

Town of Port Royal
Council Minutes

June 17, 2014

The Port Royal Town Council met on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, for their regular Town Council meeting. Members present were Mayor Long, Bill Henderson, Della Mills, Monica Chenault and Gladys Fortune. Councilman Jim Heimbach was absent.

A quorum was established.

Town Manager Bill Wick was present.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Long expressed her thanks to Rick Chenault for repairing the sink faucets in the ladies restroom. She also commended Edgar Yates on the good work he is doing in town with respect to the trash pickup and the lawn maintenance. She asked Bill Henderson to be certain to let him know how happy the Council is with his work.

Consent Agenda:

Treasurer's Report was accepted by Bill Henderson and seconded by Gladys Fortune. Motion carried.

The Clerk's report was accepted.

The minutes were tabled. Council members didn't have their copies and the Clerk was unable to print a copy in the Clerk's office due to the wifi not working. (it is noted that the Town does not have its own internet; we use the library's wifi). Terri Harrison will send out another electronic copy of the minutes on Wednesday morning, and print a hard copy for Gladys Fortune.

Old Business:

King Street Update: The committee met last week with Kevin Wightman, the Building Official, and reviewed the drawings. The project is moving along well. The Town still does not have the parking issue resolved. Bill Wick stated that he met with Emmett Farmer last week and discussed the matter with him. Mr. Farmer stated that it would have to go before the church body for a final determination. Mayor Long stated that she has offered to attend one of their services or special meetings to discuss the project with them to ensure that they have all the facts with regard to the regulating of the soft launch/fishing pier rules. Otherwise, it was stated by Bill Wick that it is moving along fine and they anticipate that they will begin construction in July. Bill Henderson passed around for Council to view, the proofs of the signs that are being made by Dowling Sings, Inc. Partial payment has been made to the sign company in the amount of \$601.27, which is equivalent to half of the total cost of the signage. Final payment will be made at time of delivery of the signs.

4th of July Event: Bill Henderson reported that the time of the event will be from 10 am to 2 pm. It will be on Robert Bryan's lot. The museum will also be opened from 1pm to 3pm, possibly 4pm depending upon the foot traffic.

The initial plan of combining Charter Day with HPR's event has been abandoned. Terri Harrison will contact the ABC Board to stop the permit process, as she had been asked to obtain a beer license for the event. It was not known until the meeting last night that there had been a change made.

Charter Day – The committee had no report other than the date, which is set for October 4th. They are working and will make a report at a future meeting.

Boundary Line Adjustment: Bill Wick stated that he had emailed Anne Neil Cosby, attorney with Sands and Anderson in Richmond, VA. He did not receive a reply prior to the Council meeting at 7pm. Nancy stated that she would be seeing Mike Finchum on Wednesday, and will ask for an update on the papers that will be submitted to the judge for the BLA.

SPEX Resolution – Nancy Long emailed to all members of Council a copy of a proposed resolution she drafted on behalf of the town in opposition of the mining permit. She stated for the record that she had not made the motion at the May meeting for the SPEX Resolution. The Council entertained a brief discussion. Motion was then made by Monica Chenault to add additional language to the resolution that would speak to the importance of the Historical and Archeological aspects and to the safety issues and forward it to the County Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Della Mills. Mayor Long called for discussion. Bill Henderson stated that he was not in support of the resolution and asked how the resolution would be signed. Mayor Long stated that she could not sign the resolution because she is a paid employee of CCCA, and that is why she could not make the motion at the prior meeting to proceed with this. However she totally supports it. Mayor Long said that it would be signed coming from the Port Royal Town Council. Gladys Fortune stated that she attended a meeting at her church where a meeting was held explaining that if this was approved it would provide jobs for local folks needing work. She stated that she was not for signing the resolution.

Mayor Long called for the vote, she stated that she would have to reclude herself as she is a paid employee as previously stated, Bill Henderson stated that he would have to also reclude himself, as he has a conflict of interest in the issue. Gladys Fortune abstained, while Monica Chenault and Della Mills voted in favor of the motion. Nancy Long stated that Jim Heimbach would be in favor of the motion, but he is out of town. The Council stated that his vote could not count as he is out of town and not present at the meeting.

Monica Chenault withdrew her motion after hearing that others on Council were not in agreement with going forward with the resolution. She stated that if she had been aware of this she would not have put her motion on the floor.

The motion died.

Port Royal Post Office – The Council entertained a brief discussion regarding the possible closing of the Port Royal Post Office. The Mayor will work to set up a date for a meeting.

Meeting with County Tourism Director – Monica Chenault asked when the meeting would be held that the tourism director requested of the town. Mayor Long did not have a definite date. Monica was on a

business trip in Charlottesville, and picked up a pamphlet titled "Play Caroline." She stated that the only event date listed for Port Royal is for the Old Schoolhouse. She asked how did that date get in there and no others did. Terri Harrison stated that she knew that Cleo Coleman sends a list each year to the tourism director of dates of meetings that she is aware of or that she chairs. Bill Henderson stated that probably the only reason that was listed is because it is advertising "playing golf." The committee will meet with the tourism director and work to get Port Royal's event dates on the brochures they publish.

New Business: The EPA is requiring localities to fill out a form for water withdrawal and pay a fee. David Gonce is in the process of filling out the form along with Nancy Long.

Committee to review Town, County, and possibly BG Town Zoning Ordinances - This would be a temporary committee to compile differences within the ordinances to assist the Planning Commission with their work on the Zoning Ordinance. The committee will be Bill Wick, Bill Henderson and Jim Heimbach.

Consumer Confidence Report – The state requires that each year the municipality make available for water customers a copy of the Consumer Confidence Report. In the past the Clerk has had to mail out the reports and/or post on the bulletin board or in the Post Office. This year, since we have the web site, we were able to post it on the web site, and thus eliminate the mail outs.

Litter Grant – Terri reported that she has begun the application process for the litter grant.

Citizen Comment – No citizens were in attendance.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Terri Harrison