

Town Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
March 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held March 8, 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, Ken Hackenbracht, Whitney Miller, Donnie Pifer, Roger Rudy, and Rod Shepherd, Councilmembers. Also in attendance: Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Doug Arthur, Town Attorney and Heather Taylor, Town Clerk.

Visitors present: David Brinegar, Jenna French, Candy Lopresti, Chief Sterner.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES-Kevin Fauber requested that Jenna French, Director of Tourism for Shenandoah County be added to the agenda with a presentation.

Mayor Miller expressed his enthusiasm for the spring season.

Presentation: Jenna French reported travel to Shenandoah County is up 4% with over \$199K in revenue creating 1,695 supported jobs. Travel, (blog) writers are a successful avenue for marketing tourism. The County is involved in international marketing through Capital Region USA, (CRUSA). There is an upcoming "Bike Virginia" event which Shenandoah County Tourism is hosting in June. This is a weeklong bike ride for 1500-2000 riders. Some upcoming new events include the Regional Wine & Beer Trail and Small Business Development and in February of 2017 there is a Farm to Fork to Table event.

Town Manager, Kevin Fauber reported that Neil Showalter, Finance Director for the town, is doing well and has worked a bit after his surgery. Neil will be starting radiation therapy soon which will last for 7 weeks. He is doing the final touches on the audit and has started to prepare the budget. He much appreciates the calls, cards and well wishes and is looking forward to getting through this.

Town Attorney, Doug Arthur and Kevin Fauber are working on developing a policy for filling vacancies of various town commissions and boards. It is a goal to bring something together to present at the April meeting. Public Works is bringing trees down in specific areas for the sidewalk project.

Councilman Shepherd, Chair of the Finance Committee commented on being short staffed and that people were pulling together.

Councilman Rudy, Chair of the Public Safety Committee commented that police calls were down by 5 calls from last month. There were 6 criminal calls, 4 have been cleared and 2 are still under investigation. Fire & Rescue report: of the 74 total responses for February, 62 were from the EMS and 12 from the Fire Dept. As of 3/4/16 they are working out of their new facility. They hope to have a ribbon cutting in April. He asked for the town to resume the annual donation to Rescue & Fire and he is updating his portion of the Comprehensive Plan from the fire department.

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Motion by Councilman Pifer, seconded by Councilman Rudy to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilperson Andrick

“ Hackenbracht  
“ Miller  
“ Pifer  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

6 AYES, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS- Approval of Revised Town Vision Statement which has been updated (3 changes) and approved by the Focus Group and the Planning Commission. Motion made by Councilman Shepherd, seconded by Councilman Pifer.

- \*Preserve and enhance its natural beauty and cultural heritage.
- \*Promote economic development through diverse jobs and business opportunities.
- \*Encourage educational opportunities through partnerships with local businesses.
- \*Support wellness of all generations through recreational, cultural, and educational activities to promote a vibrant 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilperson Andrick

“ Hackenbracht  
“ Miller  
“ Pifer  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

6 AYES, motion carried

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NEW BUSINESS-Engineering Services Proposal for Design of Water Main Replacement-Pennoni. Councilman Hackenbracht explained the project. Approximately 4,200-4,300 feet of 6" cast iron water lines run from Perry Trailer Park down to the Mill Creek Bridge. These may have lead joints. These lines were originally installed in 1908 & 1936. Randy Lonas and Public Works have been able to seal them when necessary and there have been no major problems but Randy's biggest concern is the age of the line and the location which is under Route 11 on the west side. Replacing these lines would require an engineering firm to get the approximate figures and to see what financing is available. This is the first step. The committee met with staff and Randy Lonas in September of 2015. Randy was adamant about the need. Karl Schaeffer and Pennoni Engineering was asked to prepare a report. This will begin by looking at the old maps and surveys where a new line would go and what connections would be made. Then this would go out to bid. This will be in a lump sum fee of \$44K plus another estimated \$1K to cover incidentals like shipping and preparation of drawings and miscellaneous things.

Motion by Councilman Hackenbracht, for council to approve this proposal for engineering services on the water main replacement on Main St., seconded by Councilman Pifer.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilperson Andrick

- " Hackenbracht
- " Miller
- " Pifer
- " Rudy
- " Shepherd

6 AYES, motion carried

Motion made by Councilman Pifer to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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CLERK

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MAYOR