

Town Council Meeting and  
Public Hearing  
June 14, 2016

The public hearing and regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held on June 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at 5901 Main St. 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 included Eliza Coffman, Nancy Fadely, Bonnie Good, Larry Hand, Todd Holtzman, Lee Jette, Gary Kalwaytis, Suzanne Montgomery, Brian Phibbs, Bill Ryan and Robert Whitehurst.

1. Ordinance O-01-2016 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 2016. No discussion.

Public Hearing Closed.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: Councilman Hackenbracht MOVED to delete item #5 from the agenda under New Business concerning the Joint Public Hearing policy and he asked that it be reinstated at a later date. Seconded by Councilman Shepherd.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

Councilperson Andrick

“ Hackenbracht  
“ Miller  
“ Pifer  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

6 AYES, motion passes.

Visitors: Longtime resident Bill Ryan shared his support with the Old Triplett School being potentially sold and restored. He voiced his concern about rumors that the building was being torn down which was addressed by the Mayor, “The building will not be torn down.” Mr. Ryan was very much in support of someone else buying the building and paying the expense to upgrade what was needed.

Lee Jette from Maurertown, VA from the Shenandoah Theatre group in Edinburg asked what the Council thought of a live theater coming to Mount Jackson. Both Councilmen Andrick and Pifer shared their support of the idea. Councilmember Miller has more discussion concerning this topic under New Business.

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Mayor Miller gave a welcome back to Kevin Fauber after his recent surgery and included the same sentiment to Finance Director Neil Showalter after his recent absence. Mayor Miller briefly discussed a meeting that took place prior to the council meeting which was about the Joint Public Hearing policy currently in place. An ad hoc committee has been formed including B. Good, K. Hackenbracht, J. G. Bucky Miller, and Rod Shepherd to discuss what will be best for the town. All parties need to be involved to set a meeting and this committee will report back at a later date.

Mayor Miller also stated that the town intends to pass the 2017 budget at the Organizational meeting 7/1/16.

Chief Sterner reported that since the last council meeting the police department has been cleaning up the town. Because of the efforts of the police department, nineteen inoperable vehicles have been removed from properties by the owners and the appearance of many yards have improved.

Kevin Fauber thanked everyone for the support, cards and flowers while he was out. In regard to the sidewalk project, there are 2 easements that the town crew is working on and expect VDOT to sign then these will go out to bid. The well project is in the hands of the Health Dept. in Lexington. The pool is having issues with the filter system. National Pools will be addressing the issue. There has been good feedback from the public about the pool and the new water features.

Chair of the Public Safety committee, Roger Rudy, reported that the police department had 167 more calls in May than April and this is due to the increased property checks that the officers are doing. In May there were 6 criminal offenses, 5 were cleared and 1 has been turned over to the Secret Police. The Mount Jackson Rescue & Fire department had a total of 82 responses in May. Sixty-one were EMS, 21 were fire responses and out of those responses, 90% of them were answered by volunteer crews. The Open House at the Fire Dept. held on 6/5/16 was a big success with approximately 200 residents touring the new facility.

Councilman Hackenbracht MOVED, seconded by Councilman Rudy to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of May 10, 2016, Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

Councilperson Andrick

- “ Hackenbracht
- “ Miller
- “ Pifer
- “ Rudy
- “ Shepherd

6 AYES, motion passes.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Miller spoke on the Open House at the Old Triplett School building which took place 6/4/16. The community was asked for comments and the following comments were turned in with the assurance that the property, (which includes the building and the adjoining land which make up the property being discussed), will not be torn down.

Suggestions/Concerns:

- Park and Recreation
- Museum
- The condition of the inside of the buildings
- Community Center
- Like the idea of selling if someone else could fix it up
- Used by the town
- Live theater

The committee met after the meeting-the theater idea was well received. How do we get there? Councilmember Miller proposed to put the building out for sale to see about other bids and ideas. The town needs hard numbers to see what it would take to move ahead with this. Councilmember Miller MOVED, seconded by Councilman Shepherd to set a public hearing for July 12, 2016 to discuss the potential sale of the Old Triplett property. Discussion included advertising and taking bids up to 6/30/2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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NAY

ABSTAIN

Councilperson Andrick

- “ Hackenbracht
- “ Miller
- “ Pifer
- “ Rudy
- “ Shepherd

6 AYES, motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kevin Fauber introduced Brian Phipps from People Inc. which is considered a community action agency. Brian introduced to the Council a project his company is currently discussing with the owners of a piece of property at the north end of Main St. This is a senior apartment living project which includes 11- 1 bedroom apartments all on 1 level. This property needs to be rezoned to R-3 with a Special Use Permit. The project is not assisted living but offers supportive services including home health and supportive housing. Eligibility includes at least one resident in each apartment to be a minimum of 62 years old, income eligibility must also be met. Site plans have

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been requested by the town for this project.

2. Councilman Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilman Andrick to accept the Year Ended June 30, 2015 Audit.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

Councilperson Andrick

“ Hackenbracht  
“ Miller  
“ Pifer  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

6 AYES, motion passes.

3. Councilman Hackenbracht MOVED, seconded by Councilman Rudy to accept the recommendation made by staff to award Holtzman Oil Co. the bid for non-ethanol unleaded gas and diesel fuel for Fiscal year 2017. Two bids, one from Holtzman Oil Co. and another from Emmart Oil Co. were received. Holtzman’s bids were slightly lower on both products.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

Councilman Hackenbracht  
“ Miller  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

Councilperson Andrick  
Councilman Pifer

4 AYES, 2 ABSTAIN, motion passes.

4. Organizational Meeting, July 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. The budget will be voted on at this time

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. with a motion made by Councilman Shepherd.

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CLERK

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MAYOR

