

Mount Jackson  
Town Council Special Meeting  
October 21, 2019

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Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held October 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Vice Mayor Rod Shepherd; Councilmembers Judy Fultz, Dennis Andrick, Roger Rudy, and Bonnie Good. Mayor Donnie Pifer and Councilmember Whitney Miller were absent. Also, in attendance, Neil Showalter, Acting Town Manager; Charlie Moore, Assistant Town Manager; Debbie Stover, Town Clerk; and Jeff Sterner, Police Chief. Others in attendance were Ronnie Zerkel, Jim Hines, Donald and Joyce Shirley, Candi LoPresti, Gary Kalwaytis, and Melissa Topey with NVD.

Vice Mayor Shepherd opened stating since this is a special meeting there will be no public comments and no additions or changes to the agenda, and he will not be making any motions or seconds this evening.

New Business:

1. Resolution R-05-2019 – Trash Collection – Awarding Contract Without Competitive Bidding for the Purchase of Trash Removal Services Beginning November 2, 2019.

Charlie Moore gave the background on this resolution stating several years ago a group of municipalities went together and bid for trash collection services. A group contract was awarded which resulted in a better price. That went well for approximately 4 years, but recently the company changed hands and concluded that it was not within their work plan to provide services particularly in the southern end of the county. They wanted to discontinue service but the municipalities asked if they could try and find a way to keep it going, so they subcontracted it out for the two southern towns. That subcontractor turned out not to be prepared to handle both towns, so Mount Jackson was being picked up by whatever crews could be assembled the day of pickup, and this resulted in a significant number of citizen complaints. Town staff met with the current company and out of that discussion came a handshake to discontinue the services effective November 1, 2019. The former collection company that had served the town for many years, Long Enterprises, LLC, has stepped up to help with a 6 month agreement. They could not serve Fridays, the day it was changed to a month or so ago, but will pick up on Tuesdays instead. The existing carrier's last pick up will be Friday, November 1, and Long Enterprises will begin their pick up on Tuesday, November 5. Before the end of that 6 month period we will do the formal bidding for purchase. Those specifications have already been drafted and ready to go out to bid when that time comes. The staff recommendation is to adopt Resolution R-05-2019.

Councilmember Andrick MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Good to APPROVE Resolution R-05-2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz			Councilmember Miller
“ Andrick			
“ Shepherd			
“ Rudy			
“ Good			

5 AYES, motion carried

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Vice Mayor Shepherd stated they would now go into a closed session to discuss personnel issues, and he doesn't expect the council to have any kind of an announcement afterwards, however all are welcome to wait outside until the closed meeting is over, if they chose to do so.

Councilmember Rudy read the motion that the Council for the Town of Mount Jackson convene a closed session under Virginia Freedom of Information Act under state code section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss personnel involving specific officers, appointees, or employees of the Town of Mount Jackson for the purpose of considering such individual's assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salary, disciplining or resignation.

Councilmember Fultz MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Good, to APPROVE going into a closed session at 6:10 PM. No vote was taken.

Councilmember Andrick MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Good to return to open meeting.

Vice Mayor Rod Shepherd read 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 requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this 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:

Councilmember Fultz - I So Certify  
Councilmember Andrick - I So Certify  
Councilmember Rudy - I So Certify  
Councilmember Good - I So Certify  
Vice Mayor Shepherd - I So Certify  
5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT, motion carried

Councilmember Andrick MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Rudy to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:29 PM.

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Debbie A. Stover, Clerk

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Donald I. "Donnie" Pifer, Mayor