

MINUTES  
Town of Clintwood  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
July 12, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

Council Members:

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

Others Present:

Susan Wood - Attorney  
Judy Steele - Clerk

Citizens: Sheriff Jeremy Fleming, Susan Mullins, Jenna Hazelet-Servline Utilities Protection, Angie Robinson, David Childress, Linda Childress, Deputy Miles Osborne, and Deputy Jerry Shane Fuller, Kim Carroll.

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

**Agenda Item - Approval of minutes of June 14, 2022 and June 27, 2022.**

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Additions to Agenda**

Mayor Lambert said he would be asking for a motion for a closed session for legal and personnel after comments section.

Hearing no other additions to the agenda, Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Childress to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Jenna Hazelet- Servline Utilities Protection**

Ms. Hazelet said this protection was established in 2013 from conversations with water utilities about the need for protection for home owners on water leaks. This is a very

unique insurance program which will protect a utility company from losing revenue and provide protection for the customer. Ms. Hazelet explained how the program worked for the customer and the town. The cost of the protection is paid for by the customer and the customer has the option of opting out of the program. This coverage is added as a line item to their water bill. The policy can be modified in two years if it is not working for the town. Discussion was held between the council and Ms. Hazelet about how the program. Ms. Hazelet said the coverage is for two billing cycles with the turn around for payment to the town is about ten to fourteen business days. The customer's bill must be two times higher than their normal bill to qualify and a customer only gets one adjustment a year, but the town could do an adjustment for the customer. If the leak goes into two billing cycles then the coverage would pay for both. You automatically enroll everyone at the beginning and then they can opt out if they do not want the coverage. If someone opts out, they have to wait thirty days to re-enroll in the program. The town is not locked into the program if it does not seem to be working for the town. Mayor Lambert said they would like to review the proposal and make a decision at the next meeting.

#### **Agenda - Donation Request**

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to give a donation of \$100 to the Crooked Road Quilters, the Dickenson County Fair Association, and the Ridgeview LL Girls Softball 11/12 year olds. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comment - Susan Mullins asked if there were any updates about the lease on the field house. Susan Wood, town attorney, asked what portions of the field house the Historical Society will be using and Susan Mullins said the upstairs and the downstairs with the storage room, and the concession area. They will take care of the utilities - electricity and gas. The town will take care of the water and sewer bill. Susan Mullins said they would transfer the existing liability insurance over to the field house. Councilman Kendrick asked about the security of the building. Susan Mullins said they will be changing the locks and provide the town with a copy of the key and will make arrangements if anyone wants to visit the upstairs. Councilman Kendrick asked if they would be transferring any of the reels/movies to digital and Susan said that is an expensive project, but they would like to do that.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to adopt the Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for Sister Bernadette "Bernie" Kenny. No vote was taken at this time.

**Agenda Item** - Presentation of the Framed Resolution- Mayor Lambert read the Resolution adopted at the town council meeting on June 14, 2022 in Appreciation for the Outstanding Public Service of Deputies Miles Osborne and Jerry Shane Fuller to ensure the safety of town residents, David Childress and Linda Childress, from a structure fire. David Childress expressed his appreciation that the deputies handled their selves very professional and compassionate and they were followed up by the firemen and the rescue squad and how they acted in unison to save their lives. They were about five minutes away from the fire breaking thru the wall into the stairway and if that had happened and if they had awoken on their on, then they would have had to jump out of the second story window.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Childress to recess the meeting for thirty minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Mullins to reconvene the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports and Communications:**

#### **Town Council -**

**Shelly Mullins** - none

**Jim Childress** - He said he thought the July Fourth Celebration went really well. He was impressed with the crowd that turned out for the parade and the fireworks. Several food trucks were out and it was a wonderful day. Mayor Lambert agreed.

**Ron Kendrick**- none

**Talbert Bolling** - He said he agreed with the previous comment about the Fourth and that people expressed to him that they were glad the celebration was held on July 2.

**Mayor Lambert** - The circus is coming back to town on August 22 and August 23. The town will receive 25% of the gate or \$600 whichever is greater. They will be sitting up on Sunday. The man that purchased the bleachers will be in on Monday to take down the bleachers.

**Project Updates** - Baker Ridge water line and DCR - nothing new to report ,/Pump Station at Old Orchard Drive – Pump is down and an order has been placed for two more pumps at a cost of \$3,747.95 and they will be here in about a week.

One of the part time employees has left to take another job and another part time employee will be off for about a week with an injured foot. The community center is being painted and the Jettie Baker Center is being cleaned thru out.

Mayor Lambert asked for a motion for closed session for personnel.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Childress to go into a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Session 2.2-3712(A) for the purpose of discussing **Section 3711A (1) Personnel** and **Section 2.2-3711A (8) consultation with legal**. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert asked for a motion to reconvene back into a regular session.

#### **Re: Certification for Closed Meeting**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert asked for any business from Closed Session

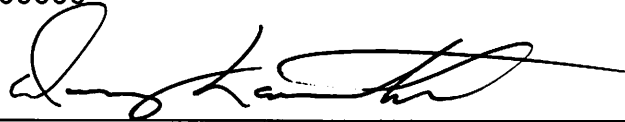
Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Mullins to hire Ryan Lyle and the salary is to be negotiated by Mayor Lambert. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert said the temperature settings at the Jettie Baker Center has always been controlled in the office at the town hall but now the system is down. Daniels Heating and Air is putting thermostats on the wall in each section of building so that the temperature can be controlled in house.

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Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Mullins to pay the monthly expenditures, the overtime, and adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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Danny Lambert - Mayor

Attest:

  
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Judy Steele, Clerk