

Town Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held April 11, 2017 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. Councilmember Donnie Pifer was unable to attend. Also in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matt Akers, Town Attorney; Jeff Sterner, Chief of Police and Heather Taylor, Town Clerk. Several people from the community were present including Heather Janelle, Sandy Rinker and Mickie Duncan from the Shenandoah County Autism Advisory Committee. Three students from Stonewall Jackson High School attended representing their Government class; Alex Galindez, Jose' Jimenez, and Kadan Sorrells as well as their teacher, Angela Albanese.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Visitor Kenna Fansler reported that he heard from the Virginia Dept. of Historical Markers and approval was given 3/16/17 on the application. The VDHM will come to view the site and once that is approved it takes approximately 90 days for the marker to be ready. K. Fansler will contact council when VDHM is coming then dedication dates can be scheduled. K. Fansler suggested that the town consider removing the flower barrels along Main Street and replacing them with baskets of flowers on poles with a seasonal caretaker. K. Fansler also wondered why Mount Jackson didn't have an ornament at the Governor's Tree at the mansion in Richmond this past Christmas season. Town Clerk Heather Taylor shared that Shenandoah County in Woodstock had been contacted by the organizer, VML but the information didn't get passed to the town office in time to accomplish the project. H. Taylor commented that direct contact with VML has been made for Mount Jackson to stay involved with future projects.

Mayor Miller included in his report that he is working on banners/flags to be placed along Main Street in the historic district of town. He thanked Chief Sterner for the Handgun Safety Class that was held last month. Mayor Miller discussed changes that the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce has recently made that he brought to the council's attention; the Chamber has decided that other towns are expected to help with Chamber functions. This is seen as a burden because Mt. Jackson's annual festival is scheduled very close to the Chamber function, Autumnfest in October. "Does this mean that all of the towns are expected to help all of the other towns with functions?" Council was asked to consider this information.

Remarks by Council Members: Councilmember Shepherd asked for contact to be made from Town Manager Kevin Fauber to VDOT about the ongoing damage done to the covered bridge by trucks who are directed to take that route by their GPS. Councilmember Shepherd is concerned that continued damage to the bridge may result in irreparable damage to a tourist landmark known around the world. Perhaps VDOT can place a barrier at the bridge to prevent trucks from entering

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and causing more damage. Chief Sterner commented that he has spoken to VDOT and they are addressing the problem.

Presentation: None

Town Attorney Report: None

Chief of Police: None

Town Manager Report: Kevin Fauber reported that the sidewalk project on Gospel St. has started as well as the brick sidewalk at Daniel Gray across from the new Masonic Lodge building. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for the bigger sidewalk projects and bids are due 4/25/17. Several contractors are looking into these projects.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Andrick from the Ordinance Committee stated that he has met with staff and that Kevin Fauber and Neil Showalter are drafting a letter which they will have ready next month to address delinquent taxes and Business Licenses with specific businesses in town.

Councilmember Rudy from the Public Safety Committee reported that the March Police report showed that calls were up by 122 calls from last month, a 16% increase from February. Of the 18 criminal offenses there were 8 arrests, 3 have been investigated and 7 have been exhausted therefore closed. Two open doors were found. There is no report from Rescue & Fire.

Visitor Steve Stine inquired about policies for security deposits being paid by rental companies who manage several properties and shared concern that a security deposit refund took 3 months to be received by his company from the town. He requested that this be looked into by the Public Services Committee which Councilmember Hackenbracht is the chair for. Kevin Fauber will look into the delay for the refund.

Councilmember Miller from the Public Properties Committee stated that discussions have been ongoing with the new equipment at the park.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting.

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VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	Councilmember Pifer
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, motion passes

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Mount Jackson I, LLC as Lessee, 3100 Turkey Knob Rd., Special Use Permit, Construction of a solar farm on Parcel 91-A-37 & 91-A-42. Currently zoned A-1. Set Public Hearing date- May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Hackenbracht moved to set the Public Hearing date to May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Andrick.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	Councilmember Pifer
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, motion passes

2. Bowman Andros Products, LLC, 10119 Old Valley Pike, Plant Expansion, Rezoning Application for Parcels 81A-01-3 thru 81A-01-14 from R-1 to I-1 and Special Use Permit for food processing expansion. Set Public Hearing date-May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Andrick moved to set the Public Hearing date to May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Rudy.

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VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	Councilmember Pifer
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, motion passes

3. Ordinance O-01-2017 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 2018-Introduction/Set Public Hearing-May 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	Councilmember Pifer
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

5 AYES, motion passes

Councilmember Shepherd stated that the recycling program saved almost 200 tons of recycling from ending up at the dump which resulted in saving \$7K in tipping fees. Mayor Miller concurred that recycling is a good investment in the town and the environment. There is going to be a slight increase in Water and Sewer rates with the new fiscal year.

Councilmember Andrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

CLERK

MAYOR

