

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2007
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice-Mayor Washington, Council Lady Via, Council Lady Cornell, Councilman Lopez, Councilman Brewer

Absent: Council Lady Bradley

Also Present: David Whitlow, Town Manager; Robert Bendall, Town Attorney; John Shaw, Zoning Administrator; Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Retta Ladd, Treasurer, Chief Calvin Johnson, Donna Johnson, Town Clerk, 30 Citizens

Mayor Yohey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Invocation given by Vice-Mayor Washington.

At this time, Mayor Yohey presented Dr. John S. Greenhalgh, with a resolution on behalf of the entire Council commending him on his retirement and thanking him for his many years of service and dedication to the Town of Dumfries. Mayor Yohey introduced Dr. Badhrani who took over Dr. Greenhalgh's practice and is also opening an urgent care facility. Dr. Badhrani thanked the citizens of the Town of Dumfries for the very warm welcome he and his family had received since coming to Dumfries and said he looked forward to a long relationship with the town.

Citizen's Comments

Mrs. Nancy West – 3867 Cameron Street, expressed her dissatisfaction with the Council's decision to deny a grant to Historic Dumfries. She said the guidelines were met and she just did not understand why they were turned down. She urged Council to reconsider and bring back the vote.

Louise Waggy – 17391 Tripoli Boulevard, said she had come to the Council back in February regarding potholes in front of the burned out house and she was still waiting for them to be fixed.

Gary West – 3867 Cameron Street, said heard Mrs. West and Mayor Yohey are hosting a meet and greet on behalf of Delegate Jeff Frederick at 7:00 PM on July the 19th at the Community Center. He said Delegate Frederick would be discussing issues that affected the 52nd district. He said everyone was welcome to attend and they could reply to him. Mr. Bendall said he needed to caution the Council members that if 3 or more of them attended this could be a violation of FOIA, if they discussed town business. He stated that it was inappropriate for 3 members to discuss town business formally or informally.

Claudia Smith – 18311 Possum Point Road, said she was a member of the board of Historic Dumfries Virginia. She said the working relationship between the town and HDV had reached an all time low. She said there just seemed to be no interest in the town. She said Mr. Brewer had said he had no interest and did not plan on getting involved with HDV.

She said she was concerned about Council denying the grant to HDV as they had submitted a good grant. She said they had provided all the required information. She further stated that she had called to speak with Mrs. Cornell but she would not return her call. She said Mrs. Cornell had met with her father, but said she had not even looked at the grant. She said there appeared to be a multitude of problems and she would like to talk about this and she encouraged folks to call her and she would be happy to answer any questions that anyone had.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Yohey went over his report and said that there were also a couple of announcements that he would like to make:

He said he had appointed Stephanie Bradley as the Town's representative on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Advisory Board, effective June 26, 2007.

He also said that on the July work session on July 24th, he would like to request that the Dumfries Charrette be discussed. He also wanted to discuss the acquisition and installation of new audio/video equipment with the \$10,000.00 payment made last summer by Verizon.

Mayor Yohey also said that he had attended a meeting the previous evening at the Boys and Girls Club. He said at that meeting new board members were appointed and he named the new members which included Supervisor Caddigan, Supervisor Barg and Mrs. Betty Covington from the School Board. He said this group would be addressing issues at the club in Dumfries. He said the next meeting of the Boys and Girls Club would be held in early August.

He also said that he, the Chief and Mr. Whitlow had attended the graduation ceremony at the police academy for Jessica English.

Town Manager’s Report

- Mr. Whitlow said he and Mr. Shaw had met with representatives of Springsted to review the initial fieldwork in the sub-areas for the Boundary Adjustment. He said they have also been reviewing some of the developable sites to determine where future opportunities lie. He said he will be receiving some review mapping from Springsted and potentially a draft report for the staff to critique in early to mid August.
- He said a meeting is scheduled for July 18 with Potomac Landfill to explore whether any further discussions are warranted.
- Mr. Whitlow said he attended the 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Virginia Local Government Management Association.
- Attended the Graduation Ceremony at the Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy for Jessica English

Treasurer’s Report

Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures
For the Month of June, 2007

Old Balance	\$ 386,048.18
Plus Receipts	509,811.08
Minus Elect Transfer	
- FICA	19,233.16
- FWT	13,978.17
Minus Expenditures	366,879.40
New Balance	\$ 495,768.53

Police Chief’s Report

Chief Johnson said he had submitted his report and stood prepared to answer any question. He said he would like to remind folks to be careful on the 4th of July. Be careful on the highways and get there safely and return safely.

Councilman Lopez wanted to know if there were going to be any special patrols set up. Chief Johnson said additional law enforcement officers would be out all over the entire state and the local police would be out in force as well.

Mr. Bendall invited everyone to Manassas to attend their fireworks.

Public Works Director's Report

Mr. Tkac said he had submitted his report but would like to mention the following:

- Mr. Tkac reported that he had made a request of VDOT to restrict truck traffic on Mine Rd.
- He also said that the crew had repaired pot holes and placed shoulder stone on Mine Road as well.
- He wanted to commend the crew for finishing up the snack bar at Merchants Park

Mrs. Via said she wanted to thank him and the crew for taking care of Mine road.

The Mayor wanted to know what the status of the grass complaints were, which Mr. Tkac reported on.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Mr. Shaw said he had submitted his report but he did want to go over a couple of items. He said he, Mrs. Frye, and Mr. O'Flinn had been out checking for grass violations, inoperative vehicles, and unscreened commercial trash receptacles. He said 70% of the violations that had been sent out had been complied with and he said he will be giving some that were not taken care of to Mr. Tkac for the crew to cut.

Mrs. Via posed a question regarding a car lot on Fraley Boulevard. Mr. Shaw told her that a violation notice had been mailed out that day to the operator of that business.

Mrs. Cornell wanted to know how long people had to get vehicles off of the street. Mr. Shaw told her it was 21-30 days.

Community Services Director's Report

Mrs. Lambe was on vacation but had submitted her report

Town Attorney's Report

Mr. Bendall had nothing to report but stood prepared to answer any questions.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Via made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Lopez, Cornell, Via, Washington, Yohey. Absent: Bradley

Information Items

None

Action Items

Approval of carpet in Community Center

Mr. Washington made a motion to adopt the bid from Quality Carpet One in the amount of \$3,751.75. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, Via, Cornell, Lopez, Brewer. Nay: Yohey. Absent: Bradley. Motion carried.

Mayor Yohey said he was not in agreement with the quality of the carpet.

Approval of a franchise for the construction of a parking lot adjacent to the Town Hall at 17755 Main Street

Mrs. Via made a motion to approve the franchise for the construction of a parking lot adjacent to the Town Hall at 17755 Main Street. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Lopez, Cornell, Via, Washington, Yohey. Absent: Bradley. Motion carried.

Approval of site plan for Town Center Development Project

Mr. Brewer made a motion to approve the site plan for the Town Center Development project with a second by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, Via, Cornell, Lopez, Brewer, Yohey. Absent: Bradley. Motion carried.

Approval of Concrete Repair and Replacement Contract DPW-08-04

Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the Concrete Repair and Replacement Contract DPW-08-04 with a second by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Brewer, Lopez, Cornell, Via, Washington, Yohey. Absent: Bradley. Motion carried.

Approval of Paving Contract DPW-08-02

Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the Paving Contract DPW-08-02 with a second by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, Via, Cornell, Lopez, Brewer, Yohey. Absent: Bradley. Motion carried.

Discussion Items**Activated Military Reserve**

Mr. Whitlow told Council that we currently have one officer that had been activated and is waiting deployment to the Middle East. The deployment is expected to last for 12 months. He said by law, we are required to offer him his position or a comparable position upon his return. He said we also have to offer him the chance to compete for any promotions for which he would have been eligible for during his absence. He also does not lose his seniority.

Mr. Whitlow said that there are some jurisdictions in the Commonwealth that have policies that go beyond this, paying employees a supplemental equal to the difference between the military pay and the civilian pay. He mentioned the communities that did so.

He said he would like the Town Council to consider whether they would like to provide a salary supplement for activated reserve military personnel. If so, he would prepare a policy for consideration based upon several of the sample policies that he had collected.

He said for a 12 month deployment it would cost approximately \$7,000.00 plus 14% for retirement.

Mrs. Via said she was for the policy and Mr. Washington said he was as well. It was the general consensus of the Council for Mr. Whitlow to go ahead and develop the policy. He said he would model it after Fauquier Counties and he would also change the Personnel and Policy Manual and bring it back to Council at a later meeting.

Council Members Time

Mr. Brewer said he had attended the meeting of the Boys and Girls Club with the intention of discussing the incident that has occurred at the Boys and Girls Club in Dumfries in regards to a child leaving with no ones knowledge and the parents not knowing where he was. But Mr. Brewer said he was asked to leave the club, which he did.

He said if they wished to discuss this in the future he would be glad to do so.

Mrs. Cornell said she was going to be very brief as she did not wish to step on any ones toes and cause any more hostility then what they had been having with Historic Dumfries. She said there were some things she would like to have answered and she said she intended to go and ask some questions and yes there was some history that this town should remember.

She told Mrs. Smith that she did speak with her father and there are a lot of things in the town that Historic Dumfries did not know and she thought they should go talk to some of the older citizens and find out some of the real history of this town. She said she did not have any animosity toward anyone or any reason why she voted down the grant. It was just her decision to do so.

She said we need to make the children of the town more aware of the history of this town. She said maybe when some of these things change and she gets some answers to her questions maybe we can change and have some things different than they are now..

She apologized for not getting back to Mrs. Smith when she called her. She said she had some other issues that came up. She said Mrs. West called her and she talked with her about some of the issues and she said again, she does not have a problem with anyone but there have been some things going on up there. She said we had a person that used to work here that she thinks has caused some problems. It has caused some hard feelings with the town and the Historic Dumfries. She said she did hope that things could get settled.

Mrs. Via wanted to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and telephone calls during her illness. She also wanted to take the time to send a thank you out to Reverend Craddock. She also thought it was very nice to recognize Dr. Greenhalgh for all the time and service he had given in the town.

She welcomed Jessica English aboard and she said her thoughts and prayers are with Officer Brain Fields and all the military men and their families.

She said she did believe Historic Dumfries was doing some good, but she said there were a lot of issues there and perhaps they all needed to get together. She felt there were some communication problems and they needed to be worked out.

She wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Mr. Washington welcomed Mrs. Via back and said he was glad to see Councilman Lopez back.

Mr. Whitlow wanted to remind everyone of the meeting with Delegate Frederick on Tuesday the 17th of July at 7:00 PM. He also said that the Town and County would be meeting on the 11th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn

Mrs. Cornell made an adjustment to adjourn with a second by Mr. Brewer. Ayes: Brewer, Lopez, Cornell, Via, Washington, Yohey. Absent: Bradley. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Donna A. Johnson, CMC
Town Clerk

Fred E. Yohey, Jr.
Mayor

Date: _____