

Mount Jackson
Town Council Regular Meet
November 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held November 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Mayor Miller, Judy Fultz, Donnie Pifer, Rod Shepherd, Roger Rudy, and Bonnie Good Councilmembers. Also, in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matthew Akers, Town Attorney; Susan Maziarz, Interim Town Clerk. Visitors: John Boor, Jim Hines, Candi Lopresti, Gene Mobley and David Brinegar.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Hear from Visitors: Candi Lopresti, 5146 Dogwood Drive, I would like to thank Councilmember Shepherd for the Halloween Pictures he took of the town, the houses, the kids and posted it on social media what a small town looks like it was absolutely wonderful. My other item is the sidewalks, have you heard anything from VDOT yet? Kevin Fauber, Town Manager spoke, I know they have reached out to our engineer on some questions they have. The VDOT representative is out of the Staunton District Office and contacted our engineer a couple of weeks ago, he had some questions as he is working on the agreements. We feel the agreements are imminent, they should be here soon. That will lead us into our meeting with the VDOT Officials. Candi Lopresti, we still do not have date? Town Manager responded, no. Candi Lopresti, is there anything residents can do? Contact VDOT? Town Manager responded, you as resident can reach out to the Edinburg VDOT or I can get you a name for the Staunton District Office. Candi Lopresti, I just don't want this to fall in the cracks.

John Boor, 5996 Main Street, The Curtain Call Café, I would like to thank the Chief and the Police Force by making a presence in town, working and talking with the Mayor at the Mugs meeting which all of you are invited. I have seen a great presence in town and reduction in speed coming thru the town. We had some elderly ladies trying to cross the street and they felt it was unsafe. The presence is good, we have to keep it up. Hopefully we can get an answer from VDOT on restructuring the crosswalks. The next thing I wanted to talk about, I have been asked to represent a group of volunteers being put together for a festivities committee in the Town of Mount Jackson. I have already spoken to our Town Manager Kevin and Mayor Miller each have welcomed this idea with open arms. We as towns people realize the town cannot and should not do this alone. There is a lot of preparation, we are all semi-professionals and we all have been in that field before and know what it takes to put together a good festival. The committee will work directly with the Town Manager discussing, brain storming, promoting prospective events for our town. Meetings will be held once a month, follow up meetings will be conducted a few days before the actual events to confirm all necessary arrangements have been made and completed and the necessary personnel in place. Each Board Member will have a title, will be assigned individual responsibilities, members will be elected to their post by votes from fellow committee members. The Town Manager will be our lead who will report to the Mayor and Town Council. We hope to develop a web page in the future for which vendors and the community can deal directly with questions and concerns that can be posted on this web site.

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I'm happy to say I have been overwhelmed, we have numerous volunteers coming forward offering their services. Each excited to bring new ideas to the table and help serve this community. Each member will be bringing experience, professionalism and dependability. We hope the town members are willing to accept our help as well as our services and organizing schedules of events for the people of the Town of Mount Jackson and our surrounding neighbors and friends. I have been in contact our Director of Tourism in Shenandoah County Jenna French who has agreed to meet with the committee at any given time to enhance our presentation and ideas for the best way to bring tourism and revenue to our small town. We feel thru dedication, longevity, hard work and everyone's help, we can make this endeavor successful. We hope to bring family fun and activities back to our town, and hope to make the Town of Mount Jackson a great place to visit and remember. Thank you all.

Remarks & Recommendations from the Mayor: I thank you John Boor for being here this evening for your group and giving us a place for all of us to come together. Mugs with the Mayor this past summer, we all met and these are some of the things we talked about a Farmers Market, Music and a Volunteer Group. The Volunteer Group has been one of the hardest things. This means a lot to me, it sounds like we will have a great group of people helping us move forward. It has been tough these past couple of years, the group that had the festival said no more. I went to the Town Manager and everybody said I'm not going to let this keep us from having a festival, we did everything as a town we could do with a skeleton crew. I appreciate the way you are going about this going thru the Town Manager keeping him in the loop, going thru us that is the way to do it. I look forward to seeing what we can do together. I'm sad to say the Fall Festival did not happen this year. Vendors needed to have food orders in. It was looking like the weather was not going to be on our side. We would have probably lost the first part of the day, the weather did clear in the early afternoon. The next event will be the Open House & Christmas Parade on December 8, 2018. The route will be the same. I will have more information on our website and Facebook.

Remarks from Councilmembers: None

Presentations: None

Town Attorney Report: None

Chief of Police Report: None

Town Manger Report: We started the Well Project, we have had some meetings over the course of last week. The contractor is getting mobilized, working on the submittals for the equipment to be approved, getting equipment ordered. They want to get the concrete slap in before the cool weather so they can set the building and work inside the building this winter. The contract time on the project is a year from October.

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Committee Reports: Finance Committee Chairperson, Rod Shepherd, we will have the Auditors in the house in about 3 weeks.

Personnel Committee Chairperson, Roger Rudy, the position that is available within the Town Staff which is now becoming known as the Clerk of Council/Administration Assistant. That position was advertised shortly after our last meeting. It generated thirty-two applications. The Town Manager and the Finance Director reviewed the applications and narrow it down to 3 candidates which they felt brought the skills needed to that position. Last week, I joined the Town Manager and the Finance Director in the preliminary interviews with those three candidates. It was our decision we put these three candidates forward to a second interview that would involve the full Personnel Committee. Those interviews are scheduled this Thursday evening. We should have a decision made by Thanksgiving.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Judy Fultz reported the Police Department for October totaled 513 calls up 90 from September. There were 8 Criminal Offenses, 6 have been cleared or closed, 2 under investigation. There were 7 open doors/windows at 7 different locations. Rescue & Fire report for October the total responses for 68, total EMS responses 46, total fire responses 22, 72% of total responses by volunteer crews. The breakfast with Santa is Saturday December 8th. David Brinegar spoke, we had training for "Active Shooter" with the police and other agencies. The biggest issue with an Active Shooter is people die because they basically bleed out, our goal is finding the people and stop the bleeding onsite then remove outside. We are now equipped with 28 Active Shooter bags on our units.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval – Minutes of October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting & Minutes.

Councilmember Pifer MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Rudy to APPROVE to the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz	None	Councilmember Andrick
“ Pifer		
“ Shepherd		
“ Rudy		
“ Good		

5 AYES, motion carried

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Old Business: None
New Business: None

Councilmember Good made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Clerk

Mayor