Minutes 1137 Town of Blacksburg

Regular Town Council Meeting June 10, 2014

Present at the meeting were Mayor David Hogue, Councilman Mike Patterson, Councilman Joe Ross and Councilman Darren Janesky.

Media was represented by Joe Hughes of the Gaffney Ledger.

Mayor Hogue gave the invocation.

Councilman Ross made the motion to approve Minutes 1135 with the correction of adding an e onto Dennis Stroupe’s name. Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Councilman Ross made the motion to approve the 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 bill with Councilman Ross making the second. All were in favor with one recusal.

Mayor Hogue presented a plaque in recognition for years of service from March 19, 2007 through February 21, 2014 as Municipal Judge to Mr. Jim Leigh. Mr. Leigh was unable to attend but Mayor Hogue said the plaque would be delivered to him.

With the absence of Councilwoman Wilson, Administrator Martin asked for a noise permit for AME Zion Church at the Lime Street Park for August 9th. There will be gospel music amplified during the event. Councilman Patterson made the motion and Councilman Ross made the second. All were in favor.

Attorney Larry Flynn asked Council to approve the second reading of the Bond Ordinance for the Museum. Mr. Flynn said everything was ready and no changes were needed only the approval. Councilman Ross made the motion with Councilman Patterson making the second. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue brought concerns about the hours of use at the newly renovated Church Street Park with the close proximity to two churches. He said he had spoken to several people and asked Mr. Shears, who was attending the meeting, and he said the hours should be consistent with the other parks in town which is from dusk until dark. The renovations to the park to date have a total of $35,000 which has come from hospitality budgeted funds. Councilman Ross made the motion. Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Councilman Janesky asked for an update on the progression of the annexation of Exit 104. He was informed the meeting with the land owners proved uneventful. Only one of seven invited to the meeting actually came. He then made mention that more should be done to get the project completed. Attorney Flynn told Councilman Janesky the legal procedure of annexation. Councilman Janesky was adamant that the Town find a way to get the properties annexed. No action was taken at this time.

Administrator Martin brought before Council information from Community Works who administers grants such as our revolving loan. With the program being more of a hardship than anticipated, Council gave Administrator Martin clearance to do further research on the company and find out if they are affiliated with any government agencies. The original grant came from SC Rural Development who has in turn referred Community Works to be considered the new administrator of the grant. No action was taken at this time.

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Administrator Martin told Council that we had received a grant from South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority in the amount of $350,000 with a Town match of $101,550. The grant is for installation of sewer line to our Brugg street pump station and upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant. Councilman Ross made the motion to accept the grant and provide the match from our water investment fund. Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Councilman Patterson made the motion to enter in to executive session. Councilman Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Mayor Hogue motion Mr. Wayne Elder be hired part time at 16 hours a week for code enforcement. Councilman Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue also made mention that Phillip Martin would be resigning from his position in the public works department to go into seminary school. Mayor Hogue made the recommendation that the vacancy be advertised and filled when necessary. Councilman Ross made the motion and Councilman Patterson made the second. All were in favor.

Mayor Hogue, at the request of Administrator Martin, asked that Council give Administrator Martin a written contract to continue her employment thru May 31, 2015. Mayor Hogue made the motion with Councilman Patterson making the second. All were in favor.

Chief Jamie Ham introduced all of the officers and gave a brief background of each officers past experience in law enforcement. He made mention that the total law enforcement experience of just four officers and himself was 135 years. He also made mention of future goals he has for the department. He would like to have a School Resource Officer for the elementary school, a narcotics officer, a new police car every year and cameras in every town owned park.

Clerk Foster requested the following sewer adjustments be approved.

1. 108359 Crystal Meadows $32.22 2. 103428 Chad Bolin $21.87
2. 101155 Evelyn Peterson $44.82 4. 107144 Steve Broome$50.85

 5. 106527 Nancy Greeson $46.44

Councilman Patterson made the motion to approve the adjustments with Councilman Ross making the

second. All were in favor.

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

Time of adjournment was 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura B. Foster

Town Clerk

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

 Mayor, Town of Blacksburg, SC