

Town Council Meeting

Regular Meeting

January 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held January 12, 2016 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, Whitney Miller, Donnie Pifer, Roger Rudy, and Rod Shepherd, Councilmembers. Councilman Hackenbracht was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance: Kevin Fauber, Town Manager and Doug Arthur, Town Attorney. Kevin Fauber served as clerk for the meeting.

Visitors included Boy Scout Troop #117 who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Mayor Miller thanked the Boy Scouts for being present at the meeting. He also mentioned that there will be a survey coming out soon for the town in regard to the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update. "This survey will help us to see where our vision is."

Town Manager, Kevin Fauber reported that the bore testing is done on Rt. 11. This will be the final piece to put the sidewalk project out to bid. Depending on the results of this test, plans will be finalized and submitted to VDOT for final approval.

Kevin Fauber met with engineer Bill Kreye of KBI and the town is about 2 weeks out from bidding on the well project. The goal is to start construction in March or April.

Councilperson Shepherd from the Finance Committee reported:

- The audit is almost finished and final copies will be included in the February Council packets. The audit will then be presented for approval at that meeting. Councilman Shepherd will be presenting that report to Council.
- Normally the budget would be presented in April then there would be a Public Hearing in May. Due to health issues a Special Meeting will be held in June to vote on the budget.
- After eighteen months, the software switchover is complete.
- Councilman Shepherd met with Sadie from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. She had high praise for the town staff in support of the audit.
- In regard to the report in this month's Council packet:
 1. The category of Total General Cash Account, as of June 30th 2015, compared to 2011, (and the economic challenges of the past 4 years), the town's cash balance is the same, which speaks highly of the staff and management.
 2. In regard to the long term debt, in 2011 the town's debt was under 10M. In 2015 it was 6.8M. Over 3 M in debt has been retired. This again speaks highly of staff and management.

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Councilman Rudy from the Public Safety Committee reported that the police department had 369 calls in December, averaging 12 calls a day which was down 61 calls, (15%) from November. Eight of these calls were criminal offenses, 7 of which were cleared and one is still under investigation. All of the officers have completed their training and have signed up for additional training. Mayor Miller commented at this time that he did a Ride Along with Officer Armentrout. The mayor found this officer to have a lot of experience and is an excellent officer. "The Mount Jackson Police Department is an excellent department."

Rescue & Fire had 63 calls in December, 50 were EMS and 13 were Fire, 77% of these calls were answered by volunteers. This department averages 2.2 calls per day with each call averaging 2.5 hrs. The new building is just about finished, 97% complete. D. Brinegar commented that the new building is open for tours and welcomed people to stop by.

Kevin Fauber gave the update for the Public Properties Committee and stated that the wading pool is 80% complete. The pool company will be back in the spring to set the features in place and that the town public works department will be doing the concrete decking and electrical work that is necessary to finish this project.

Motion by Councilperson Pifer, seconded by Councilperson Andrick to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson Andrick		Councilperson Hackenbracht
" Miller		
" Pifer		
" Rudy		
" Shepherd		

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS- Rezoning Request 03-2015- Melinda A. Monroe, 3126 Turkey Knob Road, Tax Map No. 091 A 038 and 091 A 038A, from Agricultural to Limited Industrial (I-1).

ROLL CALL VOTE

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson Andrick		Councilperson Hackenbracht
" Miller		
" Pifer		
" Rudy		
" Shepherd		

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

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NEW BUSINESS-

Item 1- Kevin Fauber gave an update about the Survey and Comprehensive Plan update. In November the Focus Group, Planning Commission and Town Council met to form a vision statement. The Planning Commission has suggested and asks that the council approve the vision statement.

*Preserve and enhance its natural beauty and cultural heritage. *Promote economic development through diverse jobs and business opportunities. *Encourage educational opportunities through partnership with local businesses. *Support wellness of all generations through recreational, cultural and educational activities to promote community. *Provide a safe and secure environment for all citizens. *Promote environmental responsibility. *Continue to be a visitor destination of choice. *Create an environment in which residents and neighbors can live, work, and retire in a family-oriented community.

Motion by Councilperson Shepherd, seconded by Councilperson Andrick to approve the Vision Statement for the Comprehensive Plan Revision.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

Item 2-Also under New Business is the need to appoint Amanda Ludwig to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Fadely, 6/30/16. In the town code, an appointment to the BZA states that a member of the Planning Commission shall be a member of the BZA. Amanda Ludwig has agreed to fill this term.

Motion made by Councilperson Pifer, seconded by Councilperson Rudy to appoint Commissioner Ludwig to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Fadely until 6/30/16.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

Town Attorney, Doug Arthur said that he would make sure that the paperwork is sent to Judge Hupp and this process will need to be done again on July 1, 2016.

Motion made by Councilperson Shepherd to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

CLERK

MAYOR