

TOWN OF SCOTTSVILLE

Town Council

Working Session

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

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

Robert E. O'Halloran

Ronald L. Smith

MINUTES

Mayor Grove called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Gill, Mr. Gritsko, Ms. Knotts, and Mr. Smith were present. Ms. Kerlin and Mr. O'Halloran were absent. Also in attendance were Town Administrator George Goodwin, Town Attorney James Bowling, and Town Clerk Amy Moyer. The items discussed were as follows:

Police Chief's report: Chief Layman reported that there was a larceny at the railroad siding by the boat landing. The Public Safety Committee discussed storage for the police department. The visitor center has allowed them to use some space but they still need an eight-by-ten-foot building, as they have some things that cannot be in a publicly accessible space.

Mr. Smith asked if there was any town involvement in the major marijuana busts in Fluvanna and Buckingham. Chief Layman replied no, it was federal.

Ms. Knotts asked about Tavern on the James staying open later. Chief Layman replied that they are not open past 12 and are taking good care of things with security inside.

Meeting with Supervisor Dittmar: Mayor Grove reported that he spoke with Supervisor Dittmar about the recycling center proposal, and the Scottsville Community Center location likely will not work. The proposed facility is quite large with a lot of traffic flow, so it would eliminate the baseball field and much of the parking lot. They discussed placing additional containers for recyclables where the paper container is now.

Mayor Grove asked about the current thinking on Keene. Ms. Dittmar replied that the Board of Supervisors meets tomorrow, and the staff recommendation goes back to Keene, but they also looked at Scottsville Elementary School and Mill Creek Drive. Mayor Grove commented that the town remains interested in a nearby site that would benefit town residents. Mr. Gritsko noted that residents from Esmont and Keene felt blindsided by the proposal, as McIntire is not beautiful. Mr. Goodwin explained that the proposed facility is much more than recycling, including a transfer station, trash compacting, and collection of refrigerators, tires, old furniture, construction debris, etc.

Ms. Dittmar commented that she was thrilled to receive support from this precinct, and she looks forward to being present here. She does not plan to change the appointments made by the previous supervisor if these people still want to serve. She suggested that Petie Craddock's

service in the interim be recognized. Mayor Grove asked to place a resolution of appreciation on the regular session agenda.

Chamber of Commerce report: Mr. Smith reported that the Christmas wreath sale was underway.

Enhancement Projects Oversight Committee report: The committee did not meet due to lack of business.

Architectural Review Board report: Mr. Goodwin reported that the ARB completed its walkthrough and will discuss it in detail next month. He added that sign applications were completed for River Bend Day Spa, The Smokehouse Grille, and Tequila Sunrise.

Planning Commission report: The commission did not meet due to lack of business.

Treasurer's report: Mayor Grove noted that the Streetscape fund balance of \$141,000 will be transferred back to the Caldwell Fund. Mayor Grove expressed concerns about expenses in excess of revenues. Mr. Goodwin said they are on track; deficit cash flow is normal in the first half of the fiscal year.

Mayor's report: Mayor Grove reported that a special farmers' market is planned for Tuesday, November 26. Mayor Grove met with the manager of Trump Winery about opportunities to encourage tourism in the area, but this may depend on the outcome of plans for a golf course. Mr. Goodwin added that there is a possibility for of a wine festival in the Scottsville area.

Public Safety Committee report: Members were directed to review the minutes prepared by Ms. Kerlin.

Town Maintenance Committee report: Ms. Knotts reported that the committee is working on a seasonal maintenance plan. Mayor Grove stressed the need for town employees to report to one supervisor, asking that maintenance needs be communicated to Mr. Goodwin. Ms. Knotts related other topics of interest to the committee: the inmate training program, feral cats, upkeep of the flower boxes, and exploring grant options. Ms. Knotts noted that the hole in the baseball field left by a contractor has been fixed, and the BB&T sign is in need of maintenance.

Town Administrator's report: Mr. Goodwin reported that the levee was inspected today for the FEMA certification report, and no abnormalities were found. Engineering fees totaled \$1,623 plus printing costs. Other quotes had ranged from \$4,000 to \$29,000.

Mr. Goodwin asked that the Chamber of Commerce consider putting a sign and open flag on the visitor center, as this went through the ARB. Mayor Grove expressed the Town Council's appreciation to Bebe Williams for manning the visitor center.

Town Attorney's report: Mr. Bowling explained the requirement for the town to adopt its own stormwater management program or fall subject to the county's program. He noted that the town does not have the resources to staff and run its own program. The county attorney's office is

drafting an ordinance to meet state requirements. He recommended adoption of a resolution to fall under the county's program.

Mr. Bowling related that Thacker Brothers Funeral Home has applied for a zoning text amendment to add a crematory as an accessory use. Some other towns allow this by special use permit. He has prepared two draft ordinances for consideration.

Mayor Grove asked to hold off on the stormwater management resolution until they see the county's ordinance and fees. Mr. Bowling noted the possibility of changes to the erosion and sediment control ordinance as well.

Mayor Grove asked for a recommendation on the procedural and notice requirements to revoke a business license or special use permit for delinquent taxes. Mr. Bowling will look into this.

Tourism Committee report: Mr. Gritsko reported that the Van Clief Nature Area master plan meeting is tonight at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged Ms. Dittmar and the Board of Supervisors to support increased access to Pine Knot. Mr. Gritsko noted the opportunity for bus tours in coordination with other sites. Ms. Dittmar suggested working with the CACVB, which is co-funded by the city, county, and UVA.

Noise complaints regarding James River Brewing: Mayor Grove expressed dissatisfaction that the owners did not accept the invitation to attend tonight, as he believes they need to work this out cooperatively. He was not pleased with the lack of cooperation at the end of the season, when the music was quite loud. An unofficial report on decibel readings by Joey Vagus showed that they can get within the ordinance if they turn it down. This was carried over to the next work session.

Levee and pump house maintenance: Mr. Goodwin noted that the USACE report noted the need for lighting repairs at the pump house. The lights will be replaced with a newer type that will come on when cold. An appropriation for \$1,880 was placed on the regular session agenda. Other maintenance such as painting and minor repairs will be deferred until next year.

Resolution regarding administration of stormwater management program by Albemarle County: This item was addressed earlier.

FEMA mapping: This item was addressed earlier.

Upon a motion by Mr. Gritsko, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.