

TOWN OF SCOTTSVILLE

Town Council
Regular Session
Monday, July 18, 2016
Victory Hall
401 Valley Street
Scottsville, Virginia

Mayor
Nancy E. Gill

Town Council
Shannon C. Bostic
R. Daniel Gritsko
Jeannette E. Kerlin
Elizabeth M. Knotts
Randall J. Nolt
Joshua M. Peck

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Gill 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. Bostic, Mr. Gritsko, Mr. Nolt, and Mr. Peck were present. Ms. Kerlin and Ms. Knotts were absent. Also in attendance was Town Administrator George Goodwin.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - 4.1. Approval of Agenda
 - 4.2. Financial Report for June 2016
 - 4.3. Adoption of Rules of Procedure for Town Council
 - 4.4. Approval of Committee Charters
 - 4.5. Appointment of Elizabeth M. Knotts as President of Council
 - 4.6. Establishment of Regular Meeting Time as:
The Third Monday of the Month (except in the case of state holiday, when it will be the following Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Victory Hall, 401 Valley Street, Scottsville, Virginia
 - 4.7. Reappointment of George T. Goodwin III as Town Treasurer
 - 4.8. Reappointment of Robert H. Layman as Town Sergeant
 - 4.9. Reappointment of Amy E. Moyer as Town Clerk
 - 4.10. Reappointment of James M. Bowling IV as Town Attorney

Mayor Gill asked for a motion to suspend the rules and add the following items to the consent calendar:

- 4.11. Town Support for Bee City Application
- 4.12. Town Support for Scottsville High School Celebration in June 2017

Mr. Gritsko moved to suspend the rules to allow for the addition of these two items. Mr. Nolt seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Peck moved to adopt the consent calendar as amended. Mr. Gritsko seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO POLICE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS – Mayor Gill stated that the police department was busy, so she swore them in prior to the meeting. Mayor Gill administered the oath of office to George Goodwin as Town Treasurer.
6. PUBLIC FORUM

Scottsville District Supervisor Rick Randolph stated that Albemarle Police Chief Ron Lantz was scheduled to be here, but Chief Lantz felt he needed to meet with command staff tonight after the murder of law-enforcement personnel in Baton Rouge this weekend. Chief Lantz will hopefully attend the August 15 meeting. Mr. Randolph shared some thoughts in light of the recent events in Orlando, Baton Rouge, and Dallas.

Mr. Randolph reported that a consultant is scheduled to present the initial draft of the Albemarle County broadband assessment this Wednesday. Mr. Randolph will post information about the report on his Facebook page later this week. Chip Boyles of TJPDC is meeting with DHCD's Matt Weaver to see if there is potential interest within DHCD in supporting a \$30,000 capacity planning grant for the Scottsville social services hub. This grant would underwrite the study of whether additional capacity could be added to the Scottsville Community Center to enable JABA to have dedicated space for its elderly clients and additional space for health and mental health services. The SCC will hear comments on Dominion Power's Doooms to Cunningham 500 KV transmission line upgrade on August 8. Mr. Randolph explained that concerns have been raised regarding the reflectivity of the tower material and its impact on the viewshed.

Mr. Randolph outlined the upcoming bond referendum for \$35 million for four education projects. The request includes expansion of Woodbrook Elementary to address overcrowding, expansion of Western Albemarle High School's environmental studies classroom, school security improvements, and classroom modernization. Mr. Randolph explained that because he believes referendums should be reserved for essential bricks-and-mortar projects alone, he could not support this referendum. He said that all four projects were slated for CIP consideration, most scored highly, and several would have been funded this fiscal year in the CIP. Mr. Randolph stated that Supervisor Brad Sheffield and he both felt that the county needs to commit to building a new elementary school in the north end to address the overcrowding at several schools, and a new school is a better use of taxpayers' money, rather than just delaying the inevitable construction of a new school for which there is one county-owned site available and two probable proffer sites available in the coming six months. After the board voted on the referendum, they were informed by the school division that they will be requesting a referendum on funding for a new north-end high school in 2019 or 2020. In addition, there is a court project coming that will require borrowing. Mr. Randolph said the average cost for a new high school now runs \$70 million. Mr. Randolph stated the county comprehensive plan previously cited the need for a new north-end high school, but the new comp plan does not because the planning commissioners were told there was no need, and this is one of the reasons he joined Mr. Sheffield in feeling that the school division's long-term planning process is broken. Mr. Randolph said he is advocating for representation by a planning commissioner on that body.

Mr. Randolph related that the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department is receiving the benefit of a FEMA-funded project where a training team from Texas is working with volunteer fire personnel on physical health, diet, and stress management.

Mayor Gill commented that is a lot of money. Mr. Randolph said yes, a lot of money, and then the cumulative effect, as the county has never come and asked the taxpayers to authorize a referendum and then come back in a year and asked again. Mr. Randolph said he was concerned about the AAA bond rating, and they got detailed information from the financial department that they would not jeopardize the rating, but if this goes through and the courts go through in FY 2019, they would go to the upper limit of the comfort range until existing bonds are paid down. Mayor Gill asked why it was moved out of the CIP. Mr. Randolph replied that he has no idea, that is a good question.

7. ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Rev. Bruce Lugn, president of the board of directors of All God's Children Child Development Center, spoke regarding this new daycare and preschool program serving the area. He introduced board members Cathy Russo, Renee Lundgren, and John Robins and program director Taryn Evans. The non-profit organization has received IRS approval for tax-deductible donations. The program offers services at two locations, Yancey Elementary and Christ Church, and is now enrolling children at both. There is no other licensed daycare within 20 miles of the Scottsville area. The program accepts any child from any family regardless of ability to pay, so donation support is needed for scholarship programs. He noted that the opening of the program is the culmination of 10 years of work.

Mr. Peck asked about the age range of the program. Rev. Lugn replied that Little Learners at Yancey Elementary is three- and four-year-olds up to kindergarten age, while All God's Children at Christ Church will accept infants six weeks of age and up. Mr. Peck said he will speak with Armond Knight at the Boys & Girls Club, which starts at age six, about ways to support them.

Mayor Gill asked about a partnership with the JABA senior center. Rev. Lugn said that is an ongoing conversation. Ms. Lundgren added that currently they have JABA coming into the school twice a month to work with the children on crafts and cooking projects. Ms. Lundgren remarked on the opportunity for members of Scottsville and the surrounding communities to build something great together.

Mr. Randolph expressed appreciation for Rev. Lugn's leadership efforts on this project, as well those of Rev. Randy Haycock, and the cooperation of two churches of different faith traditions working together. Rev. Lugn commented that it has been a team effort by the board, and Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Esmont has also been involved in the process from the beginning. Ms. Lundgren noted the support of the Department of Social Services, as well.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gill stated that she wants to continue on with openness and listening. When she ran for mayor, one of the things she wanted to accomplish was creating relations with residents, business owners, and the community at large; and that is starting to happen. Mayor Gill and Ms. Knotts have drafted a short survey on the perceptions of town staff, Town Council, and doing business in Scottsville and the surrounding areas. Mayor Gill said that when she was on the Social Services Advisory Board, what became most apparent to her was English-as-a-Second-Language and the senior populations as at-risk populations; and this is indicative of the recognition by the county at large that Scottsville is a hub that serves Fluvanna, Buckingham, Nelson, and southern Albemarle, and that became an impetus for things to start to happen. Mayor Gill commented that this is also an impetus to chip away at the adage that southern Albemarle and Scottsville is a "stepchild" to the county. As they continue the collaborations discussed here tonight and work to build relations with different county offices, they will continue to chip away at that. She noted this as one of the overriding reasons she supported the class of 1967 in their Scottsville High School celebration, recognizing the impact of the school closing. Mayor Gill commented further on the climate of the world and the country, encouraging community members to focus on the positive, not the negative and the small minutiae that keeps them away from the larger picture. She encouraged them to come together and work together as a community to support each other's projects and one another.

9. APPROVAL OF COPIER LEASE

Ms. Moyer explained that the town has a three-year lease agreement for the current copier, which expires in August. The proposed new lease would replace the copier with a newer unit of a similar model, adding OCR capability. The lease payment would be \$154.87 per month, which is about \$13 more than the current payment.

Mayor Gill related that they could purchase the existing copier, but it lacks certain functions. She preferred to get something new that adds functionality, rather than keeping something old that could break. OCR capability will facilitate scanning records and transitioning to electronic files.

Mr. Peck moved to approve the new copier lease. Mr. Gritsko seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted.

Ms. Bostic	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Gritsko	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Kerlin	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Knotts	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Nolt	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Peck	<u>Yes</u>

The motion passed 4-0.

10. APPROPRIATION OF \$36,000 FOR POLICE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT

Mayor Gill noted that this is a carryover appropriation from last fiscal year. Mr. Goodwin explained that \$9,000 is a USDA loan and \$27,000 is a USDA grant, which was budgeted

last year for the purchase of the new police truck. Mayor Gill asked Mr. Goodwin to explain why they had to carry it over. Mr. Goodwin replied that the vehicle was not ready for pickup.

Mr. Peck moved to approve the appropriation. Mr. Gritsko seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted.

Ms. Bostic	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Gritsko	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Kerlin	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Knotts	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Nolt	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Peck	<u>Yes</u>

The motion passed 4-0.

11. VISITORS CENTER – Mayor Gill related that they are in the process of creating a rental agreement to circulate to parties interested in renting the space and keeping it open for visitors from Thursdays to Sundays.

12. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Gill stated that the Town Council reviewed the draft resolution at the work session last week. Mr. Nolt moved to accept the trails program grant application. Ms. Bostic seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted.

Ms. Bostic	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Gritsko	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Kerlin	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Knotts	<u>Absent</u>	Mr. Nolt	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Peck	<u>Yes</u>

The motion passed 4-0. A copy of the resolution is attached to the original of these minutes.

13. VOLUNTEER INTERN – Mayor Gill reported that Jack Maxwell will be volunteering as an intern.

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

Planning Commission: Mr. Peck reported on the commission's discussion of officers and member training.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Nolt reported that the committee did not meet because the date fell on July 4. Chief Layman reported at the work session that the July 2 and July 4 events went smoothly, with great appreciation for help from the Albemarle County Police Department and Sheriff's Office. Also, the county is working on providing a speed register sign.

Tourism and Economic Development Committee: Mr. Gritsko reported that he has been working on the DCR grant application due later this week for additional work on the Mink Creek Trail and a new Overlook Trail. The committee will bring forth a fundraising

initiative in the coming months. The economic development subcommittee will meet July 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Arts and Culture Committee: Ms. Bostic reported that the Batteau Festival, Fourth of July, and Second Saturdays went well. The next Jammin' on the James event is August 13. They are also looking forward to Community Day in September, as well as hosting the kickoff celebration to mark the 275th anniversary of the founding of Albemarle County, which will be in September 2019.

Farmers' Market: Ms. Bostic reported that the farmers' market is booming, with lots of local fruits and vegetables in season. Advertising in *Edible Blue Ridge* has improved foot traffic at the market. The next committee meeting is July 28 at 6:00 p.m.

15. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Goodwin reported that staff is hard at work getting the DCR grant application pulled together to submit this week. They are finishing the last details on the police truck. Mr. Goodwin noted the BBQ on the Bend event planned for September 17. They are working with the county on several initiatives, including formal MOUs for cooperation between the county and the town, as well as the fire department and rescue squad.

16. ADJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Mr. Gritsko, seconded by Mr. Peck, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.