

MINUTES  
TOWN OF CLINTWOOD  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

Record of Attendance:

Council Members:

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

Others Present:

Susan Wood - Attorney  
Judy Steele- Clerk  
Chris Yates - Police Officer

Citizens: James Middleton -Clintwood Volunteer Fire Department

Mayor Lambert asked for a moment of silent prayer.

**Agenda Item - Approval of minutes of November 8, 2022**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Childress to approved the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Additions-**

Mayor Lambert asked for any additions to the agenda. Councilman Childress added Larry Sparks and Mayor Lambert added to the agenda to Ratify the signing of the amendment to the Dickenson County PSA water contract, the Contract with the Wise County PSA, and hiring of part time employees Aimee Mullins and Jason Smith.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Childress to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Procurement of Engineering Services**

Mayor Lambert said the advertisement for engineering services was for three weeks an had only one application which was from the Lane Group from Big Stone Gap.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to hire The Lane Group to provide Engineering Services to the Town of Clintwood. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Proposal for Professional Engineering Services-Food City Development Stormwater Review.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Mullins to approve the Proposal for the Engineering Services on the Food City Development Stormwater Review. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Earth Tone Design - Consulting Agreement on the Website Maintenance for the Town of Clintwood, Ralph Stanley Museum, and Ralph Stanley Museum Facebook**

Judy Steele said that Nathan Yates had been maintaining the town's website and facebook pages and he has decided that he was going to go in a different direction with his work and over the last few months he looked for someone that would be suitable to take over the maintenance of the town's website and facebook pages. He has recommended Earth Tone Design.

Motion was made by Councilman Mullins and second by Councilwoman Rife to accept Kat Hoak with Earth Tone Design to do the maintenance on the Town of Clintwood's websites and facebook pages. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Larry Sparks -Jettie Baker Center**

Councilman Childress said there had been some discussion on having Larry Sparks to perform at the Jettie Baker Center the first Saturday in November 2023. Mountain Empire College usually does this event, but will not be doing it next year and had contacted the town to see if they wanted to talk to Larry Sparks about doing the event. The cost is Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) and a deposit of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) must be sent when he is booked. He asked for the council's thoughts about doing this event. Councilwoman Rife asked if November would be the best time to have the show. Councilman Mullins thought the end of October or first of November would be a good time. Councilwoman Rife offered to help Sara get sponsors for the shows. She felt like the Center needs to have some bigger shows.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to book Larry Sparks for the first Saturday in November. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda item - Ratify the contract with Dickenson County PSA on the Water Purchase agreement**

Mayor Lambert asked that the signing of the amendment to the Dickenson County PSA

by him on November 1, 2022 be ratified

Motion was made by Councilman Mullins and second by Councilwoman Rife to ratify the signing of the Dickenson County PSA Water Purchase Agreement by Mayor Lambert on November 1. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Contract for the sale and purchase of water between the Wise County PSA and the Town of Clintwood**

Mayor Lambert said this was the previous contract that the town had with the Town of Pound. Since the Wise County PSA has taken over paying the water distribution in Pound, the PSA wanted to have a new contract. The new rate per thousand gallons is \$3.31 and the contract goes thru December 31, 2026. Susan Wood pointed out which goes back to the original contract with the Town of Pound is this one does not have the same language as the Dickenson County PSA has about if John Flannagan Water Authority increases their rate. This new contact does have in number 3 if there is a production cost increase the rate may be reviewed annually and negotiate the rate increase. She asked if the council wanted the same language in the Wise County PSA contract as the Dickenson County PSA contract which contains the wording about John Flannagan Water Authority.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Mullins to authorize Mayor Lambert to sign the contract with Wise County PSA when the changes have been made that has been discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

Part time employees:

Mayor Lambert said that last month a motion was made to hire Aimee Mullins part time, but the motion never received a second.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Childress to hire Aimee Mullins part time at twelve dollars (\$12) per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert said that Jason Smith has also been hired part time for the street department.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilwoman Rife to hire Jason Smith part time for the street department at twelve dollars (\$12) per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

**Citizens Comments**

**James Middleton - Turn Out Gear**

James Middleton with the Clintwood Volunteer Fire Department addressed the council concerning an increase in the price of the turn out gear that they had previously discussed with the council. Mayor Lambert asked if he knows the turn around time to get the gear delivered and he said around six (6) months at the earliest. Also, he said Robert Stanley had spoken to the insurance company and if the turn out gear gets burned or torn on the scene of a fire then the insurance company will probably replace that. Councilman Mullins asked what the proposal was and James said it was getting two new sets per year and that will set up a rotation and not be so many at one time. The cost is still the same. Mayor Lambert asked him to contact the representative to see what the new rate will be and when he anticipates it going into effect and let him know. Mayor Lambert said he would check with Larry Barton, County Administrator, to see if the county could help.

Old Business: none

**Reports and Communications:**

1. Town Attorney - Susan said she just wanted to follow up on the Reedy Ridge Quilters to see if she needs to start working on a lease or agreement on the house they wanted to use. Susan is to hold off doing anything on this for now. Councilwoman Rife asked if they had said if the house was big enough for them and Councilman Childress said he did not think they were going to take it. Mayor Lambert said the house is in bad shape and if the town decides to keep it there will have to be some work on it after the Historical Society moves out.

**Town Council -**

Doris Rife - She said there were people taking pictures on the bench at the Christmas tree which she was glad to see. At Christmas in the Park, she said a person asked her why the town doesn't have golf carts on the streets in town and she told him why we were told we couldn't have them. He told her all the towns around allowed carts whether they had a trail or not. She said to talk to Appalachian and Big Stone Gap to see how they did it because they don't connect to a trail. Officer Yates said the speed limit in most of town is 25 MPH. Councilwoman said they can discuss this at a later date. She said on facebook there is a lot of discussion about a New Years Eve Party, but not this year. Larry Barton is having a meeting at the Ed Center on January 5. She is going to the meeting to see what they have in mind. The Christmas Parade was wonderful as was the tree lighting and Christmas in the Park. Mayor Lambert said to

think about having the tree lighting on another day and have a special day just for that because the other Christmas lights were turned on before we actually had the tree lighting.

Jim Childress - The parade was wonderful, but would like to be able to slow the parade down because it goes too fast for the walkers and to give the judges time to look at the floats have them stop in front of the judges. It was a very long parade.

Shelly Mullins – He reiterated what Councilwoman Rife had said about the parade, and a lot of vendors in the park. He said maybe need to clarify about how the santa bags are handed out to the children when they first come thru the gate.

Mayor Lambert- Everything in town has been going good. There has been no major water leaks only a small shower leak at the Jettie Baker Center and had to change out a commode in the lodging.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilwoman Rife to pay the bills, the overtime, and adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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Danny Lambert, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Judy Steele, Clerk