

Regular Meeting  
June 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held on June 9, 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; 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; and Heather Taylor, Town Clerk. Visitors in attendance: Kelly Clark, reporter from The Daily News Record, Candy Lopresti, Chief Jeff Sterner, Robert Whitehurst and Jim and Donna Wolfe.

Mayor Miller wanted everyone to know about the upcoming movie night at Lion's Club Park. This was hosted by the New Market/Mount Jackson Little League and the movie Sandlot is being shown 6/11/15 at 8:30 p.m. for \$2. Little League is also hosting the District Playoffs from 6/22-6/27 at the park. The 9-10 year old's team is one win away from State and this is the first time Mount Jackson has sent a team to the state level. The press box has been painted near the dugout which was done by Little League.

Councilman Shepherd gave congratulations to Councilmembers Whitney Miller and Roger Rudy and Mayor Bucky Miller for their first year in office.

Kevin Fauber gave a brief update on Town Attorney, Doug Arthur. "Doug is doing well as he completes his first round of chemo. He said to not be alarmed if he doesn't make it to the meeting."

Kevin Fauber also reported that with the sidewalk project across the street, "We will be doing concrete entrances and handicapped ramps as well as removing concrete and adding brick pavers." Karl Schaeffer submitted revised comments to VDOT last Monday with the big sidewalk project and we are waiting on a response back from VDOT.

Councilman Shepherd, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the town is in the end stage of the software switch with Southern Software. (Completion by 7/1/15.) This was through the hard work of Finance Director, Neil Showalter. Thank you Neil.

Roger Rudy, Chair of the Public Safety committee reported that the Mount Jackson Police Dept. had 474 calls resulting in 7 offenses leaving 2 under investigation. Chief Sterner gave Councilman Rudy a new type of report which shows the monthly flow of crime. This new report shows that as the weather warms crime increases. Kevin Fauber and Roger Rudy did a walkthrough of the new Rescue & Fire building that is being constructed at the south end of town. They found it to be immense and impressive. "It has great potential for the community and others."

Councilperson Miller, Chair of the Public Properties committee stated that they were in the process of getting prices/options for items for the park where the tennis courts were. Equipment for younger children is desired and the committee wants to include benches for the parents to sit on. Councilperson Miller wants to know what options are out there.

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Motion by Councilman Hackenbracht, seconded by Councilman Rudy to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1- Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2015, Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6 AYES, motion carried

Old Business, Ordinance O-01-2015-Adopting Budget for fiscal year 2016 is eligible for action. Motion made by Councilman Shepherd to adopt this budget which has been introduced, discussed and was presented at a public hearing, seconded by Councilman Andrick.

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“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion carried

New Business-Mayor’s Park Project. The Mayor discussed last year’s 1st Mayor-A-Thon as a fundraiser in honor of his high school friend, Sarah Johnston Defren, who passed away suddenly. The funds from the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mayor-A-Thon, which will take place 10/10/15, will be used towards the Mayor’s Park Project. “The funds will more than cover this,” said the Mayor. This will transform the current Visitor Center Park into Mayor’s Park. Diagram included with minutes. The Mayor hopes to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring of 2016.

Kevin Fauber wanted to share that a couple visiting Mount Jackson complimented how nice the town of Mount Jackson is calling it “lovely”.

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The Mayor also shared that longtime friend of the late mayor, Joe Williams, Herrin Dukote, from Louisiana, was visiting Mount Jackson and while here presented the mayor with a handcrafted clock which had the town seal on its face. This clock is displayed in the front lobby of the town office.

Chief Sterner announced the recent hiring of Officer Ricky Wilson. Officer Wilson has 15 yrs. of experience as a police officer.

Motion made by Councilman Shepherd, seconded by Councilman Andrick to adjourn- 7:49 p.m.

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MAYOR