

TOWN OF HAYMARKET, VIRGINIA
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County of Prince William

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 10, 1997

MAYOR

John R. Kapp

TOWN CLERK

Jeannie Heflin

COUNCIL

James Shepard, Vice Mayor (absent)

Mary Lou Scarbrough

Dottie Leonard

Bob Seffinga

Mark Branca

Richard Bird

Mayor Kapp brought the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with all members present with the exception of Vice Mayor Shepard.

Guests: Carolyn Hopkins, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee
Marie Glascock and Sherry Hadley from Marshall

Bicentennial

Mrs. Glascock and Mrs. Hadley shared with the Council what they did in preparation of their bicentennial which is 1997. She discovered the founder of Marshall was buried in Capon Bridge, West Virginia. She gathered a committee and arranged a wreath laying ceremony at the grave site and made a video tape of the ceremony.

They had a bicentennial theme for their annual Christmas parade. She spoke with John Gott (who is the author of many historic books, including ones on Marshall) about having a skit about the founding of the town. The skit was based on a book by Mr. Gott and Mrs. Hadley wrote the documentary using slides, pictures, etc. The committee organized a dinner theater held at the Ruritan building. They had old timers talk about their remembrances, a professional taped the two hour long performance for them. They had minimal scenery. A local girl catered the dinner. They charged \$20 per head. They had appetizers, main course and dessert. They did not allow alcohol or smoking.

In February they had an "I Love Marshall" day at the schools. The sixth and seventh graders got involved. They had to pick a theme and do a presentation on it. They had five categories and gave prizes. They gave a pizza party to the winning class.

In March they are having a Spring Fling - kite flying and decorated bikes at the schools.

April is the blessing of the animals.

In the end of May they are having a ceremony for Lt. Presley O'Bannon at the graveyard. They are conducting a walking tour of his old home place, there is still the chimney of the old house standing. On the 31st they are having a roadside market with dedication by the Marine Band. A heritage parade at 10 a.m. and a farm machinery exhibit, musicians, dance calling, old dances with period costumes. The finale will be a Civil War Ball with dance cards at the Ruritans building.

In June the fireman's parade with carnival. July 4th they have the 4-H fair nearby. There will be a heritage day fund raiser at the IGA with food, country music and dancing. August - there is nothing planned at this point. September is Little Miss, in period dress, contest. October there is a school reunion. October will be a hymn sing. The Norfolk Southern will bring a railroad car and set it on the track. They will have carriages and both the high school bands and the Marine band will be present. Also food vendors - they are trying to use local people.

Budget

Income - gross receipts tax at \$20,000

Land Disturbing fee at \$3500.

Councilman Branca states the Planning Commission is re-doing the fee schedule and expects to look at in mid April.

Floor replacement - Alan said his people will do the work but the town will have to pay the hourly wages. Richard Bird states the stones have been removed on the back wall of the building and it would be easier to access that area than the side crawl space.

Mayor Kapp to get Gary Eddy, the building official, to write an RFP. Mayor Kapp will get it out to those who have submitted a bid.

Trash - \$30,000 - based on 250 house to be counted on the 10th of the month, monthly.

Councilwoman Leonard brought up the Mayor, Councilman Seffinga and Councilman Branca have put in so many hours they are not recognized for. She would like the Council to look into compensation. She states Councilman Branca has saved the town lots of money with his expertise. Councilwoman Leonard would like to increase the Mayor's monthly fee to \$200 and would like Councilman Branca to be paid as a consultant at \$30.00 per hour for ten hours a month = \$3600.

Police Department

Officer Roop presented Council with information on a canine that detects narcotics. He states the town can buy a certified dog from Germany for \$8,000 already trained and guaranteed to pass the canine school. Or, put a dog through a 16 week training program in Fairfax certified for drug and patrol work - Jim would have to go with the dog for the 16 weeks. Or, Jim wants to get a dog donated, ½ Shepard, ½ rottweiler, 1 year old. Jim can teach the dog 99.9% of the stuff he needs to know to be certified - training free through Manassas and Fairfax. A green dog would take 3-8 weeks at four hours a day, if already trained less than 3 weeks for hours a day. For patrol send away for tracking, search and rescue at \$200 a week for two weeks, estimated \$2000 to get started for kennel, drugs for training, towels, vet bills, food, patrol car set up. He did not figure in bite sleeves.

Budget - Capitol Improvements

\$25,923 difference (under budget income)

\$5,000 toward Town Hall

Street Lights - are we going to go with double lights on the corners? Councilman Seffinga thinks we should do the double light on the corners.

Art Woods, BDE, asked about brick street crossing. He was told yes we want them. The final plans were to be ready Tuesday.

Need plans to ARB for placement of enhancements plus choosing the types of brick and style. ARB should have plans Wednesday for meeting.

Councilman Branca saw a green acorn lamp somewhere and he didn't like them. They were light green. Mayor Kapp said to look at the ones at Lake Manassas, they are dark green and those are the ones the Mayor is interested in.

Mayor Kapp asked whether the lamps would be one arm or two arm. On the corners we want two arm perpendicular to the street.

Councilman Branca says we need to specify out everything over the next thirty days. BDE has M.C. Dean specifications on the lanterns, lumens. We need to spec the tree spacing, styles of planters, etc.

Each set of plans we ask for we pay for, need two sets, plus two extra plan view sheets of Phase I blocks.

Mayor Kapp has a meeting with Mike Lubely of H/P. They gave the Mayor a copy of their landscape for the gas station, 1.3 acre lot, for the ARB meeting.

Employee Handbook

Changes were made to the employee handbook which are to be typed and distributed to the Police Department and the Town attorney for review for the April meeting.

Capital Improvement Plan


Councilman Seffinga states the property status in the cul de sac on Madison Street is in terrible condition.

Councilwoman Leonard says if we paved it the state will take it over. Mayor Kapp does not think that is correct. Mayor Kapp will ask Billy Beavers about it. 100' radius is required for a cul de sac and that cul de sac does not meet that requirement.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Jeannie Heflin, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John R. Kapp, Mayor

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