

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF VINTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VINTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 311 SOUTH POLLARD STREET, VINTON, VIRGINIA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bradley E. Grose, Mayor
Robert R. Altice
Carolyn D. Fidler
William W. Nance
William E. Obenchain, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Lawrence, Town Manager
Adam Swann, Acting Town Attorney
Darleen Bailey, Town Clerk
Michael Kennedy, Public Works Director
Barry Thompson, Finance Director/Treasurer
Herb Cooley, Police Chief
Ben Cook, Police Lieutenant
Joey Hiner, Asst. Public Works Director
Mark Vaught, Vinton Police Department

Agenda

- A. 7:00 P.M. – Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum
- B. INVOCATION – Bob Andrews – Member Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. FLAG
- D. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 7, 2009
 - 2. Ordinance No. 882 – Adopt Meals Tax Increase from 5% to 6%
ACTION: Schedule Public Hearing for May 19, 2009
 - 3. Ordinance No. 883 – Adopt Cigarette Tax of \$.30 per Pack
ACTION: Schedule Public Hearing for May 19, 2009
 - 4. Ordinance No. 884 – Adopt FY 2009-2010 Budget
ACTION: Schedule Public Hearing for May 19, 2009
- E. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, PRESENTATIONS
 - 1. Proclamation – National Water Drinking Week
 - 2. Proclamation – National Public Works Week
 - 3. Recognition of Dispatcher of the Quarter
 - 4. Recognition of Finance Department for GFOA Award
 - 5. Support Roanoke County Proclamation Declaring Week of May 3 through May 9, 2009 as Building Safety Week and the Month of May, 2009 as Deck Safety Awareness Month

- 6. Recognition of Allstate Foundation for a Grant of \$500.00 Presented to the Vinton Police Department
- F. CITIZENS' COMMENTS AND PETITIONS
- G. TOWN ATTORNEY
- H. TOWN MANAGER
 - 1. Adopt Resolution Opposing Kerr Lake Regional Water System's Request to Increase Transfer of Water from Roanoke River Basins – Resolution No. 1822
 - 2. Appropriation of Grant Funds Received by the Police Department from Allstate Foundation in the Amount of \$500.00 – Resolution No. 1823
- I. MAYOR
- J. COUNCIL
- K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Grose called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Following roll call, Mr. Bob Andrews, member of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation and Wes Nance led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Roll call, invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag.

Mayor Grose asked to pull the first item listed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nance moved to approve items 2, 3, and 4 of the consent agenda and Ms. Fidler seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Approved Consent Agenda

Mayor Grose reported on two proclamations that had been prepared designating May 3 through May 9 as National Drinking Water Week and May 17 through May 23 as National Public Works Week. Mayor Grose commented that the Town is very proud of the Public Works Department and the great job they do to keep the Town running.

Awards and recognitions

Mr. Nance read a letter from Chief Cooley designating Ashley Dalton Sizemore as Dispatcher of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31, 2009.

The Finance Department was recognized by Mr. Obenchain for receiving their 13th annual Governmental Finance Officers Association award for excellence in financial reporting. Mr. Obenchain commented that winning this award was a tremendous honor for the Finance Department and the Town.

Mayor Grose spoke in support of a Roanoke County proclamation declaring the week of May 3 through May 9, 2009 as Building Safety Week and the Month of May, 2009 as Deck Safety Awareness Month.

Mayor Grose recognized Mr. Moe Maddox and the Allstate Foundation for a grant received by the Vinton Police Department for \$500 that will be used to supplement the Police Department's community programs. Mr. Maddox advised that the Allstate Foundation offers a grant to its agent representatives on an annual basis and to qualify, the agent has to perform community service and volunteer for as much as two months of the year. He noted that this is the sixth year he has requested and received these funds for the Town of Vinton's Police Department. Mr. Maddox commented that he had been involved in the Police Academy and the Advanced Police Academy from the beginning. Mayor Grose thanked Mr. Maddox and the Allstate Foundation for the grant and for their support of the Vinton community.

Mr. Donald Doyle who lives at 502 Pine Street, complained about problems in his neighborhood with loud music and rowdy people that had been occurring on a frequent basis. He advised that a few days previously, he had been awakened at 5:00 a.m. by someone yelling, talking loud, and slamming car doors. He also reported that a neighbor had pornographic graffiti painted on his vehicle that morning. Mr. Doyle noted that the Police Officer he had spoken with had advised him this type of behavior had been going on in other areas of the Town as well. He pointed out that there are several older people who live on Pine Street who are scared because the situation seems to be getting worse. Mr. Doyle asked if there was any action that he or his neighbors could take to remedy the situation other than calling the Police and Mayor Grose advised that Mr. Doyle should call the Police and not confront individuals who are causing trouble.

Comments about vandalism on Pine Street

Mr. Nance asked if there were any Neighborhood Watch organizations nearby and was advised that there was one a block from Mr. Doyle's street on Cleveland Avenue. Mayor Grose advised Mr. Doyle to speak with Mark Vaught from the Police Department who works with the Neighborhood Watch groups.

Barbara Snyder who lives at 539 Jefferson, complained about cursing and loud music that were occurring at an apartment building owned by TAP located across the street from her home. During her comments, she asked that the Mayor, Town Manager and Police Chief forcefully deal with the situation. Mayor Grose promised that the Police Department would work diligently to remedy the situation.

Sergeant Vaught reported that they had arrested the person who had done the spray painting on the vehicles and that he was not

associated with anyone in the TAP owned apartment building.

Adam Swann advised that the Town Attorney, Elizabeth Dillon was unable to attend the meeting and had asked him to serve in her place. He was welcomed by the Mayor.

Mr. Lawrence reported on a request by the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission to adopt a resolution opposing the Kerr Lake Regional Water System (KLRWS) request to expand their withdrawal limits from the Roanoke River basin to 24 MGD. He further reported that KLRWS sells bulk water to Henderson, Oxford, and Warren County, North Carolina who serve portions of Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren Counties, NC.

Adopt Resolution No. 1822 opposing a request to expand withdrawal limits from the Roanoke River Basin by KLRWS

Mr. Lawrence informed Council that the Regional Commission has been working with its member jurisdiction to develop a Greater Roanoke Regional Water Supply Plan to evaluate what this area's water needs will be in the next 20 or 30 years. He noted that the study has not yet been completed but it already indicates that there is a possible water supply deficit. He went on to say that proposed Resolution No. 1822 summarizes the Town's opinion of KLRWS's request and puts Town on record as opposing the request to transfer the 24 MGD to the Tar and Fishing Creek River Basins. He pointed out that once the KLRWS stakes a claim to the water rights, this area would never get the rights back.

Mr. Altice moved to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1822 opposing the request by KLRWS to expand their withdrawal limits from the Roanoke River Basin. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fidler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Lawrence acknowledged that the date on the resolution should be changed from April 21st to May 5, 2009.

Mr. Lawrence reported on a house-keeping request to allocate grant funds in the amount of \$500 from the Allstate Foundation to the Police Department's budget. He explained that the resolution acknowledges the revenue coming in and allocates it to the proper item in the budget.

Adopted Resolution No. 1823 appropriating grant funds from the Allstate Foundation to the Police Department's budget.

Mr. Obenchain moved to adopt proposed Resolution No. 1823 appropriating the grant funds from the Allstate Foundation to the proper budget account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nance and approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Grose again thanked the Finance Department for their efforts

in winning the GFOA award.

Mr. Obenchain thanked all the employees who helped out with the Dogwood Festival and the Public Works Department who had the downtown area clean by the following day. Mr. Nance echoed Mr. Obenchain's comments and added his thanks to Mr. Maddox and the Allstate Foundation for their donation. He also thanked the citizens who made public comments about the vandalism on Pine Street. Mr. Altice stated that he also appreciated the Pine Street residents' comments. He further stated he is aware of the situation and assured everyone that the Police Department is working to get them resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Bradley E. Grose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darleen R. Bailey, Town Clerk