

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008
7:00 PM**

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

Also Present: David Whitlow, Town Manager; Chief Calvin Johnson, Cathy Lambe, Director of Community Services; Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Retta Ladd, Treasurer; John Shaw, Director of Community Development; Donna Johnson, Town Clerk; 2 citizens

Absent: Council Lady Via, Robert Bendall, Town Attorney

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.

Mayor Yohey asked if there were any amendments to the agenda and Mr. Whitlow said he would like to add "work sessions" under discussion items.

Citizens Comments

None

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Yohey reported that due to all the holiday activities in December, meetings were somewhat sparse. He said he had attended the holiday parades in Quantico and Dumfries, various Christmas parties, a meeting with Delegate Frederick, as well as attending the holiday staff party at the Dumfries Community Center.

Mayor Yohey said there were two issues that he would like to mention. He said he had received a thank you note from Michael Krumble of the Boys and Girls Club thanking the Public Works Department for taking out the old playground equipment and installing in the new equipment which was bought by Home Depot and Best Buy.

He also said as we start the New Year he would like to mention that there are 3 members of Council that have terms expiring June 30th. They are Mr. Lopez, Mrs. Bradley, and Mrs. Via who was absent, as she was not feeling well. He said he would encourage those interested in running for election to contact the county' Office of Voter Registration to get the necessary forms. He said for those interested in running for office, the deadline for filing the necessary paperwork is March 4th at 7:00 PM.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Whitlow reported that December was a short month but a busy one. He said he had attended the following meetings:

- Staff met with representatives of Kettler to discuss the Rt. 234 interchange project, which was previously on a fast track, but now was moving at a very slow rate. Inconsistencies of the planned interchange with the town's comprehensive plan were discussed. He said they would have to get Council's and the Planning Commission's approval for an amendment of the comprehensive plan if they wanted their plan to move forward. He further stated that 15.2-2232 of the Virginia Code is very specific that any kind of road improvement of that nature requires the agreement of the Council and the Planning Commission that it is consistent with their comprehensive plan. He further stated that our plan definitely specifies that any kind of grade separated interchange is not in keeping with our desires.
- Staff met with Elliott Rhoadside to begin discussions on Garrison Park relative to the flood plan, Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas, general demographics of the Town, the Town Hall space needs analysis, the Town Center project, and several other design constraints. A meeting is scheduled for later in January with a selected focus group to discuss community desires and potentials for development of the park property.
- NVRC held a 60th Anniversary Luncheon in Fairfax to review the progress of the region and celebrate the continued efforts at regional cooperation.
- He attended the Towns Association of Northern Virginia in Leesburg. Topics included an effort to secure a change in the legislation that would give the Towns official representation on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Mr. Whitlow said it is likely that TANV will make an effort to meet with the General Assembly representatives of the region early in the 2008 session to pursue the changes in the act.

- Discussion were held with representatives of Moss Point, Mississippi and Pascagoula, Mississippi to explore needs that they have as a result of recovery efforts due to Hurricane Katrina. There will probably be an effort to at least set up a mentor program between some of our staff and members and their counterparts in these two communities. This effort is being undertaken by the International City County Management Association.

Mr. Whitlow said he had been ill with a bad cold during the last week before Christmas, but was now recovered. He also stated that he looked forward to a busy and prosperous 2008 and he also appreciated all the support and efforts from the Council and staff.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Ladd gave her report as follows:

Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures **For the Month of December, 2007**

Old Balance	\$ 96,504.02
Plus Receipts	511,477.53
Minus Elect Transfer	
- FICA	17,955.72
- FWT	14,487.79
Minus Expenditures	325,709.83
New Balance	\$ 249,828.21

Police Chief's Report

Chief Johnson began his report by thanking the members of Council and the staff that helped with the shopping tour for Christmas in Dumfries. He said the event was a huge success.

Chief Johnson also went over the calls for service that were in his report and reminded everyone that this report runs a month behind. He said he had no further comments but stood prepared to answer any questions that anyone had.

Director of Public Work's Report

Mr. Tkac said they had a very productive month in December. He said the crew had helped with the Christmas Parade and Christmas in Dumfries. He said they had given two

full Saturdays to help out. He said his report was submitted and he stood prepared to answer any questions.

Director of Community Development's Report

Mr. Shaw said his written report had been submitted and Mr. Whitlow had addressed a couple of items that he had included in his report. He said he would like to touch on a couple of items that Mr. Whitlow had touched upon. He said regarding the meeting with Kettler, the project manager had been provided with an application for a comprehensive plan amendment and there were a number of items that needed to be addressed.

He also said that he and Mr. Whitlow had met with representatives from Rhodeside and Harwell regarding the master plan for recreation facilities.

He said another couple of items that were of interest were the normal activities that were conducted by his department. He reported that the Building Department had issued 20 various types of permits totaling \$2,426.44, and the Codes Compliance officer had issued 31 notices for various violations. He said of the 31 notices issued, 29 were open and 2 had been closed.

Mrs. Cornell asked about an application for rezoning that had been received for 3901 Fairfax Street. Mr. Shaw told her that he had no idea what it was being rezoned for. He said he would guess that it was being rezoned from residential use to commercial use, but he had to get back with them to find out additional information. He said they also had not indicated that they had a plan of development at this time. He said it could be rezoned just for future use. He said it would have to go before the Planning Commission for review and discussion and there was still follow-up on his part that needed to be done. Mrs. Cornell asked if the Town had been asked to purchase the property and Mr. Shaw said not to his knowledge. He had heard nothing along those lines.

Mayor Yohey had a question about the interchange at Rt. 234. He said it had been a while since he had been updated about this situation and we would like to have a brief work session discussion about this topic so everyone would be on board.

Mrs. Bradley said in addition to the work session, she would like to have an update on the County's position about this as it was a County ordered interchange. Mr. Whitlow said at this point the County is not claiming any part in the design of the project. He said this was one of the things that had slowed it down. He said VDOT is the one that will ultimately have to accept the project. He said the County has taken the position that this is a VDOT project and they are not going to be involved in the inspection or setting the

parameters for the design. He said there are a lot of hoops that Kettler is going to have to go through that they had not expected. He said it was very clear in the code of Virginia if it is not consistent with your comprehensive plan they cannot build a public improvement, which is a major problem for them.

Mrs. Bradley said based on the housing market this may be a project that could be put off for sometime, which would be of benefit to us. Mr. Whitlow agreed and said he thought that may be why Kettler had slowed down in their process, why we are not seeing new things, and why they are not doing anything with the comprehensive plan.

Mrs. Bradley said she would like an update from the County on this.

Mr. Brewer wanted to know if Mr. Whitlow had heard from Potomac Landfill.

Mr. Whitlow told Mr. Brewer that a notice had been sent to the Landfill after the last meeting, letting them know that the Council had given a firm date for final action but he had not heard back from them with regard to any further comments on the Conditional Use Permits. So, as far as we are concerned they have been notified, the clock is ticking and when we get to the April meeting we are prepared to take action even to the extent of just turning down their Conditional Use Permits if that is necessary.

Community Services Director's Report

Mrs. Lambe highlighted a few of the items on her report. She said she would like to thank several groups that had helped her with the Holiday Parade. She said without their help and the help of the volunteers she would not be able to do events of this scale. She also thanked the community for coming out to support this event.

She thanked Mr. Whitlow, members of staff, and the Council for allowing us to celebrate our annual Holiday Social with the seniors. She also thanked Mr. Hashimi from Dumfries Nursery for his generosity in donating a Poinsettia for each of our seniors so they could take one home.

Mrs. Lambe said that the January seniors meeting would be held on Thursday, January 17th due to the holiday on the 18th.

She also reported that she would be out of town January 20th through 25th attending a class at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Mrs. Bradley said she wanted to see us send Dumfries-Triangle Rescue Squad a thank you for the wonderful dinner. She said she did not feel that they also got credit for things that they do. She also said the Holiday Social with the seniors was great also.

The Mayor said he would like to see a letter sent out to the Rescue Squad also. He said he was surprised at the number of people that worked for the Town that donated time or were involved at the Rescue Squad as well.

Town Attorney's Report

No one from the Town Attorney's office was present.

Mr. Whitlow said it was his understanding that Mr. Bendall was back in the hospital. He had no further details and did not know why he was in the hospital.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bradley made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Lopez, Cornell, Bradley, Washington, Yohey. Absent: Via. Motion carried.

Information Items

None

Action Items

Mr. Washington made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for the Calendar Year, 2008. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, Bradley, Cornell, Lopez, Brewer, Yohey. Absent: Via. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Mr. Whitlow said he would like to set Tuesday night, January 08, 2008 as a special work session that would be conducted as a closed session. This is to discuss the Boundary Adjustment Feasibility Study received from Springsted back in November.

He said the other item he would like to discuss is a pre-budget work session to be held on Tuesday night, January 15th at 7:00 PM. At that time he would like to present some goals and objectives that staff had developed, which would be the basis for the preparation of the budget. He said he would like staff's input early to ensure that we were all on the same page.

Mayor Yohey wanted to know when the budget would be presented for adoption. He said last year was very exemplary. Mr. Whitlow said we were pretty much on the same

schedule as last year. We had slipped a week but he hoped to be able to adopt the budget at the business meeting on May 7th, 2008.

Mr. Whitlow explained the process that would be followed for the budget this year. He said it would be a bit longer, a little more detailed, and a little more analysis than what had been done the previous year.

He said he hoped to have an extended staff meeting the following week to work on the budget.

Council Members Time

Mr. Washington wished all the citizens a Happy New Year and the best to them in 2008.

Mrs. Bradley wished everyone a Happy New Year and apologized for missing the Holiday Parade.

Mrs. Cornell – No comment

Mr. Lopez said he wished everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year. He also wished a speedy recovery to Mr. Bendall. He was sorry that he had to go back in the hospital and he wished the staff and citizens would keep him in their prayers.

Mr. Brewer – No comment

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Donna A. Johnson, CMC
Town Clerk

Fred E. Yohey, Jr.
Mayor

