

TOWN OF COEBURN

Council Minutes

March 12, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. – 502 Front Street E, Coeburn, VA

Attendees: All Council was present. Also present were Loretta Mays -Town Manager, Willie Stout – Police Chief, Randy Stanley – Police Captain, Christy McCoy - Clerk/Treasurer, and Gary Gilliam – Town Attorney. Cliff Hawkins – Fire Chief entered meeting after new business was discussed.

Call to Order: Mayor Larry Salyer called the meeting to order.

Mayor Salyer asked RJ Rose to give the invocation. The group remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda: On a motion by Lynn Wells, seconded by Charles Kiser, all Council present voted unanimously to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda.

Public Expression: Tammy Robinson, 714 Lynncrest Drive, was present to speak to Council regarding the potholes on Kiser Avenue. Ms. Robinson also asked council to continue considering the petition presented June 13, 2011, which requested that the town accept a right of way to widen Kiser Avenue.

There was no further public expression.

Old Business:

- **Special Use Permit Application** – The Coeburn Planning Commission approved a Special Use Permit application filed by Sam and Margaret Ring to operate a taxi service on Ring Avenue, which is located in an Industrial District. In light of the unanimous approval by the Planning Commission, Carole Boone made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit Application filed by Sam Ring. Lynn Wells seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Ayes.
- **Bondtown Park Shelter** – Architectural plans for the Bondtown park shelter were presented to Council along with an estimated cost of materials. Councilman

Charles Kiser made a motion to table the Bondtown Park Shelter issue. Carole Boone seconded the motion. The motion resulted in all Ayes.

New Business:

- Resolution 12-002 – Synthetic Drugs – Carles Collins made a motion to approve Resolution 12-002 which opposes the sale of synthetic drugs and resolves to resort to any legal remedy which would close any establishment selling these substances. Carole Boone seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in all Ayes.



RESOLUTION 12-002 OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COEBURN, VIRGINIA OPPOSING THE SALE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS AND RESOLVING TO RESORT TO ANY LEGAL REMEDY WHICH WOULD CLOSE ANY ESTABLISHMENT SELLING THESE SUBSTANCES

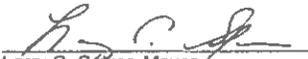
BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Coeburn is opposed to any establishment that sells synthetic drug items for human consumption that are expected to alter mental processes with unknown repercussions, as well as items that are purported to be incense, plant food, bath salts or other such seemingly innocuous substances when, in fact, the substances are being used and expected to be used for human consumption and resulting in an altered mental state and in unknown physical and mental repercussions for consumers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Coeburn will resort to any legal remedy that would cause any such establishment within the corporate limits of the town to close, including but not limited to encouraging the Wise County Circuit Court to declare such establishments public nuisances as prescribed in Title 48 of the Code of Virginia, and encouraging the Governor of Virginia to sign pending legislation passed by both the House and Senate relating to regulation of synthetic drugs.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Virginia, the Wise County Circuit Court, the Wise County Board of Supervisors, the proprietors of such establishments, and the owners of property in which these establishments are located.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2012.

TOWN OF COEBURN, VIRGINIA


Larry C. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christy L. McCoy, Clerk

- Board of Zoning Reappointment – Lynn Wells made a motion to reappoint Rick Sturgill to the Board of Zoning. Carole Boone seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted in all Ayes.
- Allocate Funds for Consulting Forester – Carole Boone made a motion to appropriate \$780 for a consulting forester to conduct a two day preliminary survey of the timber remaining on 500 acres on Machine Creek owned by the town. Lynn Wells seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted in all Ayes. Council agreed that Loretta Mays and Christy McCoy will work with the consultant and report back to Council.
- Approval of Fire Department Slate of officers – Charles Collins made a motion to approve the Fire Department Slate of Officers as listed:

*Chief Clifton Hawkins
Assistant Chief William Davidson
Captain Daniel Edwards
1st Lieutenant Kenny Davidson
2nd Lieutenant Thomas Stanley*

Charles Kiser seconded the motion and the motion passed with all Ayes.

Reports:

- Fire Chief Cliff Hawkins presented the February activity report detailing activities that took place during the month. Chief Hawkins reported assisting St. Paul fire department with a roof fire at the Dominion power plant. He reported that the new lights were installed in the bay and that the fire hall doors were completed.
- Police Chief Willie Stout reviewed the police department's monthly activity log for February 2012. Chief Stout also reported the success of the free VMLIP body cameras being used by the Coeburn Police Department. CPD was one of the 128 police agencies eligible to receive the body cameras. The department was recognized in the Virginia Municipal League 2012 newsletter.
- Treasurer Christy McCoy reviewed the treasurer's report. Ms. McCoy updated Council on the progress being made on the 2010-2011 Audit.

- Town Manager Loretta Mays presented the town manager's report. Ms. Mays updated Council on the synthetic drug petition against Trip's Trinkets. She also reported HB847 relating to the charter change has been approved by both the House and the Senate and is awaiting Governor's signature.

Veolia project Manager, Jeff Kilgore, reviewed the Veolia monthly report. Mr. Kilgore updated Council on monthly activities. Included in these activities were vehicle maintenance, spring street maintenance, and a meeting with Master Meter and town office staff.

Other Business:

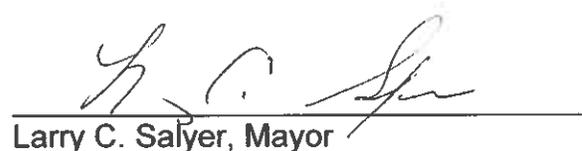
- Council Comments and Concerns
 - Lynn Wells inquired about the flag located on flag hill and the flag located at town hall. Both flags are beginning to look worn. Mr. Kilgore reported that the flags would be replaced in the near future.
 - Charles Kiser asked if the March 26, 2012 workshop meeting could be rescheduled for March 27 due to a conflicting schedule. Council and staff agreed to meet at the MEOC building, 413 Front Street E., Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

There were no other Council Comments or Concerns.

Adjournment: Mayor Larry Salyer recessed the regular meeting until Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss sewer services related to the Flatwoods Sewer Project.

Respectfully Submitted,


ATTEST, Christy L. McCoy, Clerk


Larry C. Salyer, Mayor