

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice-Mayor Washington, Council Lady West, Councilman Toney, Council Lady Cornell, Council Lady Barr, Councilman Brewer

Also Present: Thomas Huggard, Interim Town Manager; Chief Calvin Johnson; Cathy Holtzlander, Director of Community Services; Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Yolanda Hipski, Interim Director of Community Development; Donna Johnson, Town Clerk; 3 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.

Citizen's Comments

Ms. Brenda Via – 4031 Dominion Drive, said she had three things she wanted to address. She said that Mine road headed West toward Van Buren is always icy and she wanted to know what could be done to keep this area treated. Secondly, she wanted to know why the American flag was flying 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Weems-Botts Museum. She said there was no light on the flag and this was very disrespectful! Lastly, she wanted to know why the town did not yield to the Governor's request to fly the state flag at half mast from January 20 – 22nd.

Mrs. Holtzlander explained to Ms. Via that we only had one flag pole and we flew the American Flag, the Virginia State flag and a POW flag. She said when one flag was lowered all of the rest were lowered as well as they were all on the same ropes.

Mr. Huggard said there were ways to get around lowering all three flags at one time and we would look at the available options.

Mr. Gary West – 3867 Cameron Street, said the flag at the Town Hall flies most of the time and it flies at night with no light, so no one needed to criticize Historic Dumfries.

Mr. Bob Price – 17919 Milroy Drive, said he and Chief Johnson had held long discussion pertaining to commercial vehicles parking in residential areas and he wanted to know how

this would work for 16 passenger vans. He said one of his neighbors drove a van for a church and parked it at his home. He wanted to know if this would be in violation. A lengthy discussion took place and someone was supposed to get back to Mr. Price with an answer. A copy of the ordinance was produced and there was still a bit of question and it was suggested that perhaps the individual should park the van at the Church when it was not in use, or obtain permission to park it at a shopping center. A decision was made by the Council to suspend this until clarification could be made by the legal department.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yohey highlighted the meetings he had attended during the month of January. He also complimented the Planning Commission for the excellent job they are doing developing a priority list of major town improvements needed over the next five years. He said this would be essential for use by the Town Council as it begins its budget deliberations.

He said that the Town Manager and the entire staff were continuing to scrub the current fiscal year 2009 budget as part of the mid-year budget review and to prepare the fiscal year 2010 proposed budget for the Town Council's consideration.

Mayor Yohey also reported that he had talked with Supervisor Caddigan and she wanted to set up a meeting in her office in February. She said Susan Roltsch would be getting in touch with Mr. Huggard to set this meeting up.

Mayor Yohey also informed the members of the Council that the Boys and Girls Club had closed its door on the previous Saturday night.

Mr. Brewer said this should be no surprise to anyone.

Mr. Toney wanted to know what we were going to come up with to make up for the loss of the recreation facilities.

Mayor Yohey tasked Mr., Toney to come with the types of services needed and where the money would come from to fund these services. Mr. Toney is going to report back with information at the February work session. Ms. Barr said she would be willing to work on this with him.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Huggard went over his report and highlighted the items that pertained to the upcoming budget sessions. He also said he and Council Ladies Barr and West would be attending Legislative Day in Richmond on Thursday, February 5th.

He stated that the Town has been approached by a private concern interested in promoting the Town via the Internet and our website. He said this was a firm out of NY and they are offering to make a video at no cost to the Town, if they can sell local advertising to be displayed on the video/website.

The consensus was to not go with this company but rather to promote the town ourselves via the internet and the website.

Mayor Yohey has concerns about various trees around the town that had fallen into the creek. Mr. Tkac said some of this was due to the beavers. The Mayor said we should dedicate an entire work session to address situations involving Quantico Creek.

Mr. Tkac said he would like a position on what to do about the citizens that are having so many problems with the creek. He also stated that he would like to find a solution that would satisfy everyone. He further stated that he would bring to the February work session ways to fund the work on the creek.

Mayor Yohey asked that the following items be included when the Town met with Mrs. Caddigan:

- Quantico Creek
- Possum Point Culvert
- Recreation Concerns
- Sound Wall in Prince William Estates