

EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
TOWN OF GATE CITY
TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT
THE WESTIN RICHMOND HOTEL
6631 BROAD STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23230

MINUTES OF 7/27/2012 MEETING

PRESENT: Frances Perry, Mayor; Roger Cassell; Wallace Ross, Jr.;
Walter Salyers; and Robin Richards

ABSENT: Allan (Cotton) Roberts, Vice Mayor

OTHERS PRESENT: Norma Cassell

All council members having been duly notified of time and place of said meeting; Notice of Emergency Meeting being timely posted on the front entrance to the Gate City Town Hall; all parties having FOYA requests on file being duly notified of the same via e-mail:

Mayor Perry called the Emergency Called Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. asking Councilwoman Richards to act in the capacity of Clerk and record the minutes. She explained to council members present that Town Manager, Jeremy Keller had telephoned her with the news that the police department building had been found to have mold, possibly black mold, in such a great amount that it deemed to be in an unsafe condition to house the department personnel. Manager Keller was of the opinion that they could be moved to the town hall on a temporary basis. Mayor Perry asked him to hold off until such time as council could be informed. The concern was that moving to the town hall would have to be on a very limited time frame because of overcrowding and before moving we needed to look into other options. Temporarily moving would incur extra expense as this would only be a short term solution.

Councilman Cassell inquired as to how this determination had come about and whether or not there had been any testing to determine the kind of mold found.

Mayor Perry informed council that she had not asked that question of Manager Keller but stated that she did not doubt that there was excess mold of whatever nature because of the water leakage and dampness in the building over years. She stated that the housing of the police department had been a topic of discussion over the past few months and nothing had been done to alleviate the problem and that maybe this was what it was going to take to get some action taken to improve their office housing.

Councilman Cassell stated that he did not want to do "a knee jerk" reaction but to give proper thought and consideration to a solution.

Councilman Salyers asked if there was a possibility that it might just be "mold" and maybe be thoroughly cleaned and the mold killed out with bleach.

Councilman Ross added that in his opinion, nothing should be done until Monday as the town offices were closed for the weekend.

Mayor Perry added that she was aware of a building located in the heart of Gate City that was for rent and would be quite suitable for housing of the police department.

Councilman Ross asked at what cost? Mayor Perry informed council that the location was the former Clinch Mountain Merchants building, the monthly rental was in the amount of \$450.00 and the owner was agreeable to rent to the town for the stated purpose.

Mayor Perry asked that council consider a motion to allow Manager Keller and herself to pursue looking at rental property and/or other solutions to solve the housing of the Police Department in order to relocate them in a healthful environment.

Motion: Councilman Walt Salyers - to allow Manager Keller and Mayor Perry to pursue rental property and/or other solution for the solving of the housing of the Police Department.

Second: Council Roger Cassell

Voting Aye: Councilman Cassell

Councilman Ross

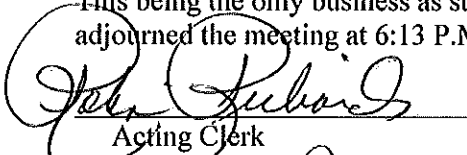
Councilman Salyers

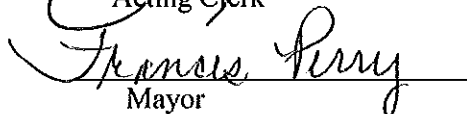
Councilwoman Richards

Absent: Councilman Roberts

Nays: None

This being the only business as stated in the Notice for Emergency Meeting, Mayor Perry adjourned the meeting at 6:13 P.M.


Acting Clerk


Mayor