Minutes 1139 Town of Blacksburg

Regular Town Council Meeting July 8, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Present at the meeting were Mayor David Hogue, Councilman Mike Patterson, Councilman Joe Ross and Councilwoman Janie Wilson.

The new media was represented by Joe Hughes with the Gaffney Ledger.

The invocation was given by Mayor Hogue.

Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve minutes 1137 as written. Councilwoman Wilson made the second. All were in favor.

Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve minutes 1138, the special Town Council Meeting, as written. Councilman Ross made the second. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Wilson made the motion to pay the bills as printed and distributed. Councilman Ross made the second and all were in favor.

Rev. Danny Marshburn of Cherokee County Community Cares asked Council for an endorsement of their organization. This organization is a 501-3-C non-profit that is hoping to open a hospice house in Cherokee County. They are currently working with State and Local Officials trying to get legislation written and all the legal requirements met to proceed with this project. The group has currently raised over $20,000.00 but is still in need of donations that include not less than five acres of land for the proposed sight. Mayor Hogue made a motion to endorse this group and help in any way possible. Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Linda Falls addressed Council with her concerns about the changes made to the museum building. She was concerned with the lack of handicap parking and the changes to the door at the back of the building. After much discussion from the Council and the architect Mr. Agnew all questions were answered as could be. Linda thanked Council for listening to her concerns.

Michael Falls then addressed Council of his concerns about the use of the new museum. He asked why the building could not be used for more than just a museum, such as moving Town Hall into it and making it a welcome center as well. Then tearing down the current Town Hall and community center beside the Town Hall and consolidate the three into one, saving money on upkeep, maintenance and utility bills. Mayor Hogue explained the money used to fund this building is coming from hospitality money. This money can only be spent on tourism projects. It cannot be used to build a New Town Hall. The regulations would not allow for that type of building. After much discussion, Michael thanked Council for listening to his concerns.

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Mayor Hogue asked Council for a noise permit on behalf of the Cherokee County Library who will be having a singing on July 17th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. He said the permit would be from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Councilman Patterson made the motion to grant the permit and Councilman Ross made the second. All were if favor.

Administrator Martin asked for the Council meeting from August 12th be moved to August 13th due to the election. The vote count will occur at the same time the Council meeting would have begun. Councilman Ross made the motion with Councilman Patterson making the second. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue requested a motion to enter into executive session for contract negotiation, police personnel and shop personnel. Councilman Patterson made the motion. Councilman Ross made the second. All were in favor.

Upon return for executive session, Councilman Patterson made the motion to return to regular session. Councilman Ross made the second. All were in favor.

Attorney Larry Flynn requested that Council proceed with the execution of the contract with Sossamon Construction in the amount of $520,269.00 for the building of the museum. Councilman Ross made the motion for Mayor Hogue to sign the contract, Councilwoman Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue made a motion for the Council to hire Richard Campbell as a police officer for the Town. Councilman Patterson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Hogue made a motion for the Council to hire John Hughes in the water/sewer department. Councilman Patterson made the motion. All were in favor.

Upon the recommendation of the Clerk, Councilman Ross made the motion to approve the following sewer adjustments:

Jeff Guffey 102541 $30.31 Pool

Victoria Morrison 108806 $124.20 Leak

James Gibson 102294 $127.90 Pool

Councilwoman Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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There being no further business, Councilman Patterson made the motion for adjournment and Councilman Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura B. Foster

Town Clerk

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

Mayor, Town of Blacksburg, SC