Minutes 1165 Town of Blacksburg

Regular Town Council Meeting February 9, 2016

Present at the meeting were Councilwoman Janie Wilson, Councilman Darren Janesky, Councilman Mike Patterson with Mayor David Hogue presiding.

Media was represented by Janet Spencer, Cherokee Chronicle and Scott Powell, Gaffney Ledger.

Councilwoman Wilson gave the invocation.

Councilman Janesky made the motion to approve minutes 1164 as written and distributed. Councilwoman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Wilson made the motion to approve bills with the exception of Patterson’s Wrecker. Councilman Patterson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Councilman Janesky made the motion to pay Patterson’s Wrecker with the second coming from Councilwoman Wilson. Mayor Hogue voted in favor and Councilman Patterson recused.

Administrator Carter and Clerk Foster brought before Council a concern from a citizen about the Town having no written regulations for the cemetery. Clerk Foster mentioned the only rule that now exist is that there is to be no coping around the graves in the new section. Mayor Hogue suggested we make a regulation to the effect that no coping is allowed and the graves cost $1000.00 each. Councilman Janesky made the motion and Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue brought a concern he had with the new handbook just put in effect in December. He thought the wording concerning the hiring and firing of employees still be brought before Council as in previous handbooks. The new handbook has this placed in the hands of the administrator alone. After much discussion and with Attorney Flynn stating he would prefer to do more research with the Employment Attorney, Kevin Sturn: Administrator Carter and Council were in agreement to go ahead with the specified words. Mayor Hogue made the recommendation of adding the words “with approval of Council” to the hiring and firing section of the new handbook. Councilman Patterson made the motion. Councilwoman Wilson made the second. All were in favor.

Councilman Patterson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts, agreements and personnel. Councilwoman Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilman Patterson made the motion to return to regular session. Councilwoman Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue mentioned the items discussed in executive session was received as information and no action was to be taken.

Administrator Carter brought before Council the second reading of the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department agreement. After the first reading, Council asked for two changes to be made. First, the word “approximately” be added to the budget amount and secondly the removal of other fire department names replaced with cooperation of other local fire departments. Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve the agreement with the corrections made. Councilwoman Wilson made the second. All were in favor.

Administrator Carter brought before Council a request to purchase land needed to do the sewer upgrade on Hwy 5. The property is at the old brick yard site. The purchase price is $4800.00. There will also be a need for $3000.00 for administrative, legal and engineering survey fees. The total asked for is $7800.00. Councilman Janesky made the motion to approve the expenditure. Councilman Patterson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Administrator Carter gave Council information on replacing two pump stations on Glenwood Dr. The stations are in bad need of repair and the estimated cost to do the replacement is $16,000. Councilman Janesky made the motion with Councilman Patterson making the second. All were in favor.

Clerk Foster asked Council to approve a sewer adjustment in the amount of $78.84. Councilman Patterson made the motion. Councilwoman Wilson made the second. All were in favor.

There being no further business, Councilman Patterson made the motion for adjournment. Councilman Janesky made the second. All were in favor.

The time of adjournment was 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura B. Foster

Town Clerk

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

 Mayor, Town of Blacksburg, SC