

The regular meeting of the Haymarket Town Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on May 19, 1980 by Mayor Gilbertson. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge. Mrs. Gilbertson introduced Lois Crewdson as the new councilwoman who would take office July 1, and noted that she was substituting for Town clerk, Nancy Sharman. Town attorney, Turner Smith, advised Council to move to appoint Mrs. Crewdson Secretary Pro Tem. Mr. Crouch moved that she be appointed, and Anne Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. All Council members, except Mr. Gossom, were present. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given, and Mrs. Bean reported that a bill for \$78.88 was presented to her for payment regarding a tune-up for one of the police cars. Being requested to read the itemized account of the bill, Mrs. Ben did so. Mr. Melton moved that Council pay the bill, and Anne Smith seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to pay the bill. Mrs. Bean gave a report on her investigation of the trash pick-up at Gossom's Hardware. Mr. Gossom has dumpsters in addition to containers for regular trash pick-up, and this is the reason for the additional charges.

Mayor Gilbertson asked for committee reports. She asked Mr. Orndoff to check on a street light which was out at the corner of Fayette and Payne streets. Sam Crouch was asked to check on the gravel which the State Highway Department sweeps back onto the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall. Officer Wright reported that the grass was very high on the sidewalk near the corner of Fayette and Jefferson streets. Mrs. Gilbertson asked Mr. Crouch to check on that also. Anne Smith reported that the Health and Safety Committee has been concerned with the hearings in Richmond on the water and sewer funding. Mrs. Gilbertson said that she left the hearings feeling good, and she was proud of those who spoke and attended the meetings. She said that the State Water Control Board assured her that they would try to get Haymarket funded late this year. She said that it would probably be sometime in June before she gets the final word.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the court records and the Town Council's authority for collecting fines and parking tickets, due to the death of Judge Stickley. Council gratefully received advice from Mr. Pete Stekette of Prince William District Court and the Town attorney, Turner Smith in these matters. The town is responsible for collecting fines until July 1, 1980. After that time, all fines will be paid to Prince William District Court. Officer Wright reported that the last fines were paid on May 13, 1980. Mr. Stekette suggested that the Council send letters to all those persons who have outstanding tickets. Mr. Smith said that the town needs to set up a system for collection of fines and money for parking tickets and let people know when and where they can pay. Mr. Smith cited an act from the Town Charter dated March 20, 1972 which states that the money collected from fines belongs to the town. He suggested that the Treasurer go to the bank and transfer the authority for handling the money that was formerly Judge Stickley's responsibility.

Upon recommendation of the Town attorney, Mrs. Bean moved that the town officers, the clerk of the Town Municipal Court and any other persons having records or funds relating to, or resulting from, actions of the Town Court or summons issued by the town officers be directed to deliver all such records and funds to the Town Mayor on or before the 21st day of May 1980 for review and audit. Mr. Orndoff seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Since Town Council must find and approve an auditor, Mayor Gilbertson asked Anne Smith to see Mr. Hamlette at the bank about finding an auditor for the town records.

Mrs. Gilbertson called a special meeting of Town Council for June 2, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to work on the budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved

Lois P. Crewdson

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Secretary, Pro Tem

Muriel Gilbertson

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Mayor