Minutes Public Hearing & Town Council Meeting June 19, 2003 Continued from June 2, 2003

7:00pm

Absent

John R. Kapp, Mayor James T. Shepard, Vice Mayor Councilman David Taylor Councilman Robert Miller Councilwoman Lynda Farr Councilwoman Sheila Jarboe

Public Hearing called to order at 6:34 pm regarding the 2004 Budget

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX ASSESSMENT INCREASE

Pam Stutz asks if council would consider adopting effective rate.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

Councilman Miller comments on basis of Budget preparation.

Pam Stutz comments on Gross Receipts not being enough due to amount of sales tax received from PWC. Nancy Bailey asks if salary increases are provided for in budget.

Dottie Leonard speaks against getting an additional police officer.

Public Hearing closed.

Continuation meeting called to Order Christina Daves presents color pictures of directional sign

Peter Dunning speaks on behalf of Bluemont Concert Series, hoping for funding in our FY 04 Budget.

Jarboe motions to enter into executive session pursuant to 2.2-3711, seconded...

Nays: 0 Yeas: 4

Certification of Executive Session

Roll Call: Farr, Miller, Kapp, Jarboe, Taylor

Taylor motions to retain John C. Bennett as Town Attorney pursuant to the terms of his letter dated June 18, 2003, effective immediately, his term to run through June 30, 2003, seconded...

0 Nays: Yeas: 4 Motion carries

Taylor motions to hire Dianne Nguyen-Le at a rate of \$13/hr through December 31, 2003 to be review again in January 2004, seconded...

Nays: 0 Yeas: Motion Carries

CITIZEN'S TIME

None

Taylor motions to enter into executive session pursuant to 2.2-3711 for personnel reasons.

Certification of Executive session Roll Call: Farr, Miller, Kapp, Jarboe, Taylor

Motion to adjourn and continue to June 26, 2003 @ 6:30pm, seconded

Jennifer Preli, Town Clerk

Approved:

David P. Taylor, Mayor

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TOWN OF HAYMARKET, VA Chartered in 1799 County of Prince William

TOWN COUNCIL CONTINUATION MEETING June 19, 2003

MAYOR John R. Kapp COUNCIL
James Shepard, Vice Mayor
David Taylor-PD Liaison
Shelia Jarboe
Robert Miller-ARB Liaison
Lynda Farr

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor opens public hearing regarding Tax Assessment Increase at 6:34 pm.

Pam Stutz asks if council may lower the actual tax rate to offset the assessments. She restates that council does not have to raise the taxes, but rather they can adopt the "effective rate". Wonders if council has considered that. Mayor states that no council members have expressed that interest to him. Mayor states that he thinks the .084 is a little low, Stutz agrees. Clerk states attorney did review that figure. Mayor calculates and agrees figure is accurate.

7:00pm Mayor opens public hearing on the 2004 Budget.

For: None

Against:

Pam Stutz feels town should consider off-setting the tax assessment increase. She feels the total picture is inaccurate. Mayor interrupts and gives floor to Bob Miller as promised...

Bob Miller comments on past year budget regarding a positive flow. Commends Mayor on financial control of town. Comments on new officer and increased benefits for employees. Stutz asks if she may comment more. She has had issues with the figures for the budget for several years now. Feels gross receipts are very far off. We should be getting much more, and feels that the tax-payers taxes should not go up, that we should be going after businesses. She is willing to assist in the collection process. She refers to the amount we are receiving in sales tax, figures don't add up, looking at sales tax receipts, we should be bringing in over \$175,000 in gross receipts tax. Stutz suggests that council consider hiring a company to do the collection. Most of the companies do this on a percentage basis.

Nancy Bailey comments on salaries. Asks are we hiring a police officer? Mayor states that raises are included in budget. Bailey comments that her questions haven't been answered.

Dottie Leonard comments that we do not need another full-time police officer. Taylor states that we have big issues regarding speeding through town. He says that is specifically what a new officer is for. Taylor states that fines don't have anything to do with it. Just based on complaints from residents. Leonard states we should spread out the hours of the current officers.

Public Hearing Closed.

Council Meeting Opened....

Christina Daves regarding off-premise signs. She provides a color version. Farr asks where the grassy knoll is located. Ms. Daves shows on plat. Farr asks about sign for store, Daves shows sign will be on corner. Mayor states this must go before ARB. Mayor sends to ARB and instructs Daves to fill out sign permit application.

Mayor says we cannot vote on Bluemont this week, but we can discuss plans for the summer vote. Peter Dunning presents the flyer for Bluemont Summer 2003. Flyer goes to all postal patrons in surrounding areas. Dunning speaks of performers planned. Mayor reminds that this weekend's concert is the last one for last years' budget. Jarboe says she heard radio advertisement for the Fredericksburg concert. Jarboe requests that all cell phones be turned off and all pagers.

Taylor discusses possible meeting time changed for Town Council. States this is an ordinance change and we need to hold a public hearing. We'll have to vote on that in July in order to comply with public hearing and notice for them.

Taylor motions and reads to enter into executive session. See attached...

To discuss retaining a Town Attorney and Building Inspection/Building Inspectors Office.

Jarboe Seconds

Motion Carries 5/0

Jarboe motions and read to re-enter into council meeting. See attached.....

Roll Call: Jarboe, Farr, Taylor, Miller, Shepard, Kapp

Taylor motions to retain John C. Bennett as Haymarket Town Attorney pursuent to his letter, effective immediately and to run through June 30, 2004.

Jarboe Seconds

Motion Carries 5/0

Jarboe wants discussion over fireworks issue. Jarboe has issues with some kids on Jefferson Street who set off fireworks. We follow the county's rules and are only legal on July 4.

Mayor Kapp discusses the permanent hiring of Dianne to continue past the time of insurance paying for her. Clerk discusses State Records Management Program. Would like to implement for Town. Clerk is asking for Dianne as a part-time employee. Jarboe asks if this would be permanent, Mayor states probably just for the year. Clerk states she would be used as clerical, general office and records management.

Taylor motions to hire Dianne for 20 hours per week through this fiscal year, to be assessed in December. Jarboe discusses urgency of minutes being up to date. Mayor assures all will be to date by July 7, 2003. Taylor motions to enter into executive session to discuss Building Official Department.

Meeting adjourned, continuation set for June 26, 2003 @ 6:30pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Jenniker Preji, Town Clerk

James T. Shepard, Acting Mayor