



GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
September 6, 2016
156 E. JACKSON ST.
6:30 PM

I. COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:37 P.M. BY: Mayor - Frances Perry

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Amanda McKenna

| | PRESENT: | ABSENT: |
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| Mayor, Frances Perry | yeah | |
| Vice Mayor, Roger Cassell | yeah | |
| Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts | yeah | |
| Council Member, Robin Richards | yeah | |
| Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. | yeah | |
| Council Member, Ron Kindle | yeah | |
| Town Manager, Greg Jones | yeah | |
| Town Attorney, Michele Brooks | yeah | |

Others present: Debbie Kindle,

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda.

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| Motion by: Allan Roberts | 2 nd by: Roger Cassell |
| VOTE: Yeas, | 5 |

VI. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

Mayor, Frances Perry stated that she wanted to appoint Wallace W. Ross, Jr. to the Sanitation Authority.

Allan Roberts made a motion to appoint Mr. Ross to Sanitation Authority. Ron Kindle 2nd.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 1- Roger Cassell

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Public Hearing for Platted Road. August 9, 2016 as presented?**
Allan Roberts made a motion to approve as presented. Ron Kindle 2nd.
VOTE: Yeas, 5
- **Public Hearing for Bond Resolution on August 9, 2016 as presented?**
Allan Roberts made a motion to approve as presented. Wallace W. Ross, Jr. 2nd.
VOTE: Yeas, 4
Abstain, 1- Ron Kindle
- **Council Meeting on August 9, 2016 as presented?**
Allan Roberts made a motion to approve as presented. Robin Richards 2nd.
VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 1 – Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

VIII. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Motion made for approval for payment of bills for August, 2016.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Ron Kindle

VOTE: Yeas, 5

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (Will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

No public speakers present.

X. COMMUNICATIONS - None

XI. REPORTS (All reports given will be included with your packet. Any questions about the reports will need to be discussed with the department head PRIOR to the meeting.)

A. Engineer's Status Report- No questions about report.

B. Manager's Report- Read Report.

C. Council Reports (Any new business from Committees that needs to come before the Council.)
Robin Richards discussed the crosswalks and complaints by residents regarding potholes near the cemetery and tree limbs that had fallen during the storms and properties that already have demolition orders and the need to maintain those properties. Ron Kindle discussed knowing the status of property maintenance. Wallace W. Ross, Jr. discussed high grass on Manville Rd. and sidewalks for kids to walk to school. Allan Roberts discussed resident complaints about the trailers on Woodland St. and a concern about business owners believe that law enforcement is creating issues with visitors coming to town. Frances Perry stated that if you were not breaking the law, they would not bother you.

D. Sanitation Authority- Roger Cassell stated there were some items under New Business to be discussed.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- **VDH Funding Offer WTP Capital Improvements**
Motion made to approve the VDH Funding offer in the amount of \$498,000.00.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Roger Cassell
VOTE: Yeas, 5

- **VDH Funding Offer Water Line Replacement Phase I**

No action taken.

- **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a General Obligation Bond of the Town of Gate City, in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$156, 500, and Providing for the Form, Details and Payment of the Bond and Authorizing Certain Related Actions**

Motion made to approve the resolution in the principal amount no to exceed \$156,500.00.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Roger Cassell

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Yeas**, Allan Roberts, Wallace W. Ross, Jr., Robin Richards, and Roger Cassell

Abstain, Ron Kindle

- **Advertisement for Public Hearing for the Disposal of Unclaimed Firearms in the Possession of the Gate City Police Department (Code of Virginia 15.2-1721 & 15.2-1719)**
Motion made to hold a Public Hearing on October 4, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Ron Kindle

VOTE: Yeas, 5

- **Accept Changes to Sanitation By Laws**
Take no action.

- **Discussion & Approval of Planning Commission recommendation to locate Gateway Park "Love Sign" and amenities.**

Motion made to approve the recommendation to locate "Love Sign" and amenities.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Ron Kindle

Ron Kindle suggested that VDOT remove the "No Trespassing" Sign from in front of the entry to the property. Allan Roberts asked if there were plans to put in street lights. Roger Cassell stated that there would be.

VOTE: Yeas, 5

- **Approve a Public Hearing to seek Public Input on the Proposed Tourism Zone Ordinance**

Motion made to hold a Public Hearing on Oct 4 immediately following the firearms Public Hearing.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Roger Cassell

VOTE: Yeas, 5

- **Approve and Discuss the Purchase of a 6610 Ford Tractor**

Motion made to approve and purchase the 6610 Ford Tractor.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Roger Cassell

VOTE: Yeas, Allan Roberts, Roger Cassell, and Robin Richards
Nays, Ron Kindle and Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

- **Discussion of Property Maintenance Signs**

Fine? Michele Brooks stated that there was a need for the Ordinance Book to reflect the Tampering of the Sign.

- **Discussion Real Estate Taxes**

Allan Roberts suggested that the Town proceed on taxes. Roger Cassell stated that he thinks we should at the very least take care of the worst cases.

- **Discussion on Old Theater Building on Jackson St.**

Allan Roberts stated that the Gate City Frontier was trying to figure out how to empty the Theater. They were discussing their options as there is quite a bit of stuff inside the Theater at this time.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – NEW BUSINESS – No public comment.

XV. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Ron Kindle
VOTE: Yeas, 5

*Mayor Perry adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M., until the next scheduled Council Meeting on October 4, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Frances Perry – Mayor

Amanda McKenna – Town Clerk