

Town of Clintwood
Town Council Meeting
248 Clintwood Main Street – Clintwood Town Hall
November 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

Council Members:

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

Others

Susan Wood-Attorney-Absent
Judy Steele-Clerk
Chief Rick Mullins
Officer Chris Yates

Citizens: Bobby Garrett, Susan Mullins

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Town Council Meeting of October 10, 2023

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Kendrick to approve the minutes of October 10, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item- Agenda Additions

Mayor Lambert said he would like to add as number 9 – Lyall Ridge Bids and Award and number 10-Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Mullins to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item – Consulting Agreement with Earth Tone Designs

Mayor Lambert said this is for the website updates for the Ralph Stanley Museum and Town of Clintwood. The current fee is \$80 per month and the increase is \$120 per month.

Councilman Bolling said he would like to get some other bids and check with the company that does the Jettie Baker Center.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to table until next month. Motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda item – DMV – Animal Friendly Plates Program

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Bolling to send to Margaret Mitchell Spay/Neuter Clinic the town's portion from the DMV Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

Mayor Lambert asked Chief Mullins to comment on the parade route. Chief Mullins said the route will remain the same as last year, which starts at the West End of town. Mayor Lambert said if traffic is going on through then to let it turn off at Foxtown Road. Councilwoman Rife said last year the tree lighting was at 5 p.m. and it worked out well. Susan Mullins said the Historical Society is going to make tea and hot chocolate at the tree lighting. Councilman Childress said it did not work out for a lot and he suggested doing on November 24 so that those that are in the parade can be at the tree lighting. It is hard to get a float in the line up and be at the tree lighting. He would like to see on a different night than the parade and make it a separate event and maybe the businesses could stay open later and the Jettie Baker Center show a movie. Councilwoman Rife said that would be fine with her. Councilman Bolling asked if the tree could be up in time and Chief Mullins said they should be able to. Councilman Kendrick ask if it would be feasible to put the tree in the intersection and was told that there is not power in the intersection yet. Councilman Mullins had concerns about the visibility. Mayor Lambert said that coming through the intersection at night there are no streetlights from Dr. Ibrahim's until you get to the old Jamie McCoy house. He has been talking with Lester Hill with AEP to see how to light up the right-hand side. He asked the council what they thought about a metal pole with the four lights in the center. Councilman Bolling asked about the lights that goes around the edge of the center of the Roundabout. Councilwoman Rife said she has contacted two people to see if they would do Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for Christmas in the Park. JR is providing the music, and the town provides the cookies. McClure Kiwanis makes hot chocolate. Councilman Bolling asked about doing the Christmas trees on the porch at the Ralph Stanley Museum and Councilman Childress said Sara would take care of it if the council wanted her too. Councilwoman said that Nathan is having two good Christmas shows in December and the play Frosty will be good. Councilman Kendrick said he had spoken to Austin Bradley from the Park today and there is a group that is going to be at Southern Gap, and they are coming over to the show.

Agenda Item – Lyall Ridge Waterline Replacement Project

Mayor Lambert said that RFPs had been sent out to Boyds Construction, Hills Construction, and McFall Excavating. Two bids were received back. One from McFalls and one from Boyds Construction. The bids were opened on Monday, November 13 at the town hall. The bid from Boyd's Construction was \$118,995 and McFall's bid was \$173,950. They are responsible for laying the line and the asphalt, grass seed and straw, and stone. The town will purchase the materials and the price received from Ferguson is \$11,191.77 and Consolidated

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Pipe is \$11,637.78. The town has received a grant of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from the Cumberland Plateau. If there are no over runs, then there may be some money left over.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilman Kendrick to accept the bid from Boyd's Construction of One Hundred and Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-five Dollars (\$118,995.00). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bolling and second by Councilwoman Rife to accept the bid from Ferguson on the materials for Eleven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars and Seventy-seven cents.(\$11,191.77). Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert said if there are no over runs there may be some funds remaining and in talking with Chris with permission from the council those funds may be used to hook up some more people on Lyall Ridge. There are three (3) people there that does not have water and Chris thinks we can use those funds or if not to use the funds where it is needed.

Motion was made Councilwoman Rife and second by Councilman Bolling to authorize Mayor Lambert to sign any additional paperwork and allow Chris Mullins to find a use for the excess funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Jettie Baker Center Mural

Mayor Lambert said that he had met with Ellen Elmes and her husband in October and the information in the packet is her suggestions on redoing the mural. She wants to be involved in the project, but she cannot be here to do the painting. The town will need to come up with painters. He has spoken to Donna Leftwich to get her involved and she has suggested to get Lisa Davis involved who has taken a class on restoration of murals. What Ellen wants to do is take panels and glue over the existing mural. Either way it will cost about Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to do. Donna asked that I speak to Lisa to get her opinion about the fabric panel. Councilman Childress said he had not given much thought on the mural because he was interested in the Jettie Baker Center sign and lights and some other things. Mayor Lambert said someone was looking to see about a grant for the lights. Councilman Bolling suggested checking with Shawn to see what he would charge.

Old Business –

Bobby Garret asked about the ED charging stations and Mayor Lambert said there is suppose to be three (3) charging stations at Food City. He said the town might look into getting a grant for a charging station.

Reports and Communications:

1. Town Attorney – Absent
2. Town Council –

Shelly Mullins - He said he was glad to see the roundabout coming to completion.

Jim Childress - None

Ron Kendrick - He said that Steven Baker had called him about the cemetery, and he said he was told by Mayor Lambert that the council was considering contracting it out. Mayor Lambert said Steven had approached him at Food City and wanted to know if the town had ever considered contracting the cemetery out and he told him at one time they had contracted it out but had not in a long time. The decision would be totally up to the council. He asked Steven if he had a price to give to the council. Ron said he was pleased with the roundabout and it keeps the traffic moving. Mayor Lambert said the roundabout has been a great improvement to the town and it looks good. Food City is paying for everything. Councilman Mullins said it is hard for people to except change and we need to be thankful for what we do have and work with the people that are trying to improve things. Councilman Kendrick said he would like to work with VDOT or Food City to have input as to what goes in the center of the roundabout whether it be flowers or shrubs. Bobby Garrett suggested asking Food City to paint a mural on the side of the building. Mayor Lambert said they have a mural on the Food City in Grundy and that there will be a Starbucks in this Food City.

Talbert Bolling – He congratulated Shelly on getting elected as Commissioner of Revenue. At Food City as you are coming down on the right at the entrance, they have put the median too close. They have more on the side coming out and it is going to be tight, and people are going to be driving over it. Halloween in the Park was huge this year. Councilwoman Rife said the Lions Club gave away over eleven hundred (1100) treat bags. He thanked the employees and thinks they are the best and appreciates each and every one of them for what they do.

Doris Rife – She echoed Talbert on congratulating Shelly on the election. She wanted to see Donald's and Jettie's pictures put back up at the Jettie Baker Center and Mayor Lambert said the pictures are back up. She feels out of respect for them, the pictures need to be up because without them the Jettie Baker Center would not be what it is today. She thanked the council members and all the employees for doing such a great job.

Mayor Lambert - A while back the town got a grant to do a stormwater study on problem areas where water is backing up. This grant will possibly lead to some grant money to correct some of the problems that are identified. This will be mapped out by Lane Engineering.

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There was a kickoff meeting on November 8 with Chris Mullins, Leman Kendrick, Larry Barton, Chris Rakes, Eric Craft, and himself. Eric Craft is heading up this project. All the Christmas decorations are up except for the Christmas tree. The Ralph Stanley Museum apartment was in bad shape when the people moved out, so he got two men to paint the inside and the current renter will be moving in on December 1. He asked if the council had any ideas how the council wanted to handle Shelly's replacement after he resigns in December. He said last time the council requested letters of interest. Councilman Kendrick said what he is curious about is that his seat and so is Doris and Talbert's will be up for four(4 year) term and Shelly's seat will still have two(2) years remaining on his term. So how will the voters distinguish between two years or fours between the candidates. Councilman Bolling said that we will need to check with Kayla at the registrar's office.

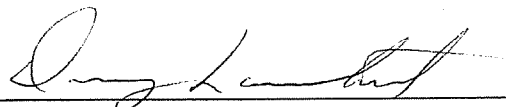
Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilman Childress to advertise for two weeks for letters of interest to fill the vacant seat of Shelly Mullins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert said they are still having a lot of problems at the garbage bins. There is a lot of garbage thrown on the ground and large items such as a couch being set out. This is from Friday to Monday. Sometimes the guys spend half day on Monday and must bring the backhoe to help pickup the large items and pickup the garbage on the ground. He hoped to get a camera put up there and try to get a tag number and let the police officers charge them. The officers can not monitor all the time. He said the bins may have to be taken up for a couple of weeks. Councilman Childress said he had talked to the Board of Supervisors about adding a couple of bins and helping with emptying the bins, but it has never happened.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Lambert asked for a motion to adjourn and pay the bills.

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 Lambert, Mayor

Attest:



Judy Steele, Clerk