

Town Council Regular Meeting

December 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held December 12, 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; Rod Shepherd, Whitney Miller, Dennis Andrick, Donnie Pifer, Ken Hackenbracht and Roger Rudy Councilmembers. Also in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matt Akers, Town Attorney; Susan Maziarz, Interim Town Clerk; Jeff Sterner, Chief of Police. Approximately 3 people from the community were in attendance.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Hear from Visitors: Barbara Pifer spoke about the parking restrictions day of the Christmas Parade, I'm here for The Search Store and The Search Home regards to the parking restrictions that were put in place because of the parade. The signs went up Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday, in large letters it said No Parking, in underneath in smaller letters was the time Saturday 1-5pm. If you are driving down Main Street you see No Parking you did not see Saturday 1-5pm. Customers normally would have come to the store, did not think they could have parked on Main Street. We are severely restricted with off street parking. We have lost a lot of customers on Friday and Saturday. Traditionally Saturday is our busiest day, December is our busiest month. Those Saturdays in December are huge for us. If you know me well you know how passionate I 'am about the store. It totally supports Search Home that is home for eight mentally challenged adults. We get no state funds, we no get federal funds, it is funded through that little store. Saturday, we took in 80% less sales than what we would have if the signs had not been up. It was a significant amount of revenue for us. The Search asked me to come tonight, in the future devise parking on one side of the street or someway that would not restrict the store for the whole day. The Deputies came in the store at noon to ask customers to begin moving their cars. The parade did not come by the store until 3:30pm. So, from noon until 3:30pm there was no one in the store. It was a big loss for us, we just would like you to consider next year some ways that can be remedied so that it would not be so restrictive for the customers that come to the store in December. It's huge for us. It is a loss we will not make up.

Remarks & Recommendations from Mayor Miller: We had a very beautiful back drop of snow for the Christmas Parade. It was well attended, past couple of years it has been more, it was also 60 degrees. I was pleased with the attendance considering how cold it was. I want to thank Susan and Sharon for their help getting things together for the volunteer workshops and parade. I had some people come to me about the donations for the Knob. Looking back at the minutes, it said in the minutes we would match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 maximum in the community. Some people felt we left that too vague or made assumption it was only going to be The Town of Mount Jackson. I wanted to have more clarity. The Town of Mount Jackson will match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 maximum, within Shenandoah County. That is all that I have, and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and it has been a pleasure serving you once again another year.

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Remarks from Councilmembers: Councilmember Shepherd spoke, he received an email The Conservation Fund for The Knob has raised \$366,000 they need \$375,000. They have received contributions from Shenandoah County, Quicksburg, Maurertown, Woodstock in addition to Mount Jackson residents. Heather from the Conservation Fund said thank you for your support.

Presentations: None

Town Attorney Report: None

Chief of Police Report: Chief Stener would like to recognize Officer Mark Johnson with this Certificate of Commendation from the police department. On December 7th, 2017, Officer Johnson, Sheriff Deputy Sherfey and Officer Collins of New Market, responded to Sheetz Travel Center for a man down call. The subject was not breathing, CPR was administered by the three officers saving a man's life. I spoke with his wife, he is still in the hospital and was not in good shape. She wanted me to thank the officers for administering CPR. I would like to give Officer Johnson this Certificate of Commendation.

Town Manager Report: Kevin Fauber spoke, the sidewalk project all the curb and gutter is poured on the south end of town, doing some clean-up and back filling. Will begin to work on the north end of town, first working at the boxed culvert, extending the boxed culvert out in the ravine and back filling that in and grading. Then they will put in curb, gutter and sidewalk. At the same time, they will be working at Our Soldiers Cemetery that section will be getting brick pavers. Everything seems to be on schedule. Weather could play a factor in the schedule. We are also working towards the Well Project, we did a re-submission to the health department for some comments they have on the bid documents. Right now, tentatively the plan is to put out to bid in the spring.

Committee Reports: Councilmember Shepherd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the Auditors will be here in January. Councilmember Andrick, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee spoke, the derby car is gone now, one of the campers on Nelson Street is gone. The owner is working getting something done and he asked to give him a little more time. There is a court date on January 5th, 2018 for the two cars on Hopewell Ave. Officer Young is doing good job at getting this taken care of. Town Manager Kevin Fauber spoke, one Ordinance we need to focus on after the first of the year is Motor Vehicle Licensing Decal Fee. We need to be more in line with the other jurisdictions here in the county and probably most of the State, get the Ordinance in line with our practice of what we actually do. We do not issue motor vehicle decals anymore. The decal fee is added to the personal property tax bills. We need to go through and make major changes to that Ordinance. I have asked the town attorney to help us out. Councilmember Rudy, Chairman of the Public Safety, thanked Randy Vick EMS Captain for being here tonight, David is working tonight. The number of total responses in November is 67, that is down five from the October report. The election of officers no change. Two new Board Members are Kelly Stauff

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and Carla Funkhouser. The breakfast with Santa was good turnout. The new sign should be operational by tomorrow. The Mount Jackson Police Department number of calls 424 is up 22 from the October report. Criminal Offense's fourteen, thirteen have cleared or closed, one under investigation. Only 2 open doors for November.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval – Minutes of November 14, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilmember Pifer MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Town Council Meeting November 14, 2017.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Miller		
“ Andrick		
“ Pifer		
“ Shepherd		
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Rudy		

6 AYES, motion passes

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Amendment to Extend Contract of Sale of Old Triplett School to March 1, 2018.

Kevin Fauber received a call from Mike Koontz at First Bank who is working on the loan for Mr. Holtzman and Mr. Moomaw on the sale of the property. Mike was informing the town there was no way they would be able to get all the information back including the appraisal until mid-January. We talked about extending time on the contract. It was suggested the contract be extended to March 1. The Town Attorney drafted language before the meeting extending the clause in the contract from 15 months to 18 months which will take the contract to March 20, 2018.

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Councilmember Shepherd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hackenbracht to approve the Amendment to Extend Contract of of Old Triplett School to March 20, 2018.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Miller		
	Councilmember Andrick	
	“ Pifer	
“ Shepherd		
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Rudy		

4 AYES, 2 Abstain, motion passes

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

CLERK

MAYOR