

TOWN OF SCOTTSVILLE

Town Council
Regular Session
Monday, August 15, 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. Mr. Gritsko, Ms. Kerlin, Ms. Knotts, Mr. Nolt, and Mr. Peck were present. Ms. Bostic was absent. Also in attendance was Town Administrator George Goodwin.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - 4.1. Approval of Agenda
 - 4.2. Financial Report for July 2016
 - 4.3. Minutes – Regular Session of May 16, 2016
 - 4.4. Minutes – Regular Session of June 20, 2016

Upon a motion by Ms. Kerlin, seconded by Mr. Nolt, the consent calendar was approved.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Scottsville District Supervisor Rick Randolph reported that the broadband consultant presented the broadband management team a preliminary report on broadband strategies on July 20. The team requested more precise information for the final report. The Board of Supervisors discussed on August 3 the role of county government in the provision of broadband services in the unserved areas of the county. Board consensus settled on maintaining the status quo process, which involves removing access barriers, applying for grants, and assisting the private sector, and partnering with the private sector by creating incentives to provide rural access and providing potential funding. Eliminated as options were Albemarle County's creation of its own private sector broadband network and doing nothing. Mr. Randolph explained that the Board of Supervisors settled on the status quo and partnering options because it felt that the county does not possess the resources necessary to launch an independent broadband initiative and because the technology in the broadband marketplace is changing so rapidly. After the Board of Supervisors meeting, the Central Virginia Electric Cooperative announced that it will waive annual pole attachment fees for broadband on its transmission towers for customers located in the northeastern corner of the Scottsville district, along the James River west of the Town of Scottsville, and surrounding Coveseville in the Samuel Miller District. In addition, CenturyLink is planning to serve many

of its eligible census blocks in the coming years, many of which surround the Town of Scottsville. However, there are still gaps in CenturyLink's potential coverage. The broadband management team will explore whether these uncovered census blocks can be included in the county's implementation study and hopefully also funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

With regard to the Scottsville social services hub, Mr. Randolph reported that he and Chip Boyles of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission recently met with DHCD's Matt Weaver and agreed that the TJPDC should proceed with a \$30,000 planning grant to explore the feasibility of expanding the Scottsville Community Center to provide daily space for JABA and mental and physical health services. Should the study demonstrate the value regionally of increasing the community center's service capacity, then the TJPDC would solicit up to \$700,000 in DHCD funds to build such an addition. Department of Agriculture funds could be available in support of telemedical services provided at the site. Mr. Weaver recommended that Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Buckingham sign off on a short and simple MOU that they agree to work cooperatively to secure the expanded facility and enlarged program to benefit residents of all three counties.

Mr. Randolph stated that the town and the county currently have one MOU for public safety and one somewhat non-consensual MOU for the pump station and levee maintenance. Captain Greg Jenkins is working with Chief Robert Layman to make sure the public safety MOU drafted in 2012 is still comprehensive and mutually beneficial. County staff will be exploring with the mayor and town administrator what the parameters need to be to assure the best interests of the county and the town are protected long-term on an MOU for maintenance of Dorrier Park and cost-sharing for the pump station, which may include assurance that the town has a capital reserve account to cover pump replacement. Mr. Randolph noted that any MOUs will require approval by the Town Council and Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Randolph reported that all three county supervisors whose magisterial districts are transected by Dominion Power's 500 kV transmission line from Doods to Cunningham testified before the State Corporation Commission against Dominion's proposed replacement of the existing brown towers with bright, viewshed-spoiling galvanized steel. Some 21 people spoke in opposition to the adverse impacts on Albemarle's scenic vistas that would result from the use of taller galvanized steel towers. The commissioner in attendance indicated that he would follow up and visit many of the locations about which testimony was provided.

Mr. Randolph also related that the Board of Supervisors agreed earlier this month to a budget of \$42,000 to distribute factual information about the school bond referendum. Scottsville Library renovations for ADA compliance began last week and are scheduled to be completed by September 6.

Mr. Gritsko asked that is the difference in height between the current brown towers and the proposed galvanized towers. Mr. Randolph replied that the new towers will be from 20 to 35 feet higher because the new lines will carry 60 percent more energy. Mayor Gill asked why

they are increasing the power load so much. Mr. Randolph replied that there is increased demand for energy for cellphones, HVAC systems, appliances, etc., and this line is part of an energy loop that is important to the power grid.

Mr. Goodwin asked Mr. Randolph to discuss with CenturyLink why new customers are being told that the area is “exhausted” for new internet hookups and they must wait six months or longer for new service. Mr. Randolph asked if that is because CenturyLink did not put in enough cable to handle the demand. Mr. Goodwin replied that he is not sure, but they cannot accept any new service in town right now. Mr. Randolph said he would be happy to pose that question. Mr. Randolph then introduced new Albemarle County Police Chief Ron Lantz.

Chief Lantz stated that he has been the chief for two months, and it has been a whirlwind of activity, as he is currently filling two deputy chief spots. He worked for Albemarle County Police Department for almost four years before becoming chief, and he retired from Fairfax County before that, where he worked with retiring Chief Steve Sellers. Chief Lantz said that Chief Sellers and he have similar philosophies on community policing, and he loves getting out and meeting people. The department is struggling a little with staffing as people leave the profession given the recent tragedies. The authorized staffing is 138 to 140, and they are currently at 125 and having to backfill with overtime. Chief Lantz commented that he has a great relationship with Chief Layman, and they will continue to share resources as they are available. He plans to continue to build on geo-policing, with a goal of leaving the department more professional than he found it.

Ms. Knotts asked if the department has any focus on mental health. Chief Lantz replied yes, a lot of focus, and they have added a block for mental health service calls on the monthly command staff report because officers are spending so much time in their day dealing with people in crisis. Chief Lantz aims to have 75 percent of officers with CIT training, but it is difficult with the amount of turnover, as young officers are giving only three to five years to the career. As a deputy chief, Chief Lantz formed a crisis intervention team to do preventative checks.

Mr. Gritsko asked how Chief Lantz sees things changing in terms of policing given what is happening around the country, and what can the town do to help. Chief Lantz replied that he has sent three people to fair and impartial police training, and it is key to train officers to address implicit bias, and they are training the entire department on that. Chief Lantz added that his goal is to get body cameras up and running, but it comes with a heavy price tag and was not in the county budget this time. Chief Lantz said they are fortunate to enjoy great community support in Albemarle County, and they continue community outreach and morale boosting efforts.

Mr. Goodwin asked that ACPD include the Scottsville Police Department officers in training opportunities, as they respond to a lot of domestic calls. Chief Lantz replied that any time they have training or extra equipment or anything they can pass along, they do not hesitate to do that, as they need the help on this end of the county. Mr. Goodwin said that the town will follow what the county plans on cameras. Chief Lantz explained that cameras require

storage capacity and FOIA compliance, and the county would have to hire someone just to do FOIA requests for video and just to manage the data, plus pay for the data and draft the policy on when the camera runs. Chief Lantz said they are working on all of those things, and he hopes to be ready to implement the program when it is funded, starting with ten grant-funded cameras for traffic officers.

Planning Commission member Ron Smith stated that the commission has been speaking over the last several months about a proposed project to extend the sidewalk from Warren Street to the Dollar General store or further. Mr. Smith met with Will Cockrell of TJPDC about how to get this project going. Mr. Smith has drafted a letter based on Mr. Cockrell's suggestions to present the case for the project, and he will bring the letter to the Town Council for approval. The letter would go to TJPDC and the Albemarle County transportation planner seeking support from the Board of Supervisors for a Smart Scale funding application. Mr. Smith said that TJPDC will assist with cost estimates, and pedestrian projects and small-scale projects have a good chance of approval.

Mr. Gritsko asked how the funding comes for that. Mr. Smith replied that the funding comes from the state, and projects approved this year would be funded in 2018. Mr. Smith said that there are other avenues, as well, such as Transportation Alternatives grants and matching funds.

6. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SCOTTSVILLE, VIRGINIA, A BEE CITY USA

Ms. Knotts moved to adopt the resolution designating Scottsville, Virginia, a Bee City USA. Ms. Kerlin seconded the motion.

Mr. Nolt commented that this is a great opportunity. Ms. Kerlin said it is great for the bees but even better for gardeners.

A roll call vote was conducted.

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

The motion passed 5-0. The text of the resolution is attached to the original of these minutes.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Gill commented that one of the initiatives under discussion, the Scottsville social services hub, would be tremendous for this area and town residents. Mayor Gill recently attended the TJPDC quarterly meeting for mayors, chairs, and administrators. Street sign replacement is in progress. Mayor Gill met with Chief Layman and Captain Jenkins regarding the police mutual aid agreement. Recent events included a book release by local author Elizabeth Van Zandt. Ms. Moyer and Mr. Goodwin recently attended Transportation Alternatives grant workshops. The Scottsville Presbyterian Church will host a concert on September 25 as part of the Concert across America to End Gun Violence.

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

Arts and Culture Committee: Mayor Gill reported that the committee is gearing up for Community Day on September 10, with plans for vendors, music, and food. Volunteers should call Ms. Bostic.

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

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Nolt reported that the digital speed sign has arrived. The committee has started planning for the Harry Potter event on October 29, discussing policing needs and parking, as anticipated attendance is up to 3,000 people.

Architectural Review Board: Ms. Knotts reported that the Jeffrey Plank gave an overview of the ARB and its purpose, as this was her first meeting. The ARB approved a COA for 161 Warren Street and a one-year extension on the COA for the 135 Warren Street. The ARB is working to find creative ways to work with the property owner of 380 East Main Street to keep the house from deteriorating further.

Ms. Knotts asked if there is any update on the police storage shed. Mr. Goodwin replied that the painting should be completed within the next two weeks. Ms. Knotts reported that Barry Grove asked for advice on painting the stairs at 485 Valley Street. Mr. Goodwin related that flag lighting will be added at Victory Hall and upgraded at the veterans memorial, with waterproof LED fixtures, and the American Legion has offered to help with the cost in preparation for the rededication of the memorial later this year. Ms. Knotts added that Seth McDowell recommended staining and gave plans for how to fill in the back wall at the Butterfly Garden gazebo.

Beautification and Maintenance Committee: Ms. Knotts reported that the committee conducted a walk-through and took pictures for a PowerPoint presentation that was shared with Mr. Goodwin and the Town Council. Issues include clearing vines off the pump house, general maintenance, and the landscaped bed in front of Lucky's where mulch will be replaced with rock. Ms. Knotts welcomed intern Jack Maxwell.

Government Services Committee: Ms. Kerlin reported that the committee is working on a policy and procedures manual. She hopes to have a draft for review in September or October, with implementation by January 1, 2017. Ms. Kerlin said that she and Ms. Bostic are looking at a gift shop to go in the old jail.

Ms. Kerlin asked Mr. Goodwin when the no parking sign on Harrison Street will be moved, noting recent difficulties when a large trailer parked there and blocked traffic. Mr. Goodwin replied that he will go by the VDOT office to ask for a sign, and Joel DeNunzio will be here next week to review issues in town. Mr. Goodwin said that someone parked under the farmers' market pavilion and changed their oil, and David Becker has power-washed the area

but the stain is still there, so police issued parking tickets to people who parked under the pavilion last weekend, prompting some complaints.

Tourism and Economic Development Committee: Mr. Gritsko reported that they submitted a DCR grant application for VCNA in late July. The request was for two trails and culvert work. Mr. Gritsko said the economic development subcommittee will meet August 23 with Faith McClintic.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mr. Goodwin reported that there was an attempted break-in at the Scottsville Family Medicine. Mr. Goodwin is communicating with Cynthia Bedwell about permission to finish the extras on the police truck. He has invited the national manager of Dollar General to come to Scottsville to landscape maintenance and outdoor storage issues. Mr. Goodwin related that he hand-delivered collection notices last week for delinquent business taxes. He plans to pursue the internet service issues with CenturyLink to ensure the area gets the service it is promised. The new bar has hours until midnight on Thursdays, necessitating changes to the police officers' hours.
10. ADJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Ms. Kerlin, seconded by Ms. Knotts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.