorities for the coming fiscal year; she only saw it published in the newsletter. She does not feel the priorities listed in the newsletter are agreeable. The Town Center Property has a repair budget of \$100,000 and an annual debt service of \$100,000, there is no money going toward a reserve for when this property is sold or the Town Hall section is rented, there has to be a plan. She feels this is short sighted of the council.

3rd Call

Mayor invites anyone who is opposed to the FY 2010 Budget to speak

1st Call

Maria Turner

She works for Fairfax County; there are no salary increases and no Cost of Living increases proposed for FY2011 and they pay a portion of their health insurance. "No thru-truck" restriction is not being enforced on Fayette. She wants to know why we aren't lowering the property taxes in the Town. When property values go up we probably won't lower the rate then.

2nd Call

3rd Call

Mayor closes the public hearing.

2nd Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Amendments

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In Favor

1st Call

Jay Tobias

He asks about a difference in Police Public Safety revenue? On salaries, it looks like everyone in Town is in line from the comparison date. He suggests a handicap sign out front to make the parking space enforceable by police.

2nd Call

3rd Call

Opposed

1st Call

2nd Call

3rd Call

Mayor closes the public hearing

Citizen's Time

- Linda Landwehr – Fayette Street
Personnel Manual, she suggests if you have min med and max salaries and you want to establish merit, she suggests levels; provide a career path.
- David Brooks
Aren't the Towns larger in the comparisons; how were the differences accommodated. He feels this is apples and oranges.
- Maria Turner – Fayette Street
Is the Town renting this space, should more aggressively rent the space and move the food pantry somewhere else.
- Louise Johnson-Dogwood Park
She feels fortunate to live behind the PD. She hears sirens, vacuum cleaners, see flood lights in the middle of the night, etc...now she hears there may be a trailer behind her house.
- Jay Tobias – Rising Sun Lane
It appears the Town Council powers are going to be given to the Town Manager, ie spend money, give pay raises. Everything he reads gives the Town Manager the power for salary increases. Comp Time, there is no cap on comp time. He recommends a limitation on compensatory time. Each employee can only carry 160 hours; Chief and Town Manager can carry 200 but do they get paid? Trailer discussion, the offices did fine for years right here, now the Town Hall offices sit empty Monday through Friday; the minimum and mid-range compensatory plan the Town's mentioned are not comparable to us, he doesn't think this is a fair comparison.

Edwards motions to approve the minutes of May 5, 2010, Cole seconds;

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

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For the record: The Mayor steps down from her post. The next agenda item is for Saint Paul's Special Use Permit Application and she is employed by the applicant.

6735 Fayette Street Special Use Permit – Saint Paul's Church

Edwards moves to approve to Special Use Permit for 6735 Fayette Street for a temporary classroom trailer under the following condition, Scarbrough seconds;

**Discussion: Weir does not buy into the traffic plan, he thinks it will create a problem, he can't support it
List Conditions**

Roll Call: Edwards-Yes, Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Scarbrough-Yes, Kenworthy-Yes, Weir-No

Police Report

He's happy to be here; his daughter is in full remission; Weir would like an explanation why a cruiser is in the garage. Town Manager asks to explain. We are over budget; that puts the cruiser out of service until July. To him it seemed a fair way to do it. He is looking at a budget amendment tonight; he is looking at the bottom line at the PD as a whole. It doesn't take an officer off the street. He's preached for months niceties vs. necessities. He views the vehicles as necessities. He reads the budget amendment. The Manager is the gatekeeper

Building Official Report

- Winterham 15101 Washington Street-The last council meeting you asked staff to proceed with calling the Bond. The letter was sent. Last Thursday we received a letter from the property owner requesting an additional 6 months to complete the punch out items in the violation letter. Mayor understands the financial state of the economy, but still feels he should install the 2 lights. Clerk refers to site plan and confirms there are 3 lights to be placed on Washington Street in front of the property.

Weir moves to defer the calling of the Winterham bond (15101 Washington Street) to July 12, 2010 meeting and instruct the Town Manager to negotiate with the property owner and come back with Mr. Bloom's position, Kenworthy seconds;

Edwards-Yes, Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Scarbrough-Yes, Kenworthy-Yes, Weir-Yes

Treasurer

Per council's request, he has been looking at the structure of our funding. The Town has close to \$900,000 in street-scape funds in an account at BB&T. He turns the meeting over to Ellen Winston with Fauquier Bank.

- **Ellen Winston-The Fauquier Bank**
There are no fees at Fauquier Bank and all deposits are collateralized. Fauquier has sweep accounts, whereby each evening at close of business funds are swept. The annual percentage rate is .75. There is no adjustment on the account, the rate is a "bank set rate", the rate has not changed in at least 1 year, and however, it could change at any time. They are not inclined to lower that. There is a target balance. You can sweep any amount. He would like a feed back on what the council would like to do. Mayor suggests that we provide the Town Council in writing.

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Business Licenses

Weir motions to approve the business license applications for Commonwealth Construction Services, Belfor Property Restorations, & Rivera & Ferrufino, all as out-of-town contractors, Scarbrough seconds;

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Personnel Policy Manual

Full time should remain at 40 hours per week; page 7 ; should reflect "except those persons or positions expressly identified in the Charter." Add that the Chief and the Town Manager can get paid for only up to 200 hours.

Weir

Would like to see the employee manual on the July agenda
**Clerk to place on July agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Cole moves to approve the proposed budget amendments as attached,
Edwards-Yes, Leake-Yes, Cole-Yes, Scarbrough-Yes, Kenworthy-Yes, Weir-No

Weir moves to defer the matter of the VML Pool Merger to June 22, Edwards seconds;

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Mayor

Food pantry is looking for a home, they are grateful and feeding lots of families. On June 19, please place out 2 cans of food.

Weir

Lowery should not forget to contact Rebecca
Silver Lake clean up this weekend
Stirrup here on Wednesday @ 7:30

Weir motions to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of June 7, 2010 at 9:45 p.m., Scarbrough seconds;

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Jennifer Preli, Town Clerk

Pamela E. Stutz, Mayor