

Town Council Meeting  
& Public Hearing  
May 9, 2017

The public hearing and regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held May 9, 2017 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, Ken Hackenbracht, Whitney Miller, Donnie Pifer, Roger Rudy, and Rod Shepherd, Councilmembers. Also in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Jeff Sterner, Chief of Police; Matthew Akers, Town Attorney and Heather Taylor, Town Clerk. Several people from the community were in attendance including students from Mr. Wheeler's government class from SJHS; Pamela Guirrero, Alexandra Hansen, Mark Keith, Brooklyn McDaniels, Tabitha Silvius and Dennis Villeda.

Ordinance O-01-2017 Adopting Budgets for the General Fund, Utilities Funds, Capital Projects and Equipment Replacement Funds; Establishing Real and Personal Tax Rates, Establishing Compensation Amount/Rates, Setting Fees for Water, Sewer, Refuse Services, Auto License Tax and Other Fees, Charges, Penalties, and Taxes and Establishing Annual and Specific Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018. No public comments. Public Hearing Closed

Regular Meeting

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Visitors: No comments

Mayor Miller's Report: The sidewalk bids are in and the mayor is traveling to Emporia and Williamsburg for the VML Suppers later in the week.

Remarks by Council Members: None

Presentations: None

Town Attorney Report: None

Chief of Police: The Chief reported that he spoke with Cliff Balderson from VDOT about the Meems Bottom Bridge. VDOT is installing an "overheight" structure to deter trucks from driving through and damaging the bridge.

Town Manager Report: The sidewalk bids were received 4/25/17. Two bids came in and are being reviewed. A second round of funds has come in from VDOT. The Town has questions for VDOT about the use of these funds and approval is needed before VDOT can award the project. Town Council is being asked to be prepared for a special meeting between May and June.

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Committee Reports: Finance Committee Chairman Rod Shepherd reported that the town has paid off another of its bonds. Payment has been submitted and the bond has been closed out. Also, Mr. Shepherd met with the auditors while they were here. Councilmember Shepherd will present a summary report to the Town Council at the June meeting.

Chairman Rudy from the Public Safety Committee reported that the police department had 107 fewer calls, down 12% from April. Ten open doors were found. Of the 13 criminal offenses in April, 4 have been investigated, 6 cleared and 3 juvenile crimes have been resolved. For the Rescue & Fire Department it was reported that 83% of the total calls were responded to by volunteers. The department now has staffing Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. due to extra staffing at Conicville.

Public Properties Chairperson, Whitney Miller reported that the new pool schedule is on Facebook and that by the time the pool opens the park/pool equipment should be installed and then they will just be waiting on the paving.

Councilmember Pifer MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of April 11, 2017, Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

Old Business: 1. Rezoning Request-Todd Holtzman, 5907 Gospel Street, LLC, convert house into 2-2 bedroom apartments. Kevin Fauber added that T. Holtzman did apply for a Variance which the BZA approved for off street parking. The town will handle obtaining a Handicap parking sign for N. Wealthy's daughter at her residence which the Planning Commission approved.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Hackenbracht	None	Councilmember Andrick
“ Miller		Councilmember Pifer
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

4 AYES, 2 ABSTAINS, motion passes

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2. Mount Jackson Solar I, LLC as Lessee, 3100 Turkey Knob Road, Special Use Permit, Construction of a solar farm on Parcels 91-A-37 & 91-A-42/, Currently zoned A-1. Motion made to approve by Councilmember Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Andrick. Kevin Fauber commented to Council that the latest Voluntary Conditions update is at each member's desk. Councilmember Shepherd commented that a conversation took place last with the solar group after the public hearing about an interest in planting bee-friendly plants around the solar plan to help with the crisis, (colony collapse), that is going on with the bee industry. Additional plantings can help and they will look into this for the Mount Jackson facility.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

NEW: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

Councilmember Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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CLERK

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MAYOR

