

MINUTES

ON MARCH 7, 2022 THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX. PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WAS MAYOR BILLY CHAVIS. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE COUNCILPERSONS LEANNE TROUTMAN, CYNTHIA FULLER, DAVID BARBER AND GEORGE SUMMERSON. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CHAVIS. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN READ THE ITEMS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON BARBER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

MAYOR CHAVIS BEGAN BY STATING COVID NUMBERS ARE STILL COMING IN AND ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN STATED THE PREVIOUS LONG TERM TOWN CLERK, GAYLE AUSTIN, HAS RETURNED AS THE TOWN'S CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATOR.

IN NEW BUSINESS, TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE PROPOSED NEW FEES FOR THE TOWN'S RENTAL BUILDINGS.

THE FEES FOR RENTING THE DEPOT, FOLK PARK BUILDING AND GILMORE PARK BUILDING HAVE NOT CHANGED IN SEVERAL YEARS. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED FEES. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. THE NEW FEES FOR THE RENTAL FACILITIES WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BUT WILL NOT EFFECT THE RENTALS ALREADY BOOKED. NEXT ON THE AGENDA, REPRESENTATIVES FROM DOMINION ENERGY AND TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC WERE PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE 1ST READING OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH THE TOWN THAT WOULD INCLUDE A FRANCHISE FEE OF 4% PAID TO THE TOWN. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO CONSIDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS PRESENTED. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. THE SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF THE AGREEMENTS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 22, 2022 AT 6:30PM. NEXT UP MR. KELLY GEDDINGS CONDUCTED THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CODES 11.4 AND 12.2 TO INCLUDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO CONSIDER THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. COUNCILPERSON FULLER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 22, 2022 AT 6:30PM. THE FINAL READING/ADOPTION WILL BE HELD AT NEXT MONTH'S REGULAR

SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN ANNOUNCED ENVIROLINK HAS OFFERED THE TOWN A SHORT TERM AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO START ASSISTING THE TOWN WITH CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER ISSUES. THIS SHORT TERM AGREEMENT IS FOR 120 DAYS OR UNTIL THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED OR FAILS. COUNCILPERSON BARBER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SHORT TERM AGREEMENT WITH ENVIROLINK. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN OBSTAINED BUT THE MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN CLERK PAM HYMAN STATED SHE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

IN PARKS AND RECREATION, MAYOR CHAVIS STATED THE BATHROOMS AT GILMORE PARK WILL BE OPENED EVERY DAY DURING PARK HOURS. MAYOR CHAVIS THEN ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO PLEASE GO OUT TO THE FOLK PARK AND WATCH THE COMMUNITY CHILDREN PLAY BASEBALL AND SHOW THEM SOME LOVE AND SUPPORT. HE STATED THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEASON IS NOT POSTED YET BUT SHOULD BE STARTING SOMEWHERE AROUND THE FIRST OF APRIL.

IN THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON REPORTED THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AT THE AIRPORT A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE PILOT IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL RECOVERING.

IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DETTER SHARED THE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. CHIEF DETTER ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HE IS WORKING ON APPLICATIONS FOR A FEW GRANTS. ONE IS TO PURCHASE A FEW MORE CARS AND ONE IS TO PURCHASE SOME EQUIPMENT FOR THE CARS.

IN PLANNING AND ZONING, MRS. DIANE BERGEN REPORTED THE MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2022. MS. GAYLE AUSTIN WAS THE SPEAKER FOR LAST MONTH'S MEETING. MRS. BERGEN REPORTED THERE WERE A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING BUT THE BOARDS ARE STILL NEEDING VOLUNTEERS. SHE ASKED ANYONE WANTING TO SERVE ON THE BOARDS, PLEASE ATTEND NEXT MONTH'S MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT THE DEPOT.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN REPORTED PUMP #1 IS STILL IN NEED OF REPAIRS. WHENEVER THE REPAIRS ARE TO BE DONE, THE PUMP WILL BE DOWN FOR A DAY OR TWO. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN ALSO REPORTED THE A/C IN TWO OF THE TOWN TRUCKS NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED. FINALLY, SHE REPORTED THERE ARE AT LEAST 12 CUSTOMERS ON THE WATER BILL ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE A PAST DUE BALANCE OF 60 DAYS OR MORE.

BEING NOTHING FUTHER ON THE AGENDA, THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS MEETING.
BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN
MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED
THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THE MEETING
ADJOURNED.

MAYOR