Minutes 1159 Town of Blacksburg

Regular Town Council Meeting September 9, 2015

Present at the meeting were Councilwoman Janie Wilson, Councilman Darren Janesky, Councilman Dennis Stroupe,

Councilman Mike Patterson and Mayor David Hogue presiding.

No Media was present.

Mayor Hogue gave the invocation.

Councilman Stroupe made the motion to approve Minutes 1157as written and distributed. Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve Minutes 1158 as written and distributed. Councilman Janesky made the second. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue brought before Council the names of some residents who have agreed to be placed on the Historical Committee: Mr. Cecil Bell, Mr. Maurice Charles, Mrs. Jenny Stroupe and Mr. Albert Peterson. Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve the new committee members. Councilwoman Wilson made the second. All were in favor. David Hogue asked Councilman Patterson to be the Council member to be placed on the committee. He agreed and Councilman Janesky made the motion with Councilwoman Wilson making the second. All were in favor.

Chief Josh Parker with the Cherokee County Fire Chiefs Association was supposed to ask permission to close streets for the annual fireman games. He was not able to attend. Clerk Foster told Council it would be the same as last year. The closure would be Shelby Street and Cherokee Street in front of the fire department. Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve the request. Councilman Stroupe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Coach Holly Nix the High School Track Coach asked permission of Council to once again have a 5K walk-run as a fund raiser for the track team. The date would be October 3, 2015 with a rain date of October 10, 2015. Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department has agreed to help with traffic. The event will start with registration at 8:00 am and start the run-walk at 9:00 am. The event should conclude by 11:00 am. It would start and finish at the High School. Councilman Patterson made the motion to grant the request with Councilwoman Wilson making the second. All were in favor.

Administrator Carter brought before Council a request for funds to support a clean-up project that would involve children from the Department of Juvenile Justice. She made a list of park clean-ups and litter pick-ups that would be beneficial for the Town. She requested around $1000 for needed supplies. Councilman Stroupe made the motion with Councilman Patterson making the second. All were in favor.

Administrator Carter informed Council of a $55,000 match for engineering fees for the sewer project on Highway 5. Administrator Carter was not here when the project started and was unable to secure information from Cherokee County as to the monies they had agreed to match for the project. Councilman Patterson made the motion for the $55,000 to be paid should it not be in the County match. Councilman Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Chief Jamie Ham informed Council that he had put together a feasibility study on the need for an extra officer for narcotics enforcement. He mentioned that Blacksburg and Cherokee County had previously had a joint narcotics unit that has since be disbanded. The Sheriff has a narcotics division that does work inside Blacksburg limits when warrants are issued. Chief Ham stated the Sheriff has agreed to help in any way with our officers. Chief Ham stated the possibility of their being grants available for this opportunity, the only problem would be the sustainability of funds the new position. Grants do run out and the Town would then be responsible for funds to cover the officer. Councilman Stroupe gave Chief Ham permissions to look for grants from the state and outside sources such as Milliken and Timken. Councilman Janesky seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilman Janesky and Chief ham mentioned to Council he had not be able to compile and information about the use of the police department Wi-Fi for the Museum. The possibility of hackers and limited speed were very viable threats. With this information given, no action was taken. They will look into other options.

Mayor Hogue asked Administrator Carter if she had picked a date for the Grand Opening of the Museum and her official introduction to the Town of Blacksburg. She chose October 11th at 3:00 pm. Mayor Hogue asked Clerk Foster to make sure invitations were sent to all State and Local Officials and especially the family of Dr. Love.

Clerk Foster asked Council to approve sewer adjustments in the amount of $588.01. Councilman Stroupe made the motion and Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

There being no further business, Councilman Patterson made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Janesky made the second. All were in favor.

The time of adjournment was 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura B. Foster

Town Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Mayor, Town of Blacksburg, SC