



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

*Mayor: Frank Russell II*

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**Regular**

**October 14, 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

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

**Guests:**

Ellen Johnson, President ESRM—Mrs. Johnson thanked everyone for their help with the Princess Tea Party event in the dining car. The Italian Night Dinner in the Dining Car event is sold out. The free Thanksgiving dinner held at the Parksley Volunteer Fire company requests volunteers, food, or monetary donations. The Old Fashioned Christmas event is also in need of volunteers.

**Consideration and approval of the September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes:**

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

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

**Consideration and approval of the September 2024 bills:**

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*Shorely Unexpected!*

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Councilman Layne made a motion to approve the September 2024 bills. Seconded by Councilman Welch.

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

**Old Business:**

Zoning Administrator Course- Councilman Layne made a motion to pay for Clerk Lewis to attend the VAZO course, to pay for hotel rooms for the attendees, to pay for dinner at the federal per diem rate, and to pay for travel at the federal rates. The attendees can opt to leave Sunday or Monday for the course. Seconded by Councilman York.

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

**New Business:**

Holiday Office Schedule—Clerk Lewis asked the council about the week of the Christmas Holiday. The personnel policy states that employees are paid for Christmas day and one other day. Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year. The council agreed that if an employee would like to take off Friday, December 27, 2024, in addition to the paid holidays of 12/25 and 12/26, they could do so using vacation time. Public Works employees and the police department can work if they so choose.

Variance Permits- Clerk Lewis provided the two variance permits to the council prior to the meeting. Councilman Nicholson made a motion to hold a public hearing for both variance permits at 6:45 pm on November 11, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Taylor

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

WWTP- Discussion about the WWTP grant application was tabled until the next meeting.

**Department & Council Reports:**

Mayor Russell- Mayor Russell thanked Clerk Lewis, Brittany Russell Lewis, and Cullen Lewis for purchasing and hanging the Halloween decorations.

Brad York for Chief Greer- Councilman York stated he had received Chief Greer’s monthly report.

Henry Nicholson- Councilman Nicholson stated the chipper has been fixed, the antique light poles are being painted, Hortco is going to plant pansies in the hanging baskets for the winter season, and the Town purchased the new/used public works truck as directed at last months meeting.

Ricky Taylor—Councilman Taylor asked PVFC President Fussell if they were going to be doing the hot dogs for Trunk or Treat again this year. Mr. Fussell stated that yes, they would be doing it.



Daryn Fussel, President PVFC- Mr. Fussel stated last month PVFC ran 154 ambulance calls and 30 fire calls. They're putting in an application for a grant to purchase a new command vehicle. Recently, PVFC went to Perdue for safety and disaster training. October is fire prevention month. The siren is back from Rodney. It works and is ready to go. Fire class is ongoing with 14 attendees. The craft Fair will be on November 9, 2024.

Clerk Lewis asked the council if it would be okay to advertise for a Gingerbread House competition hosted by the Town, but sponsored by others. The council approved.

Councilman Layne made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Welch.

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

**X** *Frank A. Russell, ii*

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Mayor

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**X** *Lauren Lewis*

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Clerk

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