

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009
7:00 PM**

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

Absent: Council Lady Barr

Also Present: Kimberly Alexander, Town Manager; Yolanda Hipski, Director of
Community Development;
Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Chief Calvin Johnson, Donna Johnson,
Town Clerk;
6 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.

Mayor Yohey asked if there were any amendments to the agenda and there were not.

Citizen's Comments

Mrs. Michelle Jurgensen - 17495 Tripoli Boulevard, reported that the property at 17499
appeared to be abandoned. She said there were two abandoned vehicles there as
well. She said another issue she would like to address is having signs installed to let
people know there were a lot of children in the neighborhood. She said she would like
to have some "watch for children" or "children at play" signs. She said she and her
neighbors would be very grateful if this could be done.

Mrs. Jurgensen also said that they would like to see curb and gutters put in as well.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Yohey reported that he had attended several meetings during the past month
and he went over some of the events he had attended.

Mayor Yohey said that he had received many favorable comments from citizens
regarding the televising of Town Council meetings at 12:00 p.m. each weekday. He said
these meetings offer an excellent means for our citizens to keep up to date on town
activities.

At this time Mayor Yohey read into the record a Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Week, September 6 through September 12, 2009 which he presented to Mrs. Frances Harris, Executive director of ACTS.

Mrs. Harris expressed her appreciation to the Town Council and she also told everyone about a matching grant ACTs is participating in through the Williams Gas Pipeline Charitable Foundation.

Council Members Time

Mr. Washington – Nothing to report

Mrs. West – Mrs. West told Mrs. Jurgensen that she hoped she could get the signs. She said it often takes time. Mrs. West also offered her condolences to the family of Shorty Reynolds, who had passed away that day. In addition she wished her husband a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Toney – expressed condolences to the Fay family and he also wished a Happy Birthday to his mother Mrs. Mary Toney who would be 76 the following day.

Mrs. Cornell sent get well wishes to Mrs. Sarah May. She also expressed condolences to the Reynolds and Faye families. She said she would like the Mayor to see if there was someone that people could contact when they are facing eviction or have serious problems, etc.

Mr. Brewer – Nothing to report

Town Manager's Report

Ms. Alexander reported that Officer Chapman went out this morning and was going to all of the businesses that were operating without a current business license, or had never bought one to begin with. She said he had collected over \$4,000.00 from just four businesses.

She also reported on the following:

- Garrison Park – she is still working on this.
- Mr. Singh is currently working without a Certificate of Occupancy. She said staff is instructed to not re-issue one without her approval.
- Mr. Singh has not been paying the monthly lease fee for maintenance of the parking area.
- He had not fulfilled the improvements in the Performance Agreement
- Several items in the Site plans have not been completed

Ms. Alexander said she is currently waiting on instructions from the Town Attorney regarding enforcement options then she will meet with Mr. Singh.

Ms. Alexander also stated that we have no contract with Smith and Davenport. After considering this issue, it is her recommendation to the Council that the Town advertise for a part-time municipal attorney to work 3 days a week (24 hours) at Town Hall for an annual salary of \$80,000.00.

Ms. Alexander also reported that a contract had been signed in the amount of \$32,193.86 for work in the basement.

Ms. Alexander also listed the meetings she had attended and the conference calls she had participated in during the month of August.

Mrs. Cornell wanted to know what she had met with Mr. Campbell about. Ms. Alexander said she met with him in regards to his working with a firm to develop something at the port.

Mrs. Cornell also wanted to know if everything else with Mr. Campbell had been settled and Ms. Hipski said no, it had not.

Mr. Toney thanked Ms. Alexander for keeping the Garrison Park issue alive. He also told her that he supported the hiring of a part-time attorney. Mr. Toney asked if there was a projected completion date for the basement.

Mr. Washington made a motion to support a part-time attorney, specifying the amount of hours per week that the person would work and he would like to discuss this in closed session prior to taking a vote. Mr. Toney seconded the motion.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Johnson reported that Mr. Richard Sanborn, Chief Magistrate for Prince William County had passed away and his services were the following day. Chief Johnson said prayers and condolences were sent to his family.

The Chief also reported that there were 2 waves of smooth operator in July and over 286 violations were written. He said most were for speeding and seat belt violations. He said that people need to slow down and wear their seat belts in the Town of Dumfries. He reported 510 calls for service the previous month.

Mrs. West asked if the spike in arrests could be explained and Chief Johnson said summer time sends the crime rate up.

Several members of Council requested a ride along with the Police Department. Chief Johnson said he would provide them the forms that they needed to fill out and he would get the ride along scheduled.

Director of Public Works

Mr. Greg reported on the following during his report:

- Portugal Construction began and completed the Whitehaven project.
- Encountered two issues with regard to Main St. Sidewalk project. Issues are being addressed and work will begin on September 7th.
- Drainage issues have been identified in the vicinity of McDonalds and Wilson St. We are coordinating with McDonalds, Snyder's Pipe Svc. and VDOT to have the issue addressed.
- Working with Dewberry Davis, and VDOT to transfer Tripoli Blvd. files from the 30% design that was completed by Dewberry Davis in 2002 to our on call consultant.
- Entered into contract with American Restoration Service to remediate the mold in the basement.
- Met with Ed Wheelie of PWC regarding Welcome to Dumfries signs. According to Mr. Wheelie there is money available for the County to pay for 50% of the new signs.
- Working with on call contractor on scoping the Possum Point road ditch work that is scheduled for this year.

Mayor Yohey again asked that a letter be written regarding Mrs. Cuervo and the County's request to make a portion of Mine Road one way. He said he would like the letter sent to Secretary Pierce Homer, with a copy to Senator Colgan. Greg said he would prepare a draft for Ms. Alexander's signature.

Director of Community Development

Ms. Hipski reported that she had finalized and distributed to the staff and boards a draft of the Entrance Corridor Overlay District. She also conducted the Neighborhood Stabilization Program with the Property Maintenance Officer.

She said the Planning Commission reviewed the Dumfries Coffee Shop site Plan and she also was preparing to take the Code Core Class.

Ms. Hipski also reported the Building/Codes Compliance officer had reported the following:

- Performed mold tests on Town Hall and the Community Center
- Assisted with fire extinguisher inspections for the Town Hall, Community Center, Police Dept., and Museum.
- Called out by Fire Marshall for House Fire on Graham Park Rd.
- Assisted in 6 inspections
- Met with numerous homeowners regarding issues with homes
- Installed Dehumidifiers in Basement
- Installed sump pump in Community Center basement
- Put on an AB switch to switch from Comcast to FIOS.

Mrs. West commented that Mrs. Hipski had put together three very professional pamphlets. She said she did a very good job.

Director of Community Services

No report – Mrs. Holtzlander was on vacation

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- Minutes – Regular Meeting, August 4, 2009
- Minutes – Public hearing, August 18, 2009
- Minutes – Public hearing, August 18, 2009
- Receipts and Expenditures – July, 2009

Mrs. West made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with a second by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Brewer, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried. Absent: Barr

Information Items

None

Action Items

a. Consideration of request to replace 2004 Police Cruiser

Ms. Alexander said she was going to address this instead of the Chief. She wanted to keep this strictly to the request to replace the Police cruiser without getting into any other issues concerning this.

She said it was her recommendation to purchase a 2010 Dodge Charger for the detective. She said the money was going to come from the Chief's budget in the line items for maintenance and from supplies.

Mr. Brewer made a motion to approve the 2010 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$22,998.00 with a second by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Brewer, Yohey. Absent: Barr. Motion carried.

Mayor Yohey said he would like a monthly report showing when Capt. Mackey has to come back to work after his regular shift and for what reason.

Discussion Items

None

Closed Session

Mrs. West made a motion to enter closed session citing Virginia Code §2.2-3707 under §2.2-3711 A (1) the motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Brewer, Yohey. Absent: Barr. Motion carried.

Council entered closed session at 9:55 PM.

Council re-entered open session at 10:10 PM.

Mrs. West read the certification stating that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of state law, and only such public business matters as were identified to enter closed session, were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Brewer, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Absent: Barr. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Council to allow Ms. Alexander to proceed with looking into hiring a part-time staff attorney.

Adjourn

Mr. Toney made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Brewer. On roll call the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Donna A. Johnson, CMC
Town Clerk

Fred E. Yohey, Jr.
Mayor