

MINUTES
Town of Clintwood
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 8, 2022

Record of Attendance

Council Members:

Danny Lambert - Mayor/Town Manager
Ron Kendrick - Vice Mayor
Doris Rife
Talbert Bolling
Jim Childress
Shelly Mullins

Others Present:

Susan Wood - Attorney
Judy Steele - Clerk
Rick Mullins- Police Chief

Citizens:

Josh Evans - BOS - Vice Chairman
Zachary Maggard -Veolia Water

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Agenda Item - Approval of the minutes for January 11, 2022

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilwoman Rife to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert asked for any additions to the agenda. Mayor Lambert said he would like to add to the agenda discussion on the town flowers for this year. Hearing no further additions, he asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Bolling to approve the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Servline - Leak Adjustment Insurance Program.

Judy Steele, clerk, said that Servline is an insurance protection program for water leaks the town's water customer may have and the adjustments that are given. This program would pay the town for the leak once the leak is fixed and proof is sent to Servline and all the customer pays is what their normal bill would have been. The fee is added to the customers water bill each month and the customer has the option to opt out, but then the town can not adjust and the customers will be responsible for the entire bill. The town would set the protection limit for an eligible leak at \$500/\$1000/\$2,500. She said will obtain more information if the council is interested. Councilman Childress said he felt this needs to be pursued. Consensus of the council was to obtain some more information on this program.

Agenda item - AirMedCare - Med Flight Insurance Renewal

Judy Steele, town clerk, said the AirMedCare policy is up for renewal and the premium is around \$66.00 per employee.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to renew the AirMedCare coverage. The motion was passed unanimously.

Agenda item - Covid Policy update

Susan Wood, town attorney, provided the council the updated wording to be included in the current COVID policy in regards to following the most current CDC guidelines and recommendations. No action was needed on this update.

Agenda item – Quotes to furnish the town flowers

Mayor Lambert said a quote had been received from the Bloom Farm and from Kimberly's Greenhouse. Emily's quote on behalf of the Bloom Farm has 625 plants at \$5.49 per plant and her first bid of \$5,765.20 included 750 plants and by reducing the number of plants her new quote would be \$5,078.95. Councilman Mullins said that price was contingent on being able to water the plants. Mayor Lambert said that would be at \$20 per hour to be paid separate from the flower quote. Kimberly Greenhouse quote would be the same as what we paid her last year which was \$2,140.50. Councilman Childress asked what the expense to the town is to water the flowers and Mayor Lambert said a town employee waters during the week and it would just be the extra expense for the weekend watering. Mayor Lambert said he would like to use the Bloom Farm, but there is too much of a price difference. Councilwoman said she would also like to use the Bloom Farm but there is just too much of a difference. Councilman Mullins said you are talking a \$3,000 difference just on the flowers.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilwoman Rife to have Kimberly's Greenhouse supply the flowers for the town this year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Bolling suggested having a part time person water the flowers this year to free Joby up to do other things.

Citizens:

RE: Splash Pad

Josh Evans stated that he was at the meeting to hear the council's thoughts on the splash pad and the VCEDA application. He would like to answer any questions the council might have or hear any other proposals that anyone might have. Mayor Lambert said that they will be discussing that under legal and Josh asked in Close Session and Mayor Lambert said yes and they did receive Larry's letter. He asked Josh to make comments on that if he would like. Josh said this was something their board was trying to spearhead. Trying to find land or suitable places in Dickenson County is very difficult. Paul approached him and Larry about using the Phipps Park which he would like to see that site used more and would like to see it used for the splash pad and they may commit \$50,000 toward that project. Josh said he had talked to Jonathan Belcher about the project and trying to raise funds and in discussing details of the project, he had mentioned that the Town had an application for a campground proposal and he said that could be very easily changed from a campground proposal. Councilman Bolling asked if they have any problem with the town and county joining together with their funding and Josh said no, it would all be sort of Dickenson County money and would not be a problem, but the town would have to take a vote to amend the town's application from a campground to a splash pad. They already have all the specs and the same fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) that they got from them requires the initial fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) match and Larry's letter references that. The town would be committing fifty to get fifty and the county would be committing fifty to get fifty and Paul committing fifty. That brings it a little bit short, but they have some other ideas to shave off some of the cost. If they can get around three hundred (\$300,000) they can get it done. The property is the town's and they have formally voted to pursue that site and their board is committed to that site, but the site is the town's. Mayor Lambert said the Phipps Foundation had given the property to the town under some guidelines and the town would have to get the Phipps Foundation to agree to change the use of the site. Councilman Bolling asked Josh if he had any deficits with the Phipps site because he does. Josh said there are concerns with any sites. The town has the infrastructure in the town and maybe an operational contract could be drafted with the town and county, so that everyone is on the same page. Councilman Kendrick said ideally they would like to compliment something else like Josh said at the walking park with kids park right beside it then it would compliment it. With the walking park, you have your older population that would frown on it. Councilwoman Rife said that she was not in favor of messing up the walking track. Councilman Mullins asked if the Phipps Foundation would put in more than fifty thousand (\$50,000) . Josh said no, but he thinks if the town would figure out where they would like to see it and if you are supportive of the project, then you have to amend your VCEDA application, then we will get the rest of the money. The town has the land. Councilman Kendrick said that everyone wants to see it. Councilwoman Rife asked if any of the others wanted to put it anywhere other than Clintwood and Josh said they did, but there was no other practical site. Mayor Lambert said he had spoken to the Mayor of Lebanon and they had just put

a splash pad in last year and he said he was shocked at the number of people that use the splash pad. A lot of grandparents bring their grandchildren and people come from out of town. It was one of the better things they have done. Councilman Bolling expressed his appreciation to Josh for wanting to partner and we need to work more cohesively together more than what they have in the past.

RE: Zachary Maggard- Veolia Water- Operator of the WWTP

Zack said he just came by to see if the council had any questions or concerns in regards to the operation of the sewer plant. Mayor Lambert said the town had changed some light bulbs on the outside.

RE: Closed Meeting

Mayor Lambert asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel, legal, and contracts and asked that Chief Mullins be included in the personnel.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and seconded by Councilwoman Rife to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712 (A) for the purpose of discussing Section 2.2-3711A (1) Personnel; Section 2.2-3711A (7) legal; and Section 2.2-3711A (3) Contracts. Motion passed unanimously.

RE: Certification for Closed Session

Mayor Lambert called the meeting back in open session.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and seconded by Councilman Kendrick to certify that the town council to the best of their knowledge that only such business matters as lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of Virginia Law were discussed in closed session and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session was heard, discussed, or considered by the Town Council.

Mayor Lambert asked for a roll call vote on the motion

Doris Rife	-Aye
Talbert Bolling	-Aye
Ron Kendrick	-Aye
Jim Childress	-Aye
Shelly Mullins	-Aye

Motion Carried 5-0

Reports and Communications:

Town Attorney - no report

Town Council -

Shelly Mullins - none

Jim Childress - He asked about the ad that was to be taken out in the Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine when the Stanley Brothers article was done. Judy Steele, Clerk, said that the story of the Stanley Brothers was so extensive and several pages long that it was thought the ad in the magazine would be better in the spring or summer when people were traveling. Also, he asked about an update on the belt press and the building at the sewer plant. Mayor Lambert said he had spoken to Dennis and he is working something out with Ben on getting started with the building. Jim asked that the council to be thinking about the repairs that will need to be done at the museum.

Ron Kendrick - none

Talbert Bolling - He expressed his appreciation to the employees for all their work during the recent snows.

Doris Rife - She thanked the employees and the police department for all that they do. She went over some maintenance items that needed to be done at the Jettie Baker Center and said that general maintenance needs to be done on a regular basis. Mayor Lambert said a community service worker has been cleaning and some ceiling tiles have been changed out.

Mayor Lambert - They are still waiting on the four inch pipe to come in so that the Wolfe Pen Water Project can be started. Installing the drain pipe in the creek on Chase Street has been started. An excavator has been leased from StanCo and one of the town employees, Allen, will be operating the excavator. There has been three major water leaks. The biggest one was a eight inch water main in Foxtown and they were out all night in 9 degree weather. All the crew was out except one and they did a really good job. The town is lucky to have them. Ron Kendrick suggested a tent with sides on it to enclose the area when they are working.

Vice Mayor Kendrick complemented Mayor Lambert for the job he is doing because he has had some big shoes to fill and is doing an outstanding job.

RE: - Matters/Motions from Closed Sessions


Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and seconded by Councilwoman Rife for the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the necessary paperwork between the Town of Clintwood and Royalty Management when the contract is finalized by the town attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bolling read the following statement:

The town is willing to consider the reallocating the VCEDA funds to the Splash Pad Project and the town believes the best location is the former football field and the town would also like to have further discussion with the county to determine if this project is feasible before any money is allocated.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Bolling and seconded by Councilwoman Rife to pay the monthly expenditures, overtime, and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Danny Lambert, Mayor

Attest:



Judy Steele, Clerk