



Town Council: Ricky Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, Henry Nicholson, Brad York, Mark Layne

Mayor: Frank Russell II

Regular

July 8, 2024

Parksley Volunteer Fire Company

Available via Audio

Roll Call

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

Clerk Lauren Lewis

Police Chief B.K. Greer

Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Guests:

Guy Parks- Eastern Shore Hockey League- Mr. Parks informed the council of a tree hanging over the hockey court that they'd like to have trimmed (at their expense). Mr. Parks was given permission by the council to have the tree and stump removed. The council thanked them for doing so.

Ellen Johnson- ESRM- Mrs. Johnson thanked everyone who helped with the Ice Cream Social event, which had over 200 people in attendance. Mrs. Johnson noted that the Rails to Trails program donated \$165.00 to the ESRM. Mrs. Johnson noted that a representative from the Delmarva Poultry Industry reached out to her regarding an annual picnic event to be held here at the ESRM for farmers and produce growers on the East Coast.

Shorely Unexpected!



K. Eichelberger- 24255 Adelaide St.- Mrs. Eichelberger thanked the public works department for limbing and repairing the alleyway and also for cleaning up the limbs, stumps, and brush debris. Mrs. Eichelberger noted the limbs had grown back over the alley.

Consideration and approval of the June 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes:

Councilman Layne made a motion to accept the minutes as they were in printed form. Seconded by Councilman York.

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

Consideration and approval of the June 3, 2024, 2024-2025 Public Hearing minutes and the June 24, 2024 Special Meeting minutes:

Councilman Nicholson made a motion to accept the minutes as they were in printed form. Seconded by Councilman York.

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

Consideration and approval of the June 2024 bills:

Councilman York made a motion to approve the May 2024 bills. Seconded by Councilwoman Welch.

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

Department & Council Reports:

Mayor Russell- Mayor Russell stated he had received several noise complaints from the music playing at the revival Sunday evening. The Mayor suggested guidelines for the pavilion/stage rental be discussed at the upcoming June 22, 2024 work session.

Chief Greer- Nothing to report.

Councilman Nicholson- Councilman Nicholson spoke about the solar speed limit signs: The trailer has been assembled. Robbie Byrd needs to be contacted to put uprights on it. He noted that both of the signs would not fit on one the trailer. He asked the council if they wanted to purchase another trailer of the same kind from Harbor Freight. All the council agreed to purchase a second trailer of the same kind. A vote was not taken as it's still within the allowable budget previously noted. Councilman Nicholson spoke about the LSLI project. They started the work today. The public works employees are marking blue lines, noting where the line is. Councilman Nicholson stated he spoke to Mr. Dirk Lynch of MSA regarding the payment schedule. It is as follows: First payment with work completion of 25%, Second payment with 50% (more) of the work completed, and third payment once the remaining 25% of work is complete and all documentation is submitted.



Clerk Lewis- Nothing to report.

Councilman Layne- Councilman Layne stated he had reported the open septic tank to VDH twice and reported it. Councilman Nicholson stated he would look at it tomorrow.

Councilman Taylor- Councilman Taylor stated the ES Cruisers are hosting a car show on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 10-2. They're requesting use of the front parking lot and the parking lot area immediately to the East of that lot. Councilman Taylor made a motion to allow them to host the event once the paperwork is filled out at the Town Office. Seconded by Councilman York.

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

Councilman S. Welch- Nothing to report.

Councilwoman J. Welch- Councilwoman Welch stated she and Mrs. K. Eichelberger were working on the bench idea for the library.

Councilman York- Regarding the personnel committee, Councilman York stated that they'd need to enter an executive session to discuss the town office vacancy. Councilman York said he was going to the voluntary FOIA training hosted by VML in Eastville. He noted the upcoming Health Fair to be held on August 3, 2024. Councilman York asked Councilman Nicholson if limb/yard debris pickup was on schedule. Councilman Nicholson stated currently there isn't a set schedule due to weather and availability. Councilman York mentioned a business he'd seen posted on Facebook, "Paint the Wood," that was based in Parksley. He inquired if they had a business license. Clerk Lewis informed him they do not.

Councilman York made a motion to enter the executive session at 7:42 pm for personnel and legal reasons, requesting Clerk Lewis to attend. Seconded by Councilman Layne.

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

WHEREAS, the Parksley Town Council has convened an Executive Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS Section 2.2-3711(A) of the code of Virginia requires a certification by this Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parksley Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the Executive Session to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Executive Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.



Councilman York moved to re-enter the regular session at 8:35 and certify the executive session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A) of the VA Code. Councilman Layne seconded the motion. No action was taken.

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

Councilman York moved to provide pay raises to the employees discussed in executive session for the amounts discussed in executive session, effective June 30, 2024. Councilman Nicholson seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Taylor noted that the PVFC had received Councilman Layne's donation and had decided to match that amount to donate to the Town to assist with the Bogg's invoices for the pump and hauls due to a leak at the PFVC Banquet Hall.

Councilman Nicholson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m., Seconded by Councilman Layne.

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

X *Frank A. Russell, II*

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Mayor

08/12/2024

X *Lauren Lewis*

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Clerk

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