

**Town of Dublin
Council Minutes
September 17, 2020**

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in Council chambers. Present: Mayor Benny Skeens. Council members present: Steve Crigger, Dallas Cox, Debbie Hager, Edith Hampton, Peggy Hemmings and Debbie Lyons. Other present: Town Manager and Clerk of Council Tyler Kirkner, Town Attorney Samuel Campbell, Administrative Assistant Deanna Marshall, Chief of Police Dennis Lambert, Patrol Officer Daniel Mitchell, Superintendent of Utilities Darrin Cullip.

Call to Order

Mayor Skeens welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Dallas Cox led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Mayor Skeens asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the August 20, 2020 minutes. Steve Crigger made a motion to accept the minutes. Debbie Lyons seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Peggy Hemmings Yes

Dallas Cox Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

All were in favor.

Reports of Officials

Darrin Cullip stated the county called the Town last week to assist in shutting the water off before the tanks were lost on a major water break. If the tanks had been lost Dublin and the County could be without water for an extended period of time.

Mr. Cullip stated the Utility Department installed fifty of the radio read meters this week bringing the total close to 150 meters installed.

Chief Lambert stated the department would be holding a Drug Take Back at CVS in Dublin Saturday, October 24th from 10am to 2 pm.

Committee Report

Peggy Hemmings stated the New River Resource Authority received 14,000 tons of waste in August. The Town of Dublin delivered 115 tons and the Dublin area 221 tons. The Authority purchased a new haul truck that was delivered this week. The new \$10 million cell is on schedule. The recent shredding day event had over 200 people.

Old Business

Follow-up on 233 Newbern Road

Mr. Kirkner stated the Town has not heard anything regarding 233 Newbern Road. The letter did come back as non-delivered. The notice has been advertised in the papers and the deadline is November 13, 2020.

New Business

Chamber of Commerce, Peggy White – Tourism

Mayor Skeens introduced Peggy White, Executive Director and Shannon Ainsley with the Chamber of Commerce. Peggy held a power point presentation on how tourism started in the New River Valley and where it is today.

Ms. White stated the Chamber would be holding a Halloween drive thru at Randolph Park, Saturday October 31st from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be fifteen businesses participating in handing out candy. Mask and gloves will be provided. There will be a drive by pumpkin carving contest also. Businesses/Citizens are asked to donate candy for the event.

Warehouse #112 Renovations

Mr. Kirkner stated warehouse #112 has a new roof. The Utility Department has started stripping the wall metal, all doors will be taking off and replaced with window sections and Hardie siding inset into the building. A store front will be on the end.

Sam Campbell stated he had provided a lease that can be customized if necessary. The only thing that would need to be filled in would be the blanks on the first page, the premises, initial term, holdover tenancy and rent. Mr. Campbell read over the terms and provisions.

Sam Campbell read the resolution approving general terms for leasing or warehouse properties on Trade Circle and authorizing town manager to execute same on behalf of the Town of Dublin. Steve Crigger made a motion to adopt the resolution. Debbie Lyons seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Peggy Hemmings Yes

Dallas Cox Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

All were in favor.

Power Outage at Industrial Park

Mayor Skeens stated the town was in the process of transferring a new transformer over to a separate line. Mr. Kirkner stated power was down nine to ten hours due to a transformer tower collapse. There was also damage to the new AEP transformer (waiting to be energized) when the tower fell. Mr. Kirkner stated that the Park was three additional transformers away from having everything in the Park on AEP direct service. The cost is estimated between \$20 and \$60 Thousand.

Discussion of Hazardous Pay

Mr. Kirkner requested input on the issue of onetime hazards pay for employees. Mayor Skeens stated he didn't have a problem with giving extra time off. Mr. Kirkner stated if he could find and justify he would like to give \$500.00 to each employee who qualified and maybe some time off also. Council was in agreement.

Discussion of Christmas Parade/Employee Dinner

Mr. Kirkner stated VRSA (Virginia Risk Sharing Association) is still leary of recommending such events because of the liability. Mayor Skeens recommended not having the parade or dinner this year and taking the money spent on the dinner to purchase employees and their families a gift bag/gift card. Mr. Campbell stated if the town has the parade it would run the risk of not being covered by insurance and similar situation for the dinner. Mr. Campbell recommended not having the parade or dinner. Chief Lambert asked that the Trick-or-Treating for the town be addressed also. Mr. Campbell stated Trick-or-Treating is not town sponsored and suggested the town do a proclamation or resolution that there be no house to house Trick-or-Treating this Halloween due to the circumstances. Peggy Hemmings made a motion to not have a parade or employee dinner this year. Edith Hampton seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Peggy Hemmings Yes

Dallas Cox Yes

Steve Crigger Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

All were in favor.

Mayor Skeens stated the town and community recently lost several citizens, Dr. Winsdon Pound, Regina Brumfield and Rev. David Hoover and asked for a moment of silence.

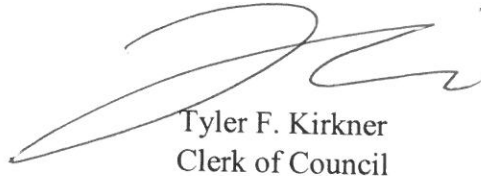
Things "Well done" by staff and departments

Mr. Kirkner stated the budget was on schedule. Mr. Kirkner stated Billy Bryant and John Doss was awarded the things well done this month for their assistance to the roofing contractor on warehouse #112.

Public Comment

There was no public comments. Mayor Skeens adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler F. Kirkner
Clerk of Council