

TOWN OF HAYMARKET, VIRGINIA 22069
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HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 9, 1995

MAYOR

John Kapp

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Bean
Nancy Bailey
Ron Hancock
Debbie Johnson
Terri Freeborn
James Shepard

The January 9, 1995 meeting of the Haymarket Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Kapp. Mayor Kapp led the council in prayer and the pledge to the American flag. Councilman Hancock motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December, 1994 meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Bean. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Tatum reported December, 1994 was a busy month for the Police Dept. with 38 traffic summons and three parking tickets. There was a rise in domestic disputes which is normal for the holiday season. Sgt. Tatum was glad to report there were no injuries.

Sgt. Tatum reported that the Police Dept. is on target with the budget for the first six months of the fiscal year. The revisions to the general orders are completed and Mrs. Heflin has agreed to assist in finalizing, on an hourly basis, from Police Dept. funds.

The Police Dept. received a donation from a town business with a note of gratitude and appreciation for their services. Police Dept. has ordered new coats which were preapproved and funded. The new phone number was announced for the Police Dept.

Sgt. Tatum is bringing to close the arrangement with his son, Brian. The initial ammunition for qualifying, 120 rounds, was lent by Prince William Co., Bill Hunt, and has been repaid. All equipment, including one pair of pants, was returned to inventory, with exception, Brian still carries the I.D. and badge since he is listed as part time. PWC Criminal Justice Academy in Nokesville has just opened.

Mr. Bear stated two vehicles (one white and one red) were

speeding down Madison Street Sunday.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers report was summarized and accepted. Councilman Hancock motioned to approve unpaid bills, seconded by Vice Mayor Bean. With no discussion the motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BUSINESS LICENSE

Vista Auto Traders, formerly T & K Auto Sales, approved by council in August 94 was delayed due to name and location change to 6707 Jefferson St. #6. Councilwoman Bailey moved to approve name change and location change, seconded by Councilman Hancock. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Maygoun Auto Sales (formerly Crown Auto Sales) 6707 Jefferson St. #2 motion for approval by Vice Mayor Bean, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey, with no discussion motion carried by a unanimous vote. Motion by Councilwoman Bailey to renew sign permit, seconded by Councilman Shepard, with no discussion motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SIGN PERMIT

Mullins Auto Care, Inc. - Vice Mayor Bean moved to send the application on to the planning commission, seconded by Councilwoman Freeborn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Councilman Hancock asked if there would be a problem with multi signs at that location (Century Stair, Volvo shop, 84 Lumber).

REZONING

J & R Auto Repair - August 1994 rezoning came before Council to rezone residential to business (R-1 to B-1). There has been a name change since then to Lansdowne Auto Repair at 14850 Jordan Lane. Mr. Lansdowne stated his partner lives on the premises, there are no employees (just the two partners) and it is the same building formerly occupied by James Puckett as an auto garage who vacated less than one year prior to opening of Lansdowne Auto Repair. Council turned the matter over to Mr. Davenport, town attorney, to check grandfather clause. Mr. Davenport will report back to the Town Clerk by noon Thursday with his findings. Councilwoman Freeborn motioned that the business license be granted based on Mr. Davenports favorable findings, seconded by Vice Mayor Bean. With no further discussion motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL USE

Rezoning John & Jeannette Rohrbaugh Parcel 19 & 20, approx. 8 acres, south east end of town across from Blight Drive. Request to rezone R-1 to B-1. Mr. Rohrbaugh stated all adjoining property owners were notified. Mayor called a joint public hearing to be advertised 6-21 days prior to February 6th, 1995. Joint Town Council and Planning Commission hearing 7:00 p.m. February 6, 1995.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan - LDR will start work mid to late January. Will be ready for March, 1995 meeting.

Police Liaison - Vice Mayor Bean moved to do away with the Police Liaison stating everything is going smoothly and he sees no need to continue. Seconded by Councilman Shepard. Discussion led by Councilman Hancock stating that now things are fine and he would like to keep the liaison active, that it is in place if the need arises. Councilwoman Freeborn agreed with Councilman Hancock stating it is an advantage to Police Dept. personnel to have designated council member to approach with any problem. Vice Mayor stated the Police Dept. can approach any member of the council with any problem. Councilwoman Freeborn asked Vice Mayor Bean if he found the liaison position a "bother" to which he stated "no". Mayor Kapp called a roll call vote on motion to disban police liasion; Bean=yes, Bailey=no, Freeborn=no, Hancock=no, Johnson=no, Shepard=yes. With a 4/2 vote the motion failed.

Greenhill Crossing - H/P Site Plans - All approvals are in with the exception of VDOT. John Manganello of H/P requested council send a letter to VDOT requiring a two week turnaround on the second submission for comment (written request submitted by H/P). Councilwoman Freeborn moved to send letter, seconded by Councilman Shepard. With no discussion motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Council reviewed comments from Service Authority Section 8, section 2 was approved 1/9, approval for section 8 due 1/10. Soil & Water Conservation letter of 12/20 discussed with John, of BDE, addresses comments adequately with no objection to approval. Mayor Kapp stated there is an agreement with the county to do the inspections. H/P agreed to recommendations - within county not providing ultimate improvements, they will do in town limits- curb, gutter, paint strip, etc. but not providing raised medians in town. Raised medians were not recommended by Dewberry & Davis (or was this BDE?)- 4' wide paint stripe area would suffice. H/P requested a letter from council to VDOT stating the town does not need or require a raised median strip in town limits. BDE states

raised median would make roadway & curb so much wider that the curb would be up to the building fronts. BDE went with five lane undivided (2 traffic lanes, curbside parking and painted stripes). BDE mentioned VDOT did not require it for the west end of town for Sheetz location and therefore the request is inconsistent. Dottie Leonard stated a raised median would take away the option of a middle road turn lane. Councilwoman Johnson moved council write letter to VDOT stating we do not want a raised median strip in town limits, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. With no further discussion motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VDOT Section 1, 2 & 8 - Section 8 H/P agrees with, Sec. 1, 12/22 letter and list of concerns H/P says have been addressed. A Second plan was submitted to VDOT, VDOT worked on incorrect plans - H/P will work with VDOT & address all plan comments. Resubmissions are due next week. John of BD&E looked at H/P's revised plan and recommended approval during this meeting.

Rohrbaugh Access - H/P submitted alternatives #1 and #2 (alt #1 on east side, #2 on west side of parcel) for rear access to Rohrbaugh commercial center tract. Alternative #2 is not feasible due to the access is through property not owned by Rohrbaugh. Mr. Rohrbaugh stated he did not want to lose the valuable corner that both the proposed accesses utilized. John of BD&E stated there is no difference where the access is located at issue is commercial traffic coming into the residential area. Councilman Hancock states truck traffic will go in one entrance through the center and out the other access. Most centers have an alley access. Rohrbaugh states trucks will go in any entrance. Councilwoman Freeborn states trucks are not meant to go through residential area.

H/P is trying to allow access for neighborhood residents to center rather than make a left turn from Rt. 55 to enter center. H/P stated lot 4 will be redesigned and access would be 30' ingress & egress if Alternative #1 is approved. Councilman Hancock commented mostly UPS trucks will use Alt. #1 access. Councilwoman Johnson moved to approve Alternative #1, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. With no further discussion the motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Rohrbaugh stated this move would force the parcel to be used for residential use. Mayor Kapp suggested building two L shape strips and have the access in the corner.

BOND AGREEMENT

Turner Smith submitted to council recommended bond agreement language. H/P submitted clarification suggestions. Mr.

Davenport studied the H/P revisions and recommended Council approved clarifications. Councilman Hancock moved to approve bond agreement language as amended, as recommended by town attorney, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. With no further discussion, motion carried by a unanimous vote.

H/P will start water line backwards - sewer to be pumped and hauled for models. Sewer plan pending approval to begin by end of January. Water to start in another sixty days. Mayor Kapp meeting with Sloper Wed. Jan. 18. H/P will let Mayor Kapp know who they award the water contract to. Section 2 & 8 site plans not approved. All approvals should be in by February meeting for site plan approval at February meeting.

Audit - tabled to February, Jan Thompson, Thompson & Greenspon will attend February meeting to go over the audit.

Telephone Service - tabled to February.

Water - Nations Bank Va. Loan Pool Program application. Mayor Kapp told them we are interested. Service Authority has water to town in the FY '96 budget. Bill Smith, Lyons, Rohrbaugh have given interest in providing water in front of their property, business men will be requested to pay for 8" line tie in with the county. Mayor Kapp would like to send application to Nations Bank with anticipated figures on 8" line @ \$25.00 per foot. Mayor Kapp and Mrs. Turner are going to Richmond this week to look into the Block Grant again. The Block Grant last time was denied due to high income. Mayor Kapp will try to exclude the townhouses, since they are not a part of the project, which will lower the income level.

FEMA Ordinances - Mayor Kapp to speak to Fred Price. Councilwoman Bailey stated there is nothing in their books pertaining to FEMA.

Signet Bank Account - Mayor Kapp recommended council move some money currently in operating checking account to higher interest Certificate of Deposit. Consensus of the group was affirmative.

Planning Commission - Commissioner Scarbrough stated the business of the last meeting on December 7, 1994 was almost exclusively the recommendations for revision to the ARB sign ordinance. The commission was to review the revisions on their own and bring suggestions to the next meeting January 10, 1995.

Correspondence - Mayor Kapp read January 2, 1995 letter of resignation from Planning Commission from Glenwood Bear. Mayor Kapp accepted the resignation. Councilwoman Bailey conveyed her

appreciation and enjoyment in working with Mr. Bear and welcomed him to join the Planning Commission at any time.

Historical Commission - Chairwoman Turner presented two historic marker plaques for Red House and McCormick House to be installed. Chairwoman Turner stated the commission met on Saturday, January 7 to discuss the caboose and the electrical work needed. She is looking for a generator (the Town Clerk offered the use of hers) and cited estimates for electrical work on caboose at \$3900. from electric company. This figure would include wiring, track lighting, sockets & plugs but does not include outside wire. Vice Mayor Bean suggested the commission advertise for donations from electrical contractors.

Lafayette Day - Chairwoman Turner stated she is awaiting answer on use of the school for Lafayette Day. If the school is not available there will be some celebration somewhere.

Keep Virginia Beautiful - Chairwoman Turner was contacted by Keep Virginia Beautiful and they are encouraging participation the first week of April in a town beautification project. The association will publicize any activities.

ARB - did not meet last month - next meeting January 23, 1995.

Newsletter - Council questioned since it is the first issue of the new year shall we include names of council members, phone numbers, and addresses if members want them published. The Mayor requested an article from each committee, police department, clerks corner by January 23 to be handed in to the town clerk. Adrienne Crafton Masterson to write up a newsletter article with incentives for businesses to participate in the Keep Virginia Beautiful town campaign.

Citizens Time - Mr. Bear asked if the town tags were ordered. (He was told they were here now.) Mr. Bear states the water tower visible from his bedroom window worries him on a moonlit night. It comes to the top of the trees and looks like a UFO. He also stated he spent the holidays in the Shenandoah Valley and enjoyed the picturesque towns he visited but when he drove back into Haymarket he became depressed. Mayor Kapp pointed out we're waiting for the water line to be installed before we start our streetscape projects due to the destruction the water line will make.

Councilwoman Johnson questioned if there is anything the town council can do to make the town look better - she particularly wants to know about the white pole in front of the repair shop

next to the town hall. She cannot ascertain what purpose it has and wants to know if it can be declared a public nuisance and be removed. Vice Mayor Bean stated the pole was for an old sign. Council suggested Mr. Gossom be asked to hang a sign on it or remove it. Vice Mayor Bean stated he would talk with Mr. Gossom about the pole. Councilwoman Johnson also questioned the bear on the front porch of a certain business in town. Also in question the gravel lot instead of grass at that location. Mayor Kapp stated the lot was waived for a development that never happened. Councilwoman Freeborn thought the council should put pressure on owners of "eyesores" in town. Another property needing attention was the Old Rector Funeral Home. The tower at the old firehall was cited as a particular eyesore and possible danger. Members stated the fire dept. claims that the tower is used for a fire hose dryer. Councilwoman Johnson moved to send a letter to the Gainesville District VFD who owns the old firehall and request the tower be removed, and property be brought up to standard. Seconded by Vice Mayor Bean. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Councilwoman Bailey to provide ordinance for citing in the letter to be prepared by Councilwoman Johnson.

Mr. Bear asked that the wooden construction behind the firehall be removed. Mrs. Turner stated she has spoken with the Masonic Lodge people who say they will paint and plant around their building.

Light at end of Jefferson St. - Mary Lou Scarbrough requested the Town Council request a street light be installed near the RR track at the end of Jefferson Street due to people ending up in the ditch because of the dark area. Councilwoman Freeborn moved to request installation from Virginia Power, seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Police Officer will be requested to get the pole number for inclusion in the request to be sent to Jeff Hutchison at the Warrenton Division office of Virginia Power.

BAZO - meeting January 19th Manassas Park. Everyone get their copy back up to Town Hall by January 13. Report on government conference at George Mason for reading - drafts abolishment of gross receipts tax, personal property tax - raising sales tax one or two cents to offset revenue.

Journal Messenger 1994 recap - February 21st issue will recap the 1994 year in Prince William County. The Journal is offering free space equal to paid advertising. The circulation figure is 40,000. Space reservation is due 2/3, copy deadline is 2/10. Ms. Turner suggested the town take a full page (1/2 page paid) with ads surrounding the Haymarket story in the middle. Councilwoman Freeborn offered to work with Ms. Turner, who

suggested they hand carry the letter, from the Journal Messenger, around to the businesses for subscriptions. Councilwoman Freeborn was informed the next Business Association meeting is January 25. They will attend that meeting to remind the business community and tie up the loose ends.

ARB Sign Ordinance Revisions - Turner Smith letter of December 9 passed to planning commission.

ASAP - Dorothy Visana, our representative on Board, sent the annual report available for council use.

Town Hall Sign - one estimate received, awaiting one from Budget Sign.

FAX Machine - Councilwoman Johnson presented Council with a fax machine she purchased from Staples. The cost was \$268.54 which was approved and budgeted. Council approved purchase of a fax stand which would come out of the fund set aside.

Thanks - Councilman Hancock thanked Historical Commission Chairwoman Turner for her much appreciated effort in the decorating of the town for Christmas. He also stated he had received several comments on how nice the wreaths from Metropolitan Plants looked. Also he remarked the flower pots from Metropolitan Plants made a big difference in the town last summer.

Councilwoman Freeborn stated Metropolitan Plants suggested we buy artificial wreaths for the doors and bulletin board and just put new ribbon on them each year. This would be significant savings to the town. Mayor Kapp stated he would like to eventually invest in some nice decorations for the town. He stated he would like to see this included in the next budget process. It was suggested we include a note to the business community in the newsletter that the town will be accepting donations toward these decorations.

Councilwoman Freeborn asked whether anyone polices the illegal signs and banner up in town. Mayor Kapp responded the Police Dept. does that.

Councilwoman Bailey requested reimbursement for \$145 for recent certification and hotel expense for Planning Commission class. She is to bring receipt to town clerk for reimbursement.

Gainesville School - Mayor Kapp has information the Gainesville School is going to have a yearbook offering business card size ads for \$25.00. He thinks we should put something in it as the

school is closing and will be the last issue. Councilwoman Freeborn moved we give our regards to the school, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Steve Bean-yes, Nancy Bailey-yes, Ron Hancock-yes, Debbie Johnson-yes, Terri Freeborn-yes, James Shepard-yes.

Rumor - Mayor Kapp reported rumor that Prince William School Board is considering using the Gainesville School as a bus depot and repair shop. He also stated he knows they are considering the facility as a community center. There will be a meeting in the next week or two. Mayor Kapp questioned town attorney, Mr. Davenport, if the Haymarket township has to approve any use of the building since it is partially in the town limits. Mr. Davenport stated the town zoning prevails and he suggested the town council contact Mr. Kelly, at the school board. We are looking at having a CDA.

Amphitheater - 20,000 car parking lot, stage 209 feet long, open May 1 through October 31 with 100 show season. Rumor has it the first show will be sometime in May, 1995.

Other Business - Councilwoman Bailey asked if there can be a nativity scene inside the town chambers, why can we not have the one in front of the town hall? Attorney Davenport stated Prince William County was required to take theirs down upon complaint. Mayor Kapp said we could put ours up next year and see what happens.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Jeannie Heflin, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



John R. Kapp, Mayor