

Mount Jackson
Town Council Regular Meeting
March 12, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Mayor Bucky Miller; Councilmembers Judy Fultz, Dennis Andrick, Rod Shepherd, Roger Rudy, and Bonnie Good. Also, in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matthew Akers, Town Attorney; Keith Cowart, Police Sergeant; and Debbie Stover, Town Clerk. Visitors: Kelly Stauff, Don Shirley, Ronnie Zerkel, John Boor, Max Thornberry, and Kenna Fansler.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Hear from Visitors:

1. Ronnie Zerkel spoke in follow-up to the code violations adjoining his property at 124 Daniel Gray Drive. He stated he brought this to the town council 2 months ago, and to the town attorney last month, but nothing has been done, and that these violations have been on-going for 6-8 months. Kevin Fauber stated that the council asked the staff to look into those violations, and the town attorney has been involved as well. Kevin stated Mr. Galati has filed for a variance to the code section regarding the fence. The code requires the fence be placed on the entire length of the property line, but due to the right-of-way issue, this is not possible. This will go before the Board of Zoning Appeals on April 3, and all adjoining property owners will be notified and can attend. Kevin added Mr. Galati was here last month and addressed a few concerns on this issue, specifically the dumpster and fence. Town attorney Matthew Akers spoke it would be helpful for himself and Mr. Zerkel to meet after this meeting (which Mr. Zerkel declined). Mr. Akers stated it was his understanding from their last meeting that the Zerkels' would be providing more specific information as to what the violations were. There was some discussion between Mr. Akers and Mr. Zerkel as to what information was needed, and ended with the exchange of phone numbers between the two parties to discuss this matter privately at a later time.

2. Don Shirley chose not to speak after reviewing the agenda.

Remarks & Recommendations from the Mayor:

The mayor thanked Keith Cowart for being at the meeting and for stepping up during Chief Jeff Sterner's absence. He thanked Debbie Stover for the format of the council minutes. He asked Mr. Boor if he wanted to speak about the Chili Cook-Off coming up March 23. Mr. Boor said there is a lot of community interest, and the committee is still trying to resolve some issues with the Health Department and their requirements. The mayor said he spoke with Frank Wilt at WSVN, and that himself and John Boor will go to WSVN next Friday March 22, to advertise this event. The mayor also thanked Rod Shepherd for leading the meeting last month in his absence.

Remarks from Councilmembers:

Bonnie Good spoke on the new hard surface project rankings publication from VDOT, which shows the county roads they are planning to address at some point. Rod Shepherd shared the fact that it is 1.1 miles from the town office sign to the traffic light.

Presentations: None

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Chief of Police Report: None, per Keith Cowart on Chief Sterner' s behalf.

Town Manger Report: Kevin Fauber spoke about opening ceremonies with Little League on March 30, and that this year the town, and specifically Randy Lonas, will be recognized and Randy will throw out the first pitch. The league is asking as many town representatives as possible to be in attendance. Kevin also reported some of the concrete slabs were poured today for the tanks on the well project. The tanks are scheduled to be delivered between March 26-28, and the building will be delivered around April 3. Kevin added there will be upcoming meetings in the next few weeks about the continuing sidewalk project. Dennis Andrick opened discussion as to whether or not a fence should be placed along the sidewalk in the area where there is a steep drop off, for safety reasons. Per Kevin, the town will look into the cost for this.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee Chairperson, Rod Shepherd, had nothing to report.
2. Ordinance Committee Chairperson, Dennis Andrick, had nothing to report.
3. Personnel Committee Chairperson, Roger Rudy, had nothing to report.
4. Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Judy Fultz, reported the February Police Department calls were 455, down 18 from January. There were 5 criminal offenses, 4 were either closed or cleared, and 1 is under investigation. There was 1 open door/window, and 10 inoperable vehicles were removed. Ms. Fultz also reported on the Rescue and Fire Department calls for February. There were 90 total responses (65 EMS and 25 Fire), of which 84% was covered by volunteers. Also, the end-of-year 2018 report reflects 954 total responses (660 EMS and 294 Fire), of which 76% was covered by volunteers. She added there will be an Easter breakfast from 7-11AM on April 20 with a free will offering, and an Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM.
5. Public Services Committee Chairperson, Bonnie Good, spoke about the meeting she attended last week regarding the new wells, noting that the tanks will be installed before the building. She spoke on the water infiltration and that in the past week there were over a million gallons of water that ran through our sewage system, well over the normal amount. She was told by Gale Netz once the ground dries up they can begin using smoke testing to find and fix cracks, and other sewer line problems. Gale asked Bonnie to check on putting an article in the newsletter about this.
6. Public Properties & Facilities Committee Chairperson, Donnie Pifer, was absent.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval – Minutes of February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Fultz to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5 AYES, motion carried

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Old Business: Bonnie Good referenced the recent conflict involving Ronnie Zerkel's property discussed above. She stated that in prior years when she was on the planning commission, staff would do a report ahead of time to go over all the pertinent ordinances and make sure they are in compliance. Kevin Fauber replied that a report will be given to the council, and that in this specific case, it was a use that was already permitted by right so it didn't go before the Planning Commission and Town Council for approval. Kevin told Bonnie he would share with her the report on the specifics of this particular project, and added that for major projects, like special use permits or re-zonings, a staff report is done.

New Business:

1. Purchase and installation of the new Marquee Sign. Kevin Fauber spoke we did receive a proposal from Letter Perfect to use the existing structure, but replace the sign board, and that the diagram and proposal are included in the council packets. Mayor Miller spoke that the old scrolling marquee sign is technologically outdated, and referenced the Fire & Rescue building's LED sign as a nicer example.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE the purchase and installation of the new Marquee Sign.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5 AYES, motion carried

2. Appointment of Gerald Bohus to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 5 year term expiring June 30, 2024.

Councilmember Good MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Rudy to APPROVE the appointment of Gerald Bohus to the BZA for a 5 year term expiring June 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5 AYES, motion carried

Councilmember Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04PM.

Clerk

Mayor