

**Town Council:** Ricky Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, Henry Nicholson, Brad York, Mark Layne **Mayor:** Frank Russell II

#### Regular

### August 12, 2024

#### **Parksley Volunteer Fire Company**

#### Available via Audio

## Roll Call

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

Absent: 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:

Ellen Johnson- ESRM- Mrs. Johnson stated the ES Railway Museum had held a board meeting recently. A Tea Party in the dining car will be held on September 29, 2024, from 12-4 with two seatings. The cost is \$20/child +1 adult and \$10 for any additional adults. The Dinner in the Dining Car Event- Italian Night, will be held on October 19, 2024, with two seatings at 4:30 and 6:30. The cost is \$40. The Old Fashioned Christmas Event will be held December 6, 2024, from 5-7. The Town and the Railway Museum will be coordinating a toy drive again this year. More details to come.

Daryn Fussell, President PVFC- Mr. Fussell attended the meeting to speak with the council about the house siren that used to be operational. In the near future, the isren will be reconnected and operational. Tones will sound for fire/accidents and severe weather. PVFC asks the Town to help





educate residents about the tones and their meaning. Mr. Fussell thanked the Town for donating to PVFC and plans to utilize the funds to renovate the banquet room. The renovations are slated to begin after December 14, 2024. Mr. Fussell graciously updated the Council on how the fire company is doing and that PVFC is scheduled for its busiest year in history.

# Consideration and approval of the July 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes:

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

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

### Consideration and approval of the July 2024 bills:

Councilman Nicholson made a motion to approve the July 2024 bills. Seconded by Councilman York.

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

# **Old Business:**

Wastewater Facility Grant- Clerk Lewis updated the council on the current status of the grant.

Water Tower Grant- Clerk Lewis informed the council the first part of the grant process has been approved and funded.

LSLI Project Update- Clerk Lewis informed the council the agreement for funding has been fully executed. The Town has received it's first invoice for the project and can now submit for reimbursement with the agreement executed. Councilman Nicholson stated the project was well over 70% complete at this point.

Tap Fee's (not on agenda)- Clerk Lewis informed the council a developer had reached out regarding the Town's water service line tap fees. The most fair quote received was from John Maynard in the amount of \$3,000 per line. The developer has been made aware of this cost estimate.

## **New Business:**

Trunk or Treat- The event will be held Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5-7 pm. Sections of Bennett Street and Dunne Avenue will be closed for the event (with VDOT permit approval). Councilman





Nicholson made a motion to allow Clerk Lewis to spend \$250 for candy and supplies for the Town to set up a trunk for the event. Seconded by Councilman Welch.

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

Old Fashioned Christmas- The event will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024 beginning at 5 p.m. The Town Clerk will handle the VDOT permit to close a section of Dunne Avenue.

# **Department & Council Reports:**

Mayor Russell- Mayor Russell asked the council's thoughts on moving the town council meeting time from 7 pm to 6 pm. It was decided that this would be discussed at the August 26<sup>th</sup> work session.

Councilman Taylor- Councilman Taylor stated that if weather didn't permit any of the upcoming town events, the banquet room or engine bay of the fire company would be available for use.

Councilman Nicholson- Councilman Nicholson asked about the Thanksgiving Dinner. The discussion is tabled until more information is available.

Councilman York- Councilman York thanked Chief Greer for his report.

Chief Greer- Chief Greer stated his report for the month of July as requested by council. The report included; number of tickets, parking violations, ordinance violations, and court cases.

Clerk Lewis- Clerk Lewis stated that for FY24 DMV income for the town was a little over \$50,000.

Councilman Layne- Absent.

Councilman S. Welch- Nothing to report.

Councilwoman J. Welch- Nothing to report.

Councilman York made a motion to enter the executive session at 8:05 pm for personnel reasons, requesting Clerk Lewis to attend. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

- a. Ayes- H. Nicholson, R. Taylor, S. Welch, J. Welch, B. York
- b. Absent- 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 8:17 and certify the executive session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A) of the VA Code. Councilwoman Welch seconded the motion. No action was taken.

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

Councilman York moved to provide pay raises to the employees discussed in executive session for the amounts discussed in executive session, effective August 11, 2024. Councilwoman Welch seconded the motion.

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

Councilman York made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m., Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk

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