

Town Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held June 13, 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. 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. Visitors in attendance included: David Brinegar, Kenna Fansler, Jim Hines, Daniel Lauro of Botkin Rose, PLC, Justin McIlwee of the NVD, First Lady Kim and Micah Miller, and Martha Warthen of Hunton & Williams, LLP.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: Kevin Fauber requested that the Annual Fuel Bids be added to the agenda under New Business. Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Andrick.

VOTE:

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

6 AYES, motion passes

Visitors: Kenna Fansler from the Mount Jackson Museum reported that the sign from the Virginia Department of Historical Markers has been installed and Council members are invited to attend the dedication scheduled for 7/8/17 at 10:00 a.m. in Mayor’s Park. VDHM will do a story in two local newspapers.

Micah Miller, from the Mount Jackson Little League team, thanked the Town of Mount Jackson for their sponsorship.

Mayor Miller’s Report: The Mayor brought attention to a model of Mount Jackson that was on exhibit in the council chamber. The model was created by the GATE class consisting of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Ashby Lee Elementary School. The project took a year to complete and will remain on display in the town office until late July. The Mayor also reported that the Stonewall Jackson Varsity Baseball team competed in the state championship against Auburn. SJHS did not win the tournament but did earn the Sportsmanship Award. Mayor Miller announced that two new restaurants are coming to Mount Jackson. Sal’s in Edinburg is opening up an Eatery where the old Jalisco Restaurant once was. Another project, which is in the early stages, is to have a brew house and restaurant at the old Triplett School on the east side of Route 11 at the south end of town.

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Councilmember Shepherd commented on the recent article about bicycling in the Valley in the VML magazine.

Presentations: None

Town Attorney Report: In regard to the annual Organizational meeting, the Town Charter instructs the appointment of specific positions for the Town of Mount Jackson to take place at the **first regular meeting** in July which will be July 11, 2017. Officers will carry on until that regular meeting takes place as will the Vice Mayor.

Chief of Police Report: To protect the covered bridge, VDOT now has a barricade on Wissler Rd. on the Rt. 11 side and a second barricade on the west side at the sharp curve. "Our goal is to save our bridge."

Town Manager Report: The playground equipment, bench swing, shade cover and zip line are installed at the park.

Committee Reports: Finance Committee Chairman, Rod Shepherd gave high compliments of praise to staff concerning the audit report. Mr. Shepherd highlighted pages 12, 13, 27, 28, 43, 44, 45 & 75 of the report and made a motion to accept the audit report from Robinson, Farmer & Cox for the Town of Mount Jackson's fiscal '16 audit.

VOTE:

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

6 AYES, motion passes

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Roger Rudy reported that the police department had 356 calls since April which was a big drop. Out of 27 offenses, 23 are closed and 4 are under investigation. Keith Cowart is a newly hired police officer who joined the force in May. Open windows and doors continue to be a problem. The police department has done 117 property checks which is a great service for the community while people are on vacation. The Mount Jackson Rescue and Fire Dept. had 79 total responses in the month of May. Councilmember Rudy highlighted that because of the availability of a full volunteer crew, the response time is shorter. This was proven at a recent structure fire on Lutz Hollow where there was minimal damage.

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Public Properties Committee Chairperson, Whitney Miller, commented that a sign for the baby pool is currently being done.

Councilmember Pifer MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Rudy to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of May 9, 2017. Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

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

6 AYES, motion passes

Old Business: 1. 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.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Pifer to APPROVE Ordinance O-01-2017.

VOTE:

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

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New Business: 1. RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT JACKSON, VIRGINIA, APPROVING A PLAN OF FINANCE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT JACKSON, VIRGINIA, FOR THE BENEFIT OF SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY.

Councilmember Hackenbracht MOVED for this Resolution to be APPROVED, as passed by the Town of Mount Jackson Economic Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Andrick.

The Town of Mount Jackson EDA is not the borrower. The borrower is Shenandoah University.

There is no obligation to the town or citizens of the town with this Resolution. There are no payments to the town or liability to the town or through the town or to any of its members.

VOTE:

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

6 AYES, motion passes

2. Fuel bids were due June 7, 2017 from two bidders for the upcoming fiscal year 7/1/17 through 6/30/18. Emmart Oil offered the lowest bid on Non-Ethanol, unleaded gas and Holtzman Oil offered the lowest bid on Diesel fuel, delivered to the shop. Councilmember Andrick MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Hackenbracht to APPROVE these bids to take effect 7/1/17.

VOTE:

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

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Closed Session: None

Councilmember Pifer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

CLERK

MAYOR