

TOWN OF SCOTTSVILLE

Town Council
Regular Session
Monday, June 20, 2016
Victory Hall
401 Valley Street
Scottsville, Virginia

Mayor
Jesse B. Grove III

Town Council
Nancy E. Gill
R. Daniel Gritsko
Jeannette E. Kerlin
Elizabeth M. Knotts
Randall J. Nolt
Ronald L. Smith

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Grove called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL of Town Council – Town Clerk Amy Moyer called the roll. Ms. Gill, Mr. Gritsko, Ms. Kerlin, Ms. Knotts, Mr. Nolt, and Mr. Smith were present. Also in attendance was Town Administrator George Goodwin.

Mayor Grove invited visitors to speak before proceeding with the agenda.

Scottsville District Supervisor Rick Randolph gave council members a copy of the Albemarle County Police Department report. Mr. Randolph apologized that his schedule prevented his attendance at the swearing-in last week for the new council, commenting that he looks forward to working with the new members. Mr. Randolph provided an update on road issues, noting that resident concerns about speeding on Mill Creek Drive will result in radar enforcement. Reports and video evidence of northbound trucks hauling trees at excessive speeds through the Route 20 and Red Hill intersection are resulting in the county doing an accident study of that intersection, and VDOT will explore additional speed-reduction options in that corridor. VDOT is looking into whether a traffic light is warranted at the intersection of Avon Street and Southern Parkway. Mr. Randolph encouraged motorists to slow down, be courteous, buckle up, and not drive under the influence, especially during the upcoming Fourth of July weekend. Mr. Randolph explained that the Board of Supervisors recently requested that staff reprioritize the secondary road improvement projects list, and for fiscal years 2017 to 2022, the Secondary Six-Year Plan will be paving Coles Rolling Road between Route 713 and Route 795 and repaving Harris Creek Road from Route 20 to its terminus.

Mr. Randolph reported that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission organized a regional broadband meeting on May 18. The outcome was to ask the TJPDC to explore and act on creation of a regional broadband authority to allow local governments to join and provide a legal entity for ownership and operations of broadband services, and secondly, to pursue a regional broadband planning grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development. At the Virginia Telecommunications Planning Grant Initiative Management Team meeting on June 15, the committee agreed on the terms of a common vision statement, the components of which will include affordability, accessibility for all, high speed, primarily serving underserved populations, and based on public-private

partnerships. Mr. Randolph reported that the committee discussed possible funding options, including Economic Development Authority bonds, regular county bonding linked to the CIP, federal EDA funding, and market tax credits that would be sold to investors. Mr. Randolph said it was pointed out that while dark fiber generates more revenue overall than new cell towers for a broadband system, towers generate funds more quickly, so a balance of these outcomes suggests both will probably be in play for Albemarle.

Mr. Randolph stated that the dust has settled since last month's resignations of key leadership of the Scottsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, and he has had direct communications with Chief Dan Eggleston and Volunteer Director Tom LaBelle about the challenges of recruiting committed volunteers to work in the demanding fire-rescue sector and especially in Scottsville. Mr. Randolph noted the training and contact hours required for certification. He said the county recruits 25 newly-trained fire and rescue volunteers per year, but a large number are based on the turnover in the UVA-based volunteer population of the Seminole Trail fire and rescue stations. The county is exploring increased retention benefits to help keep paid fire-rescue employees working in the county, but they count on an annual infusion of new volunteers for fire and rescue systems to work as currently budgeted and configured. Mr. Randolph encouraged audience members to consider volunteering.

Mr. Randolph reported on a May 19 meeting in Deputy County Executive Bill Letteri's office with Mayor-elect Nancy Gill, TJPDC Executive Director Chip Boyles, Department of Social Services Director Phyllis Savides, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director James Pierce and board member Tom Jones, and JABA Executive Director Marta Keane. Everyone agreed on the value of a regional social services hub to serve area residents, but creating a sustainable operation was emphasized. Next steps include looking at legal analyses, potential funding sources, regional interest in the concept, identification of need, delineation of cost, and resolution of political support. Mr. Randolph said that a legal opinion as to constitutional feasibility was requested from County Attorney Greg Kamptner, and Mr. Kamptner verified that Virginia Code Section 15.2-1300 grants the power to a county to enter into a joint powers agreement and that power is rather broad. Mr. Randolph stated that the ACPD report on service calls and crimes in the Scottsville and Esmont areas shows general larceny, burglary, and motor vehicle larceny to be nearly 50 percent of the crimes, and domestic and drug-related incidents constituted almost 54 percent of all offenses. Mr. Randolph commented that one of the things they need to talk about through the hub concept is to try to reduce the reliance on the ACPD as the social service agency of first resort to work with the population that social workers could hopefully address instead, thereby cutting rate of domestic violence.

Mr. Randolph reported that Scottsville Library is the lowest-cost library in the area at \$166,000 a year. The JMRL board voted unanimously to waive overdue fines for cardholders under age 16. Scottsville resident Brian LaFontaine has been nominated to serve as JMRL board president again. In October, the board will meet at the Scottsville Library after ADA access and parking lot improvements are completed. Mr. Randolph is pleased to report that borrowing rates for April were up, and he encourages residents to keep reading, as circulation is a measure the board uses each month.

Mr. Randolph also reported that Albemarle County Fire & Rescue will conduct a discussion of emergency response to a train derailment incident in Scottsville on June 29, and CATEC will now offer certificates in computer networking with transferrable credits.

County Attorney Greg Kamptner shared a handout on comprehensive planning, noting the importance of preserving the place that they have. Mr. Kamptner said they are going through some old files and recognize that they need to develop a memorandum of understanding to get portions of the town-county relationship in writing as they go forward.

Albemarle County Police Captain Greg Jenkins related that they are working to get bicycle officers here to assist the Scottsville Police Department with the Batteau Festival, as the community likes the bicycle officer presence. Captain Jenkins said they plan on mirroring the operational plan from last year for the Fourth of July, with four or five ACPD officers here working with the Virginia State Police and the Fluvanna and Buckingham County sheriff's departments. Mayor Grove thanked Captain Jenkins for the support of the county police.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - 4.1. Approval of Agenda
 - 4.2. Financial Report for May 2016
 - 4.3. Minutes – Working Session of June 13, 2016
 - 4.4. Minutes – Special Meeting of June 16, 2016

Upon a motion by Ms. Kerlin, seconded by Mr. Gritsko, the consent calendar was adopted.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Goodwin stated that Cenie Re Sturm, Larry Shifflet, and Tommy Stargell are here to answer any questions on the Scottsville High School Class of 1967 reunion, and they would like the town's support in planning a celebration for next June. Tommy Stargell said he submitted a letter regarding the event. Larry Shifflet explained that they would like organize a class reunion and also mark the 50th anniversary of the closing of the school. Mayor Grove said it will fall to the new council to decide, and he asked Ms. Gill to carry this to the work session for discussion. Mr. Shifflet said they need to know what the town is willing to support by at least September. Mr. Stargell commented that Scottsville High School was a unique part of Scottsville, and they have an opportunity to commemorate it. Mr. Shifflet noted that the Scottsville Museum has a lot of information on the history of the school. Event organizers will attend the July work session for further discussion.

Tommy Payne, president of the Piedmont Virginia Fiddle and Banjo Association, thanked the town for allowing the organization to hold its Music of the Piedmont show at the farmers' market pavilion. Mr. Payne specifically thanked Ron Smith, Nancy Gill, Shannon Bostic, David Becker, George Goodwin, attendees, and market vendors.

Dewey Evans expressed concern about overgrown vines and bushes on Clements Street, and he asked who maintains the street. Mayor Grove replied that the problem has arisen in the

past, and he is not sure if VDOT is supposed to do that trimming, but the town has. Mr. Goodwin said that VDOT mainly takes care of the pavement itself, but they have not been helpful in the past on trimming. Mr. Goodwin said he has notified one of the property owners and will get in touch with the other one to have it trimmed back. Mr. Evans encouraged that it be taken care of as a public street.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Grove reported that he has had fun attending the farmers' market and other events, commenting on how great the market is doing this year, and they never could have envisioned when they built the pavilion that they would run short on parking. The Second Saturday events are great, and he enjoyed the saber fighting during the Star Wars event. They did a ribbon cutting for the Buck Store. He reported that he met with the president and facilities director of Sentara Martha Jefferson regarding a potential medical facility. Mayor Grove also attended a meeting with the prospective buyers of High Meadows Inn. He continues to work with Mr. Gritsko's economic development committee.

7. ADOPTION OF FY 2017 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Mayor Grove noted that a public hearing was held last month. He explained that the appropriations resolution is simply what they need to do to implement the budget and be able spend the money as budgeted.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and the associated appropriations resolution. Ms. Kerlin seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted.

Ms. Gill	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Gritsko	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Kerlin	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Knotts	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Nolt	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>Yes</u>

The motion passed 6-0. The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Annual Resolution of Appropriations are attached to the original of these minutes.

8. APPOINTMENT OF JAMES V. KERLIN TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Mayor Grove noted that this appointment was discussed at the June 16 special meeting. Ms. Gill moved to appoint James V. Kerlin to the Architectural Review Board for a term ending June 30, 2017. Ms. Knotts seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. APPOINTMENT OF RONALD L. SMITH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Mayor Grove noted that this appointment was discussed at the June 16 special meeting. Mr. Gritsko moved to appoint Ronald L. Smith to the Planning Commission for a term ending

June 30, 2020. Mr. Nolt seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

10. APPROVAL OF FOIA RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

Mayor Grove noted that this FOIA Rights and Responsibilities Statement is now required by law. Ms. Gill moved to approve the FOIA Rights and Responsibilities Statement. Ms. Kerlin seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

11. VISITOR CENTER

Mayor Grove stated that Mr. Goodwin was not at the work session, but they had his report regarding interest in rental of the visitor center, and the sense of the council was that Mr. Goodwin should go ahead with the party he thinks is best qualified. Mayor Grove asked Mr. Goodwin if he has any further report on that. Mr. Goodwin replied that Legacy Mustang Preservation and he have corresponded three times over the week, and they will be by early this week to measure the space and speak about getting signage, and then they want to get an actual contract. Mr. Goodwin said Legacy wants to talk to the rest of their board about the monetary and time commitment before proceeding, and he expected to have more information to pass along this week. Mayor Grove stated that Mr. Goodwin is authorized to go forward, but the lease should be brought to the council for approval.

12. REPORTS OF CHARTERED COMMITTEES, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Planning Commission: Mr. Smith reported that the commission did not meet this month.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Nolt reported that the committee discussed the donation of a speed sign, which will collect data and give insight into traffic speed. The committee had an initial conversation about gauging public interest in pursuing a speed limit change on Valley Street to 15 MPH. The committee reviewed Chief Layman's preparations with ACPD for upcoming events.

Beautification and Maintenance Committee: Ms. Knotts reported that the committee has scaled back to allow the mowing contractor and maintenance worker to focus on their jobs, and the committee will be more advisory. The committee plans to meet June 22 to discuss the parade cleanup, and they will organize volunteer cleanup efforts for the morning of July 5.

Farmers' Market: Shannon Bostic reported that the farmers' market committee is meeting bimonthly, and everything is going well at the market.

Architectural Review Board: Mayor Grove reported that the primary concern at the meeting had to do with the town not following through with painting the storage shed at the old jail, and the ARB voted to make a formal request to the town that this be done within 30 days. The ARB dealt with maintenance issues concerning structures within the historic district, and

they are following several maintenance issues, including one for which a court action has been filed.

Government Services Committee: Ms. Kerlin reported that the committee did not meet. She noted that the no parking sign on Harrison Street has now been enveloped by vines and cannot be seen at all. There was illegal parking on Harrison Street this afternoon. Ms. Kerlin noted that the speed limit sign is also half covered by vines.

Mr. Goodwin said he has corresponded with VDOT about moving the signs and asked for a response in writing, and the town will cut the vines tomorrow. Ms. Kerlin asked if the town can get permission to move the signs. Mr. Goodwin said the placement of the sign is a delicate issue, but VDOT agreed to continue the 15 MPH district on Warren Street.

Ms. Kerlin asked about correct date for the trail derailment meeting. Ms. Gill confirmed that the correct date is June 28, not June 29.

Tourism and Economic Development Committee: Mr. Gritsko reported that the economic development subcommittee meets tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. DGIF representatives will visit later this month to discuss the dock at Scottsville Lake. The VCNA committee is working on park signage. The second Scottsville Lake trout season just ended, and it was a successful season. They will undertake a fundraising campaign for VCNA in the coming months. Mr. Gritsko met with the Mandela Washington Fellowship today, and they are unable to visit Scottsville this year due to scheduling issues, but they look forward to continuing the partnership in future.

Arts and Culture Committee: Ms. Gill stated that she is pleased to announce that Shannon Bostic will be joining the committee as of July 1. Ms. Gill reviewed the schedule for the Batteau Festival this Wednesday. The Piedmont Fiddle and Banjo Association will open for Rockfish Gap on July 4. Butch Taylor will do a talk for Focus and SCAN on June 29 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Gill commented that she is excited to have artists moving to town, with a new gallery opening and a possible new studio.

Ms. Gill presented framed photographs to Mayor Grove and Mr. Smith. Ms. Gill thanked Larry Barnett for allowing the use of his photographs, along with some of her own, in the photo collage. Ms. Gill thanked Mr. Smith and Mayor Grove for their years of service.

13. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Goodwin noted the upcoming opening of All God's Children Child Development Center at Christ Church. Mr. Goodwin reported that the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department has asked the town to consider a donation to the fireworks fund. Mayor Grove asked what they did last year. Mr. Goodwin replied \$500. Mayor Grove said they cannot do an appropriation tonight without a published agenda item. Ms. Moyer said they could take it from a line item that was already appropriated. She asked if they are looking to pay before June 30 or after July 1, noting there are some line items running under budget in the current fiscal year. Mayor Grove asked if it is the council's pleasure that he and Ms. Moyer be directed to find

funding for that. Council members unanimously agreed. Mr. Goodwin stated that as they close in on end of year projects, there may be some carry-overs.

14. END OF TERM REMARKS BY COUNCILOR SMITH AND MAYOR GROVE

Mr. Smith stated that he has had the good fortune to be here on this council for six and a half years, most of that with the council members here now, and it has been a real pleasure, noting how the group works well together. He asked that the incoming council give the same level of support to the incoming mayor as the previous council has given to Mayor Grove.

Mayor Grove echoed Mr. Smith's comments on the cooperative and collegial way in which this council works. Mayor Grove spoke at length about the positive progress over the past six years, highlighting new businesses, construction of restrooms and paving at the farmers' market, new HVAC and paving at the police department, resolution of Streetscape Phase I issues, bidding and construction of Streetscape Phase II, access to the Van Clief Nature Area, replacement of police vehicles, improved coordination and radio communication with ACPD, a working maintenance department and acquisition of maintenance equipment, and new community service organizations. Mayor Grove stated that to the extent they have made progress, the credit goes to the people here listening, and he expressed his appreciation to staff and council members.

15. ADJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Ms. Kerlin, seconded by Mr. Gritsko, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.