

Town Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held September 13, 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, Roger Rudy and Rod Shepherd, Councilmembers. Councilman Donnie Pifer was unable to attend. Also in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matthew Akers; Acting Town Attorney and Heather Taylor, Town Clerk. Several visitors were present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Mayor Miller reported that the Apple Harvest Festival is October 29, 2016. This year's festival is more craft oriented with more food vendor trucks and two sets of music; one at the gazebo and one at the beer garden. The town is working with the County Chamber of Commerce with this function. The 5K Mayor-A-Thon race will kick off the festival and proceeds from the race will benefit the MJ/NM Little League.

Holtzman Corp is having an Open House/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 10/2 at 1:00 p.m. at their new building.

VML is having their Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, VA Oct. 9-11.

Shenandoah County is hosting the Town & County dinner 10/5/16. Councilmembers please RSVP to Heather. The dinner will be held at Bryce Resort beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Good, Chair of the Planning Commission, stepped down effective 9/16/16. "This is a tough time for the Planning Commission to lose someone", the Mayor said. "It will not be tolerated to have the ethics of this council questioned. The Council and Planning Commission aren't always going to agree but at no time has anyone on this council or myself lacked ethics. We all care about this town. We will move forward and we will find a replacement and I have full faith that the Planning Commission will move forward and they will get the Comp Plan done."

Town Attorney Report: Closed Session- Contract for Old Triplett School.

Councilmember W. Miller read the following statement: I move that the Council of the Town of Mount Jackson convene a closed meeting under Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Seconded by Councilmember Shepherd.

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VOTE:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilmember Andrick

Councilmember Pifer

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

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion passes

Councilmember W. Miller made a motion to exit the Closed Session to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilmember Shepherd.

VOTE:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilmember Andrick

Councilmember Pifer

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

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion passes

Councilmember W. Miller read the following statement: 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 matter 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Andrick

I so certify

ABSENT

Councilmember Pifer

- “ Hackenbracht
- “ Miller
- “ Rudy
- “ Shepherd
- “ Mayor Miller

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Chief of Police Report-None

Town Manager Report-None

Councilmember Shepherd, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that there will be staff training on a software reconciliation packet the first week of October. Credit card transactions by the town are kept close tracking of through the monthly process and review.

Councilmember Rudy, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported that the police report showed that calls were down in August to 364 which is down 14% from July. Out of those calls, 12 were offenses, 8 are open and 4 are closed/cleared. Additional comments-The number of open doors, (doors found unlocked), are addressed by a police officer when found. The officer first calls another officer to enter the building to check the area then the property owner is contacted and told about the door being found to be unlocked. The Rescue & Fire Dept. had 57 responses in August, 43 of which were EMS and 14 Fire. Eighty seven percent of the total responses were done by volunteer crews. Mount Jackson had a total of 32 calls for the month.

Councilmember Rudy MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilmember Andrick

Councilmember Pifer

“ Hackenbracht  
“ Miller  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion passes

Old Business: 1.Contract sale of the Old Triplett School Building-Todd Holtzman & Dexter Mumaw. Councilmember Shepherd made a motion to accept and approve this contract, seconded by Councilmember Rudy.

VOTE:

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

Councilmember Hackenbracht

Councilmember Andrick

“ Miller  
“ Rudy  
“ Shepherd

ABSENT  
Councilmember Pifer

4 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN, 1 ABSENT, motion passes

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2. Rezoning Request-People, Inc. of Virginia-Rezone Tax Map # 080-126A, Lot #2 from Residential-1(R-1) to Highway Business-2 (B-2) – N. Main Street.

Councilmember Hackenbracht reiterated that a rezoning changes the zoning of the property but is not giving approval of the project.

Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Miller

VOTE:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Councilmember Hackenbracht

Councilmember Andrick

Councilmember Pifer

“ Miller

“ Rudy

“ Shepherd

4 AYES, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT, motion passes

New Business: None

Councilmember Shepherd made a motion for adjournment at 8:12 p.m.

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CLERK

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MAYOR