

Regular Meeting  
October 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held on September 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance: J. Bucky Miller, Mayor, Dennis Andrick, Kenneth Hackenbracht, Whitney Miller, Donnie Pifer, Roger Rudy and Rodney Shepherd, Councilmembers. Also in attendance: Doug Arthur, Town Attorney, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager, Neil Showalter, Finance Director, Judy Fultz, Clerk and Heather Taylor, Deputy Clerk. Visitors present: J. D. Fadley, Chief of Police, visitor, Travis Duncan and Ryan Cornell, reporter from the Northern Virginia Daily.

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order and asked if there were any visitor comments. Travis Duncan from the local Mount Jackson Moose Lodge introduced himself. He awarded the Mount Jackson Police Department and the Mount Jackson Rescue and Fire Dept., Inc. each with a case of Tommy the Moose stuffed animals to give to children in distress. The Moose Lodge also donated all of their recent proceeds from BBQ chicken sales. The police department and the fire department each received a check for \$200. On behalf of the Moose Lodge, Mr. Duncan invited every council member and town employee to a steak dinner served at the Moose. Heather will make contact with Mr. Duncan to arrange this on the calendar.

Mayor Miller reported that although the weekend festivities were very wet, the festival and the inaugural Mayor-A-Thon went very well. All were a success in spite of the weather and he was grateful to all who assisted in helping with the events including the police department and Rescue and Fire. There were 60 runners and 20 walkers which made the race a huge success.

Town Attorney Doug Arthur reported that there is a need to transfer some old assets that are in the form of Shentel stock, from the Mt. Jackson Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Dept. to the Mt. Jackson Rescue and Fire Dept., Inc. The town served as an interim company for these assets. As of October 14, 2014, Shentel has now stated that a Resolution is needed from the town saying, "We the town believe that the proper ownership of any assets belonging to the old Mt. Jackson Volunteer Fire and Emergency Dept., Inc. and transferring to the new, Mount Jackson Rescue and Fire Department should be transferred to the new and current Mount Jackson Rescue & Fire Dept., Inc." This will be brought up again in this meeting under New Business.

Chief of Police, J.D. Fadley received the Most Improved for the Clicket or Ticket Program from the Division of Motor Vehicles last month while attending a 2 day Small Department Symposium. The usage of seat belts was the most improved in Mount Jackson for this jurisdiction.

Town Manager, Kevin Fauber reported that the water tower job is continuing. The artist is due to come back to do the painting of the apples on 10/25/14. Mr. Fauber also reported that Karl Shaffer, Randy Lonas and himself met with a Staunton VDOT official about the sidewalk project from the shopping center and north. He expects to hear something this week from VDOT then can move ahead in the bid process. Kevin also mentioned that the VML Conference went very well and that several staff and council members attended.

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Rod Shepherd from the Finance Committee reported that the audit which usually takes place in December each year will be postponed until January due to the Southern Software install. The Town of Mount Jackson population is less than 3500 people which allows this audit exception to be made.

Finance Director Neil Showalter described the improvements with having Southern Software over the 4 vendors that previously maintained the finances for the town. Southern Software is in place, the utilities and cash collections are in place then next comes the taxes for Southern Software to download and install. The town set aside 74K, the total cost for new equipment. The actual cost for the Southern Software cost \$40,036, savings of nearly \$40K for the budget. This cost brought an annual savings of \$7K in maintenance fees because of being with one company instead of four.

Roger Rudy of the Public Safety Committee reported that this month there were 412 calls processed, (which is down from last month), which led to 9 investigations leaving 4 still active. Five have been cleared by arrests. The Rescue and Fire Department had 69 calls, 22 of which were in town limits. The ground breaking has begun for the new fire department building and is progressing.

Councilperson Whitney Miller inquired about the status of the tennis court removal project. Mayor Miller reported that the project is up to date and that town maintenance personnel would be seeding and laying hay when the weather permitted and that it is on the list to be finished.

Motion by Councilman Pifer and second by Councilman Hackenbracht to approve the consent agenda consisting pf: 1- Approval-Minutes of September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilman Andrick		
" Hackenbracht		
" Miller		
" Pifer		
" Rudy		
" Shepherd		

6 AYE, motion carried.

New Business- Shentel stock transferring from the old \_\_\_\_\_ to the new \_\_\_\_\_ requires a Resolution which will be drafted by town attorney Doug Arthur and made available right away for council to review. Motion made by Councilman Andrick and second by Councilman Rudy.

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" Rudy		
" Shepherd		

6 AYE, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilman Hackenbracht and second by Councilman Pifer.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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MAYOR