

**Town of Port Royal
Council Minutes
February 18, 2014**

The Port Royal Town Council met on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7pm in the town chambers. Members present were Mayor Long, Jim Heimbach, Bill Henderson, Della Mills, Monica Chenault and Bill Wick.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order.

The Mayor asked if the council had any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, she stated that the agenda would stand as presented.

Mayor's remarks:

Mayor Long said she was happy to see that Bill Wick was up and moving around after his recent foot surgery, and glad that Mark Hampton was home recovering well from his recent surgery too. Mayor Long said she felt the town fared well with the recent snow storms.

Bill Henderson stated that Emmett Lowe of L&G Auto had done some plowing and should be recognized in letter form thanking him.

Planning Commission Update:

Monica Chenault reported that the committee is meeting regularly and have worked to complete a draft survey to be distributed throughout the Town to seek input from citizens on what their vision of the town is and will be in 5 years. The survey is also a tool to help citizens feel more connected. The commission will review and finalize the draft questionnaire at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Jim Heimbach to accept the consent agenda and Clerk's report; the motion was seconded by Bill Wick. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There were no citizens in attendance. Reporter Daniel Sherrier from the Caroline Progress was in attendance; the council welcomed him and introduced themselves.

Old Business

JLUS:

Mayor Long reported that the two Towns and the County have met with the consultants and upon review advised the consultants that they still were dissatisfied with the report as written. They will continue to work on the document.

King Street Project:

The Mayor reported that the Public Hearing in Newport News with the Virginia Department of Marine Resources is scheduled for February 25th, 2014.

Town Website:

Jim Heimbach reported that the Town website is up and available. There is still work to be completed, but council members were encouraged to log onto the site and become familiar with it. Monica Chenault asked for additional instructions for logging into the e-mail associated with the site. She stated that the Planning Commission had discussed the usage of this site for their

communications. Jim Heimbach said that he had sent out the e-mail instructions after the January Council meeting, but was happy to re send the instructions again.

VSMP (Virginia Storm-water Management Program):

The mayor stated that she had received confirmation of the recent letter she submitted. She stated that there is a possibility that a change will be enacted whereby small towns that do not have a storm-water plant may be omitted.

Boundary Line Adjustment:

Bill Wick reported that bids are still being solicited for a metes and bounds survey.

Electronic Communication Policy & Employee Structure:

Tabled – The next work session will be March 12th at 7pm to continue review of Chapter 2.

Charter Day:

The past committee members agreed to serve on this project again for a 2014 celebration. The committee members are Monica Chenault, Bill Henderson and Bill Wick. They will meet and report back periodically to the council.

New Business

Council Vacancy:

Notices were placed at the Post Office and on the Town Hall advertising the council vacancy. No letters of interest were received prior to the council meeting. Mayor Long is going to contact Gladys Fortune to see if she would be interested in serving out her late husband's unexpired term.

King Street Project Name Suggestion:

Notices were placed at the Post Office and on the Town Hall soliciting suggestions for the name of the project presently being called the King Street Project. To date, there were no suggestions submitted.

Hearing no further business, the meeting came to a close. Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Wick and seconded by Monica Chenault. Motion carried.

Bill Henderson invited council members, the reporter from the Progress, and the Clerk to share with him a piece of "King Cake." Bill read to council "The Tradition of King Cake":

The original King Cake was created by Christians to thwart the pagan custom of selecting a young male villager to reign as king for one year, only to be used as a human sacrifice at year's end. An oval shaped cake was prepared and a small bean was concealed inside, and the fortunate person who received the piece of cake containing the bean was dubbed "king" for a week and was allowed to choose a queen to reign with him. Beginning January 6th, officially designated as the day the wise men "found" baby Jesus, and continued through "Mardi Gras," the King Cake reigns supreme.

During the Carnival of Season, thousands of King Cakes are consumed. A tiny plastic novelty baby has replaced the bean. When a King Cake is cut, the person who finds the baby is obligated to provide the King Cake at the next festive occasion. The council all shared in the cake and everyone thanked Bill for sharing it.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Therese Harrison