

Minutes 1234
Regular Town Council Meeting

Town of Blacksburg
May 14, 2020

The meeting was conducted by electronic form as provided by emergency ordinance 2020-08 on the medium gotomeeting.com

Present at the meeting were Councilman Darren Janesky , Councilman Dennis Stroupe, Councilman S.L. Ford, Councilwoman Christy Gibson and presiding over the meeting Mayor Mike Patterson.

The invocation was given by Councilman Ford.

A public hearing was held to ratify and confirm the 2020-2021 budget ordinance. No questions were asked during the allotted time. Councilman Ford made a motion to close the public hearing with Councilwoman Gibson seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Councilman Janesky made a motion to accept the minutes 1233 as written. Councilman Ford seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Gibson made a motion to accept the bills as written. Councilman Stroupe seconded the motion. All were in favor

The June 9, 2020 council meeting was rescheduled for June 8, 2020 due to primary election.

Landon Falls, who is working on his Eagle Scout project, asked the Town for help with getting permission from SCDOT to block off S. Chester Street and paint Wildcat paws up to Blacksburg High School. Council gave Interim Administrator Foster permission to coordinate with SCDOT with getting the street blocked off.

Mrs. Linda Falls informed Council that the Iron City Festival had been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020. Councilman Stroupe made a motion to accept the rescheduled date of the festival and to close the roads starting at 5:00am until 10:00pm on October 24, 2020 with Councilwoman Gibson seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Mrs. Jenny Stroupe gave an update on the Census. She informed Council on the count of people who have filled out their census in the town and in the county. She stated that both were behind the national totals in filling out and returning their forms. Mrs. Stroupe spoke of the importance of filling out the census as it determines how much federal money is given to our state, county and town. She asked to help get the word out about the importance of the census.

Councilman Stroupe discussed the cleaning up of the Pine Street property. He asked Interim Foster to advertise for bids to tear down the building on the property for two weeks and then they will proceed. Interim Administrator Foster gave an update on the Lime Street Park. She informed Council that Rich Anderson, our engineer, was looking at the parking area paving.

Councilman Stroupe informed Council that there were plans being made for a downtown cruise in. Council discussed areas of concern and preventive actions to take to keep the event fun and safe for everyone. Councilman Stroupe made a motion to setting up a detour to make the event safe. Councilman Janesky seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Interim Administrator Foster updated Council on the Lime Street Property. She explained that the owner refused to clean up the property, she had Public Works Director Smiley to have the Town employees go the clean area and, a lien placed on her taxes. She further more stated that she had spoken with the town attorney to see what other actions could be taken about the business license possibly being revoked.

Chief Donovan Ford gave a presentation to Council on what the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department is doing to get a fire district. Councilman Stroupe made a motion to approve the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department to add a referendum to the August election ballot for the creation of a tax district for the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Patterson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Councilman Stroupe made a motion to approve the adding of a second question about consolidating the board for the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department if the first item passes. Mayor Patterson seconds the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Patterson asked for a motion to go into executive session SC code 30-4-70(a) (1)(2) for Police (personnel and legal advice), Shop (personnel) and Administration (personnel). Councilwoman Gibson made the motion with Councilman Ford seconding. All were in favor.

Mayor Patterson asked for a motion to enter back into regular session SC code 30-4-70(b) (1) (2). Councilman Stroupe made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Ford seconded the motion. All were in favor. No action was taken on the legal advice. Councilman Stroupe made a motion to hire Robert Frock for the police department. Councilman Janesky seconded the motion. Information was taken on the shop personnel no action was taken. Information was taken on administration personnel. No action was taken.

Councilman Stroupe made a motion to accept the sewer adjustments in the amount of \$386.25. Councilwoman Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

With no further business, Mayor Patterson asked for a motion of adjournment. Councilwoman Gibson made a motion adjourn with Councilman Ford seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Adjournment 9:45pm

Respectfully Submitted

Debby Mullinax
Clerk

Approved: _____
Mayor, Town of Blacksburg