

Town of Clintwood  
Town Council Meeting  
248 Clintwood Main Street – Clintwood Town Hall  
October 10, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

**Council Members:**

Danny Lambert – Mayor  
Ron Kendrick – Absent  
Doris Rife  
Talbert Bolling  
Jim Childress  
Shelly Mullins

**Others Present:**

Susan Wood – Attorney  
Judy Steele – Clerk  
Officer Chris Yates

Citizens: Shane Wallace, Jennifer Kendrick and Rebecca Fuller-Shining Stars, Michael Mullins, Tabatha Mullins, Michelle Bolling, Bobby Garrett, Katie Garrett

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

**Agenda Item** – Approval of Town Council Meeting for September 12, 2023.

Councilman Bolling said there is a correction to be made in the minutes on Page 3 at the top. Mike Rose's name should be corrected to read Mike Osborne. The clerk said she would make that correction.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023 with the correction. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item** - Additions to the agenda

Mayor Lambert asked for any additions to the agenda. Councilman Bolling added under donations a request from Michael Mullins for the Sportsman Range, and Mayor Lambert added a closed meeting for personnel, legal, and contracts.

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

**Agenda Item** – Donation Requests

- \*Wolfpack Little League Cheerleading
- \*Sportsman Complex Benefit Shoot

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to give the Wolfpack Little League Cheerleading a donation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and the Sportsman Complex who is having a benefit shoot for the veterans a donation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100). Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Mullins said that he was a veteran of twelve years and had lived in Clintwood for the past few years and came to realize there was nothing here for veterans. He said he wanted to get veterans together to battle their PTSD. He said it is help me help you basically. He has had a fishing tournament, started monthly meetings and is currently working with Rozella Branham at Behavioral Health. He thanked the council for their donation.

**Agenda Item - Appointment or Re-Appointment to John Flannagan Water Authority Board**

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to re-appoint Danny Lambert to the John Flannagan Water Authority Board. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item - Shinning Stars – Rebecca Fuller**

Rebecca Fuller, Chairman of the Shinning Stars, said the Shinning Stars is a non-profit organization. She said she has been teaching for twenty-six (26) years and works in Special Education most of the time. She said she has found that once the students graduate high school, they do not have activities to participate in. Even while they are in school it is hard for them to participate in activities so they would like to offer them activities to participate in. She said what they are proposing the Jettie Baker Center do with the Shining Stars is a sensory Christmas movie night.

They have already taken a small group to the Jettie to do this as a trial run and it has worked out great. What she is proposing is the use of the Jettie Baker Center and the Center providing snacks. They will provide the Santa and the meet and greet at the end. Mayor Lambert asked her if she had contacted Sara and she said that she had not but had looked at the website to see when the Jettie would be available, and it looked like most Sunday evenings are available. Mayor Lambert asked for comments from the council and a motion and asked her to also contact Sara to see what date can be worked out. She said they are estimating between 40-50 participants and the age group is from 2-65. She invited everyone to come out and watch a basketball game on Sunday night against the Wolf Pack at Ridgeview.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and Councilman Mullins to co-sponsor the Shining Star event at the Jettie Baker Center. Motion passed unanimously.

**Citizens Comments:**

**Shane Wallace** addressed the council concerning the zoning laws about the Suboxone Clinic-Opioid. It is within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of school and twelve (12) feet of a residence and twenty (20) feet of a residence with a small child. The traffic is horrible, and a car almost hit his wife. This was brought up to the council five (5) years ago and no action was taken. He asked the council to see what could be done. Another avenue is Carroll County developed license regulations for methadone or other opioid replacement clinics which stated it could not be within one half (1/2) mile of a school and needs to be within a thousand (1000) feet of an emergency medical facility, and staffing requirements. If you don't, what you will see is a bunch of for-profit clinics. Councilwoman Rife said you had mentioned that it was brought up five (5) years ago and they agreed on having something done and they had a set of lawyers at that time which they don't have now and that is one of the reasons. When they have a lawyer, they intend to have that work done and it wasn't. Mayor Lambert asked the town attorney, Susan Wood, to address this issue. She said they are looking at redoing the zoning ordinance and have tried to go through everything and taking concerns into consideration. The law that Mr. Wallace was talking about is no longer effective as of January 1. Mr. Wallace said he understood that, but you can stop it expanding and from happening again. Susan said that is something the planning commission will have to take into consideration. Mr. Wallace gave Susan a copy of the Carroll County regulations. Mayor Lambert said this will be passed onto the planning commission and they will come back with some recommendations for the council and he thanked Mr. Wallace for bringing it to their attention.

Mr. Wallace said he would also like to talk about Court House Lane. It needs to be widened or be a one-way street. The traffic is getting worse. Mayor Lambert said he would have the town officers look at it closer and see if they have a recommendation. Some discussion was held on the best way to handle if it was a one-way street.

Bobby Garrett asked if the deer hunt has started. Officer Yates said Chief Mullins had the permit from the Department of Game for the deer pop and was just waiting for the next cold spell which should be anytime. Bobby said he had given permission for them to do it at his house, but no one had been up there. Councilman Mullins asked what the limit was on the permit and Officer Yates said thirty (30). Mayor Lambert said right now the police department is short an officer. Mr. Garrett asked how long the sidewalk is going to be out at the new Food City and Mayor Lambert said that W & L is supposed to start on the 14<sup>th</sup> with the paving and he did not think it would be too long. Councilman Mullins said he agreed with Mr. Garrett, and he asked Mayor Lambert if he could talk to Ben and maybe some barriers could be set out there. Councilman Bolling said more barrels need to be set out because it so dark where the detour is at the old school. Bobby asked if there is going to be any ED charging stations at Food City and Mayor Lambert was asked to check on it. Mayor Lambert said there will be four (4) crosswalks in the roundabout. Mr. Garrett said a guard needs to be put at the fire hydrant at the Little League Field. It has already been hit and he has concerns about it getting broken off. Mayor Lambert

said he would bring it to Allen's attention.

Mayor Lambert asked the council if they had seen the billboards advertising the show at the Jettie Baker Center and Councilman Childress gave the location of each of the billboards.

### **MOU Agreement with Pound River Church**

Mayor Lambert asked if the council had reviewed the MOU and if they had any questions. He asked for the council's authorization to sign the MOU.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Bolling to authorize the mayor to sign the MOU Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

Agenda Item - Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Bolling to appoint Jack Killen to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports and Communications:**

Town Attorney - Susan Wood asked the clerk to get her Jack Killen's address.

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Doris Rife - She asked if the clerk would pick up some thank you cards to send to the Lions's Club, Historical Society, and Veolia Water. Doris invited everyone to the dinner that the Lion's Club has for the veterans and will post the time. She will ask Janice Triplett to be Grand Marshall at the Christmas Parade. Janice does so much for everyone.

Talbert Bolling - He would like to have clarification about the testing of the water at the Splash Pad and if it needs to be posted. Also, there are some potholes on Friend Street that needs to be fixed. He expressed his appreciation for the employees for their work and for the cookout that Veolia did.

Jim Childress - He asked about Halloween in the Park. Councilwoman Rife said there were twenty-eight (28) right now that will be sitting up in park. They will be bringing their own tents or tables. The time will be from 5 pm to 8 pm. The coordinator is Cindy Blankenship, and everything will be posted on social media.

Shelly Mullins - He said he was glad to see the roundabout project coming to a close and the Food City project is coming along. He asked about decorating the poles this year. Everything looks good in town. Councilwoman Rife said they had talked about it in the Lion's Club but was not sure to start it because of the mess in the intersection. Shelly said Blondie's was doing good. The town needs a good restaurant. He thought after Hootin in the Holler that Walnut Street would be a good area for something like Plumb Alley.

Michelle Bolling asked if the town was going to do the Christmas Tree displays at the Ralph Stanley Museum this year and was told someone would check with Sara since she took care of it last year.

Councilman Childress said he would like the town to put money in the budget for fall decorations and maybe be able to put seasonal decorations in the roundabout.

Katie Garrett expressed concern for the children getting hurt on the poles at the Splash Pad.

Mayor Lambert - W-L will start paving around the 14<sup>th</sup> at the roundabout. The Christmas Dinner is December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas parade is on December 2, followed by Christmas in the Park. He asked about July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and about checking to see if the band CCR could be gotten for that night and Councilman Childress said Sara would check with the band. Mayor Lambert said Sara said that they had told her the fee would be twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars. Councilwoman Rife said she would help with the donations for a band, but would like to get that price lower. Councilman Bolling asked about what day the July Fourth Celebration will be observed on, and it was the consensus of the council to observe on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilwoman Rife to celebrate July Fourth on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert asked for a motion for a close session.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Childress to go into close session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(A) for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) Subsection 1- Personnel and Subsection 2-Legal. Motion Passed unanimously.

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

**RE: Certification for Closed Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Mullins 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 the closed

meeting and only such public matters as identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered by the Town Council.

Mayor Lambert asked for roll call vote.

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

Motion Carried

Mayor Lambert asked for any motions from the closed session.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to hire Jason Smith full time at the current rate of Michael Stanley and Brett Hamilton. Motion passed unanimously.

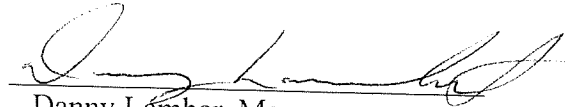
Councilman Childress said that he would like to spend \$38,000 out of the Jettie's C/D to replace the marquee' sign at the Jettie. There has been \$9,300 in repairs made by Bristol Signs and still one side is not working. If a piece of the neon breaks it must be transported all the way to Knoxville to be fixed.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress to spend \$38,000 on having the sign redone and take out \$50,000 out of the C/D to put in the general fund to purchase the sign and reimburse the general fund for previous expenses. No second or vote.

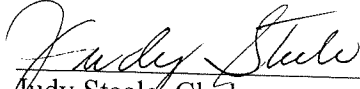
Councilman Bolling said he was not opposed to doing it, but wondered if there were any grants available that they could explore for signs. Councilwoman Rife said a tourism grant. Mayor Lambert said he had called Jerry's Signs today and they are supposed to get him a quote on what they could do it for and that way you will have two (2) quotes. The lady from Jerry's Signs has given him some information on what had been spent on Russell County's sign and some leads on some grants. The Russell County sign was over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and it was grant money. He would like to get a quote from Jerry's Sign and check to see if he can find some grant money. The sign needs to be replaced and this winter would be a good time to get it done. Council Bolling asked Councilman Childress if he would amend his motion to include getting a second quote and to check into what grant money might be available and he said he would. No vote was taken.

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

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Danny Lamber, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Judy Steele, Clerk