

TOWN OF SCOTTSVILLE

Town Council

Working Session

Monday, January 8, 2007

Victory Hall

401 Valley Street

Scottsville, Virginia

Mayor

R. Stephen Phipps

Town Council

Nancy E. Gill

James P. Hogan

Jeannette E. Kerlin

Robert E. O'Halloran

John R. Snoddy

Craig N. Stratton

MINUTES

Mayor Phipps called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Ms. Gill, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Kerlin, and Mr. Snoddy; Mr. O'Halloran and Mr. Stratton were absent. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Clark Draper and Town Attorney James Bowling. The items discussed were as follows:

Presentation by Nick Sciuillo, Growth Options for the 21st Century: Mr. Sciuillo spoke at length regarding his organization's advocacy for increasing the hauling capacity of the freight rail system.

Architectural Review Board Report: Ms. Gill reported that the ARB meeting was postponed to January 11.

Streetscape/Drainage Improvement Project Report: Mr. Hogan reported on efforts to secure funding to complete the entire project. He explained that TEA-21 funding for the Valley Street portion of the project was limited to \$515,000, but the remaining grant funds can be applied towards Main Street and the county funds towards Valley, instead. He asked Mr. Draper to provide council members with copies of recent correspondence with VDOT. He reported that construction was on schedule with no change orders. Mr. Bowling was asked to examine loan options in the event of a shortfall. Mr. Hogan noted that a status report had been provided to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors.

Planning Commission Report: Ms. Kerlin reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a preliminary plat for Mink Creek Estates. She noted that the houses would be served by well and septic, with no streetlights; utilities would be underground where possible. Mr. Hogan asked whether there would be an opportunity for input into the appearance of the houses. Ms. Kerlin commented that appearance could not be regulated, but with lots ranging from two to four acres, the houses would not be as visible.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Draper noted that the treasurer's report would be available for the regular session.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Phipps reported that the post office had decided to purchase enough cluster boxes to accommodate all downtown residents, and a concrete pad would need to be poured for the boxes. The farmers' market parking lot has been suggested as a location for the boxes. Mayor Phipps noted that the regular session falls on Tuesday due to the holiday.

Tourism Committee Report: Mayor Phipps read an email from Mr. O'Halloran regarding upcoming tourism meetings and the proliferation of real estate posters.

Government Services Committee: Ms. Kerlin reported that the bookkeeper's duties had been split between the town administrator and the town clerk job descriptions. Revised job descriptions were placed on the regular session consent calendar.

Quality of Life Committee Report: Mr. Hogan asked that acknowledgments be sent to several Streetscape supporters.

Town Administrator's Report: Mr. Draper reported that Amy Moyer would return to work full-time on January 16. He planned to send out letters regarding delinquent sanitation fees. Auto decals were ordered but had not yet been received. Mr. Draper noted that he had received a request to place a plaque on the table used by former mayor Jackson Beale.

Town Attorney's Report: Mr. Bowling explained short-term and long-term financing options for the Streetscape Project.

Farmers' Market Grant Update: Mr. Hogan reported that the project had received USACE approval. Mr. Draper planned to submit the USDA grant application by the end of the month.

Mr. Hogan also expressed concern regarding the appearance of several downtown buildings.

Trash Pickup Franchise: Mr. Draper and Mr. Bowling explained the procedure to establish an exclusive service area for trash pickup and discontinue the current sanitation fee.

Ms. Gill commented that the Fire Department had not received the contribution they had been promised by the SCCC for their assistance with JamesFest. Ms. Gill also inquired as to the possibility of using the Scottsville Police Department as a satellite station for the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.