

Town Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held November 10, 2015 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; Ken Hackenbracht, Whitney Miller, Donnie Pifer, Roger Rudy and Rod Shepherd, Councilmembers. Councilman Andrick was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance: Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Doug Arthur, Town Attorney; Heather Taylor, Town Clerk and guest, Robert Whitehurst.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: Councilman Hackenbracht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pifer to add to New Business the Planning Commission vacancy.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht		Councilman Andrick
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

Mayor Miller commented on Veterans Day and that the wreath was placed at the Veterans Park. The Christmas Parade will be 12/12/15 at 3:30 p.m. with the line-up forming at 2:45 near Valley Fertilizer on Main Street. If there are marching bands the Mayor will work with the police department to work the bands into the parade at Medical Drive so they don't have to walk so far.

Doug Stader, Program Manager of the Highway Safety Division of Motor Vehicles, Staunton District, awarded the Mount Jackson Police Department with two awards. In regard to the Click-It or Ticket program, the Mount Jackson Police Department won an award for the most improvement in seatbelt use for a town of its size going from 75% use to 89% and a second award, for having the highest percentage of seatbelt use. Chief Sterner was present to receive both awards.

Chief Sterner reported that a 4th auxiliary officer is being added to the Mount Jackson Police force. His name is John Armentrout and the Chief feels he will be a real asset to the force.

Kevin Fauber reported that a proposal from Karl Schaeffer from Penoni Engineering, is using Viola Engineering for the bore test at the box culvert under the road. The cost is coming in around \$5,500.

The grant application has been filed with VDOT for the second phase of the sidewalk project from Conicville Rd. & Food Lion as well as the Steel Bridge project for 2018. Mr. Fauber also mentioned that he hopes to have the well project out to bid and wrapped up soon. The wading pool

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project, (baby pool), is scheduled for late November/December finishing by the spring.

Councilman Rudy, Chair of the Public Safety committee reported that the EMS responded to 75 calls in October, 24 Fire responses resulting in 74% of total responses by volunteer crews. The new station is moving along and may be operational in December. President Brinegar hopes to have more walkthroughs in the future for visitors to see how the building is progressing. The police department had 369 calls for the month of October, 7 of those being criminal, 6 are closed and 1 is under investigation.

Motion by Councilman Rudy, seconded by Councilman Pifer to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht		Councilman Andrick
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT,motion carried

NEW BUSINESS- Motion made by Councilman Hackenbracht, seconded by Councilman Pifer to nominate Amanda Ludwig to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Fadely has stepped down.

Councilperson Miller asked if there wasn't an interview process for bringing a new person into a vacant position.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht		Councilman Andrick
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT,motion carried

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Motion made by Councilman Pifer, seconded by Councilman Rudy, that the Council of the Town of Mt. Jackson convene a closed meeting at 7:48 p.m. under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss the acquisition, sale, disposal of or other use of real property for a public purpose under Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A)(3)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Hackenbracht		Councilman Andrick
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

Motion made by Councilman Pifer, seconded by Councilperson Miller to return to the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Councilman Pifer stated that the Council of the Town of Mount Jackson hereby certifies by roll call vote, that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting to which the certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council of the Town of Mount Jackson.

Vote: Hackenbracht	I So Certify
Miller	“
Pifer	“
Rudy	“
Shepherd	“
J.G. Miller	“

AYES-6, motion carried

Councilperson Miller suggests an interview process or perhaps a “letter of interest” when someone is being nominated to the Planning Commission. This is in hope of finding individuals who have the town’s best interest in mind. Mayor Miller agrees that additional screening would be good. Town Attorney, Doug Arthur stated from the Code Book of Virginia that a “position on the Planning Commission is an important job and their job is a part of the Town Council’s job which is appointed.”

Councilman Pifer highlighted that Chief Sterner was the right choice for the Chief job-he was the right decision. Motion made by Councilman Pifer to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

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CLERK

MAYOR