

Council Minutes
Recessed Meeting
April 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – 502 Front Street E, Coeburn, VA

Attendees: Council members present were Veronica Buchanan, Jeff Kiser, and Sharon Still. Scott Brooks – Chief of Police, Christy McCoy – Clerk/Treasurer, Russell Mullins, Town Manager and William Sturgill – Town Attorney were also present.

Call to Order: Mayor Jeff Kiser called the recessed meeting to order.

Agenda:

Mayor Kiser made a motion to add an item to discuss setting a public hearing for a proposed rate increase. Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Mayor Kiser made a motion to add an additional item to the agenda for the purpose of discussing acquisition of land for public use. Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

Business

- I. Public Hearing: Council discussed the need to advertise a public hearing for a proposed rate increase on May 1 and May 8 and then hold the public hearing on May 18, 2015. J. Kiser made a motion to publicize a public hearing for the purpose of discussing the rate increases as proposed to Council in the proposed budget. Town Manager Mullins asked Mr. Kiser to include, in the motion, that the public hearing would be held for the proposed 9% rate increase on utilities and a .05/\$100 on real estate taxes. Deventae Mooney asked the town manager if he was absolutely sure that 9% will get the town where it needs to be. The town manager stated that 9% would put us in a position to pay our bills as allocated in the proposed budget. The town manager stated that he based the numbers off of the utility billing. Deventae reiterated that when Council votes on the public hearing that it will be for a 9% increase. Sharon Still stated there was 9% increase in utility, \$1.00 sanitation and .05/100 real estate. Mayor Kiser stated that this was not an ideal situation to raise the rates in May instead of July 1 but it is something that has to be done. If the town waits until July 1, the bills will be even further behind. Treasurer Christy McCoy informed Council that as of July 1, 2015 there will be approximately \$120,000 due in accounts payable. Veronica Buchanan stated that she would like to see a 1% increase per year to avoid future increases such as the proposed increase of 9%. Jess Powers clarified that there would also be an increase in sewer because it is based on a percentage of the water billing. Town Manager Mullins recommended ½% each year. Mayor Kiser restated his motion as follows: Mayor Jeff Kiser made a motion

for the publication to give notification of the intent for the 9% water increase, \$1 Sanitation increase and the .05/\$100 real estate increase and he clarified that those were the rates that were proposed in the budget and it is for the public hearing to adopt those rates. Sharon Still seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes. The public hearing was scheduled for May 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

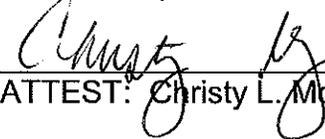
- II. Acquisition of Land for Public Use: Jeff Kiser made a motion to enter into closed session in accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A.3) specifically for the acquisition of real property for public use. Deventae Mooney seconded the motion, which resulted in all Ayes.

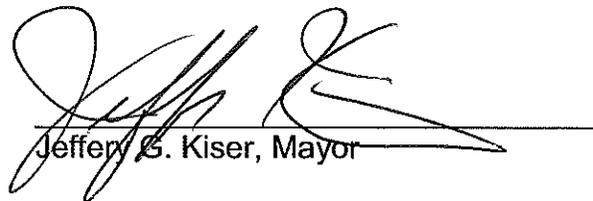
Immediately following the closed meeting, Christy McCoy, Clerk, read the "Certification of Closed Meeting", which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof. A roll call vote certifying that only matters were identified in the motion convening were discussed. The clerk conducted a roll call vote which resulted in all Ayes.

Adjournment:

Deventae Mooney made a motion to adjourn the reconvened meeting. Sharon Still seconded the motion which resulted in all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,


ATTEST: Christy L. McCoy, Clerk


Jeffrey G. Kiser, Mayor