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9/1/15

Attending: Donna Callar, John Paul Heafer, Helen Dettmer, Paul Staubs, Tim Collins

Absent: Jean Reed

Special Meeting of 8-13-2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Helen recognized Chris Higdon to report to the council members about the latest findings of the budget standings and the outlook of Bolivar's financial situation regarding the police department. Chris explained the acceptance of Bolivar's \$ 170,000 to the town of Harpers Ferry.

Helen turned the meeting over to chief, John Brown to give a brief presentation of the importance of police protection to the community. Helen explained that she was very pleased with the chief and his department and that this situation was strictly a budget issue. Mr. Staubs and Chief Brown got into a discussion about the number of officers for \$170,000.

Chief Brown continued to explain expenditures for his department. Chief explained to the council members that grant options were being explored.

Council members debated on the figures that were sent to Bolivar by Harpers Ferry. After much deliberation Mayor Dettmer asked the council to vote on the 9 month proposal presented to the Bolivar council by Harpers Ferry. The proposal expires in March of 2016.

- Councilperson Callar voted no for the proposal through March
- Councilperson Heafer voted no for the proposal through March
- Councilperson Staubs voted no for the proposal through March
- Tim Collins voted yes; due to not wanting to put the citizens at risk
- Chris Higdon voted yes; because the proposal in front of the council has been voted on by the Harpers Ferry Council, so if Bolivar votes no tonight, there is no police department.

Helen asked to make a motion in order to move forward;

Chris Higdon made a motion to accept the offer of \$170,000 for 9 months of coverage- Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Helen asked for a roll call vote:

Paul Staubs- No

Collins-Yes

Higdon-Yes

Heafer-No

The vote did not pass.

Donna asked Helen to move forward to work with Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Paul asked to have Helen to ask Harpers Ferry to reconsider.

Chris Higdon stated that he would ask (beg) Harpers Ferry to accept the \$170,000 for the instead of the 9 month period.

Mr. Collins is 100% in favor of keeping the police department. "Shame on everybody to everyone in jeopardy."

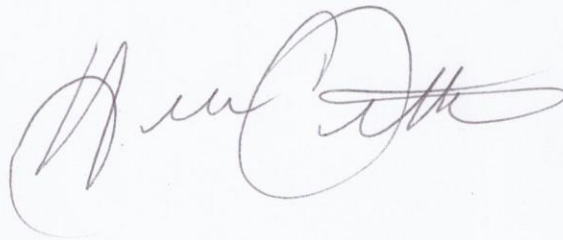
Mr. Staubs thinks that we should do what we can do to save the police department.

Laurel Drake was in attendance for the meeting and she made comments in favor of the p department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Motion made by Chris Higdon

Seconded by Tim Collins

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