



*Town Council: Ricky Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, R. Wayne Marshall, Jr., Brad York, Mark Layne*

*Mayor: Frank Russell II*

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**Regular**

**March 10, 2025**

**Parksley Volunteer Fire Company- Banquet Hall**

**Available via Audio**

**Roll Call**

Councilmembers: Brad York, Richard Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, Mark Layne

Clerk Lauren Lewis

Michael McCready- Public Works Interim Lead

Daryn Fussell, PVFC- President

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:01.

Councilman Welch led the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

<Out of Agenda Order> Mayor Russell asked Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Smith to come up to receive a plaque of recognition for all their volunteer efforts for the Town. This was originally to be given at the December meeting. However, they weren't available to be present.

**Guests:**

Mrs. Becky Bell- 24254 Adelaide St.- P.L.A.Y.- Mrs. Bell spoke on behalf of the group created to help generate park ideas and fundraising. The group has reconvened after a couple of years to start working again. Mrs. Bell stated that new ways of funding have been discovered. P.L.A.Y. would like to use the scout house as a concession stand. Mrs. Bell stated that obtaining a 501©3 status requires a fee of approximately \$700 and asked the council to front P.L.A.Y. the money. The council thanked her for her time and said they would discuss her requests.

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**Consideration and approval of the February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes:**

Councilman Welch made a motion to accept the minutes with the discussed changes. Seconded by Councilman York.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne

**Consideration and approval of the February 2025 bills:**

Councilman Welch made a motion to approve the February 2025 bills. Seconded by Councilman York.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne

**Old Business:**

1. TextMyGov- This was tabled until the next meeting as the council would like to ensure there is funding for this.
2. Appointment of Council Member- Councilman Layne made a motion to appoint Mr. Ronnie Wayne Marshall to the vacant council seat until the end of its term in December of 2025. Seconded by Councilman York.
  - a. Ayes- R. Taylor, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, M. Layne

<Mayor Russell congratulated Mr. Marshall and asked him to join the council at the table.>

**New Business:**

1. Subdivision Ordinance—Clerk Lewis stated that Attorney Wiggins had informed the Town that it is required to have a subdivision ordinance. Councilman York made a motion to have Attorney Wiggins draft one, which was seconded by Councilwoman Welch.
  - a. Ayes- M. Layne, W. Marshall, B. York, J. Welch, R. Taylor
  - b. Abstain- S. Welch
2. Charter Communications Resolution- Clerk Lewis presented a resolution crafted by Charter Communications to extend their current contract with the Town of Parksley to continue providing services to residents. Councilman York made a motion to accept the resolution. Seconded by Councilman W. Marshall.
  - a. Ayes- M. Layne, W. Marshall, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, R. Taylor
3. Blight Ordinance- Councilman Layne asked about the commercial building on Dunne Avenue that has had boards in the windows for sometime now. It was stated that will be repaired in the near future. Mayor Russell asked about 24270 Chadbourne Street, owned by Jorge Nolasco, which had been sent a blight violation letter via certified mail by Clerk Lewis. The letter was received and repairs were not made within 30 days. Mayor Russell asked Clerk Lewis to have Attorney Wiggins send them a letter.
4. Awning/Stage Covering- Councilman Layne stated after some research he will report to the council about possible coverings at the March 24<sup>th</sup> work session.



5. Speed Bumps in Alley behind Dunne Ave.- M. McCready, PW- Mr. McCready stated a business owner had asked if the town could put more speed bumps in the alley due to safety concerns for their staff. Mr. McCready stated he had found a product that is wider than the ones bought previously and that will work better. The cost is approximately \$300 per speed bump. Councilman York made a motion to purchase three speed bumps at up to \$300 each for the alley behind Dunne Avenue. Seconded by W. Marshall.
  - a. Ayes- W. Marshall, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, R. Taylor
  - b. Abstain- M. Layne
6. Business Recruitment- Mayor Russell asked the council to think of ways to draw new business into the town. The possibility of holding a town hall to get public feedback was mentioned. Mayor Russell asks the council to report back at the work session.
7. Procurement Policy- Clerk Lewis provided the council with a policy drafted by Attorney Wiggins which is in line with VPPA. A procurement policy is not only a requirement for the town to have, it's a requirement for the town to have in order to move forward with the current grant projects. Councilman Layne made a motion to adopt the procurement policy. Seconded by Councilman York.
  - a. Ayes- M. Layne, W. Marshall, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, R. Taylor
8. Trailer for PW Dept.- Mr. McCready had obtained pricing for a 6X12 trailer from three different sources and presented them to the council. Councilman Layne made a motion to purchase the trailer for Tractor Supply in Pocomoke, Maryland for \$2,124.99. Seconded by W. Marshall.
  - a. Ayes- M. Layne, W. Marshall, B. York, J. Welch, S. Welch, R. Taylor

#### Department Reports:

Police Department—Councilman York read Chief Greer's police report out loud (attached to this document).

Public Works- M. McCready- The generator for the WWTP was non-operational. Big Wood Electric came out and worked on the generator and got it running. Monthly checks on the generator will be performed. The water pressure dropped recently, but not below the required PSI before the issue was resolved. The gazebo is almost finished.

Parksley Fire Company- Daryn Fussell, President- Mr. Fussell thanked the council for the grant money given to them from the town that has allowed them to work on the banquet room. They hope to be done by the end of April at the latest. It has allowed the fire company to increase pricing for renting the room. Last month PVFC ran 150 EMS calls and 25 fire calls. They will be having a meeting soon regarding the siren tones for weather alerts.

Councilman York made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Welch. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.



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Attached: BKG Police Report

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