

MINUTES
Town of Clintwood
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance:

Council Members:

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

Others Present:

Susan Wood - Attorney
Judy Steele- Clerk
Chief Mullins, Officer Yates
Officer Turner

Citizens: Robert Stanley and James Middleton-Clintwood Volunteer Fire Department, Michelle Bolling-Dickenson Community Hospital, Susan Mullins-Dickenson County Historical Society, Sister Bernie Kenny, and Tonya Gulley

Mayor Lambert called the recessed meeting from August 9, 2022 to order

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to call to order the recessed meeting of August 9, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Kendrick to adjourn the recess meeting of August 9, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Mullins and second by Councilman Childress to call to order the September 13, 2022 council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Agenda Item - Approval of minutes of August 9, 2022

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Agenda and Additions to Agenda

Mayor Lambert added the Clintwood Volunteer Fire Department and a request he has for the use of the Community Center to the Agenda and Councilman Kendrick added recognition of Justin Hamilton.

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

Agenda Item - Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation to Sister Bernadette "Bernie" Kenny

Councilman Kendrick read the Resolution and presented a framed copy of the resolution to Sister Bernadette "Bernie" Kenny.

Agenda Item - Proclamation Recognizing Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Michelle Bolling stated that she is a Clinical Coordinator and Register Nurse at Dickenson Community Hospital. September is suicide prevention and awareness month and they want to take the time to address the importance of mental health especially in the older adult community and break the stigma. Their slogan this year is You Are Enough. They are reaching out to the elected officials to see if they will do a resolution or proclamation expressing that you recognize that September is suicide prevention and awareness month and that the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide continue to work against suicide prevention by discouraging Clintwood at risk for suicide from seeking life saving assistance and further traumatize survivors of suicide.

Motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Kendrick to adopt the Proclamation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Clintwood Volunteer Department - Jamie Middleton

Jamie Middleton presented a proposal to the council in regards to turn out gear. The life of turn out gear is ten (10) years, but may be taken out of service at any time due to damage. They have eighteen (18) active firefighters certified for interior firefighting and eleven (11) members as exterior firefighting and support. To replace the gear at the same time, the cost is estimated to be \$92,340. The current gear was bought in 2017 and they would like to propose the council began to budget to purchase two (2) full sets of turnout gear per year. The estimated cost for two (2) sets per year would be estimated at \$10,260. In the event the gear is not needed that year, the purchase of lighter weight protective gear for use could be purchased. He gave a handout of the estimated cost of each item in the turn out gear.

Mayor Lambert said the council would review their request and would get back to them.

Agenda Item - Servline Utilities Protection Proposal

Judy Steele, Clerk, said she had discussed with Jenna Hazelet the question if the customer took the leak protection for the water and it also affected the sewer portion of the bill then could the town adjust the sewer portion as we do now and she said yes as long as they had the leak protection for the water.

The council discussed the implementation of the leak protection insurance for the water at \$1.85 per month for the \$2,500 leak protection on the residential accounts.

Motion was made by Councilman Mullins and second by Councilman Kendrick to implement the leak protection coverage for the water. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item - Highway Marker Recognizing Justin Hamilton

Councilman Kendrick said what he wanted to propose was to have a marker as you come into town that would indicate that this is the hometown of Justin Hamilton and recognize his professional and collegiate career. There is not many small towns that has a professional athlete come out of it. He may be the only one from the Town of Clintwood.

Mayor Lambert said he would contact Wade Belcher with VDOT to see what the steps would be to get this done.

Agenda item - Community Center

Mayor Lambert said he had a request from Teresa Castle concerning the use of the community center for a Halloween Party for the Little League Cheerleaders. There may as many as 100 and he is not sure if the community center would accommodate that many. Mayor Lambert said he would discuss Ms. Castle plans with her.

Reports and Communications -

Town Attorney - None

Town Council -

Shelly Mullins - None

Jim Childress - Larry Sparks show for November has been cancelled.

Mayor Lambert - He said he had checked on the street light for the intersection at McDonald's and the cost to put in a pole and transformer would be \$3,013. He said \$1,000 of that is for traffic control and he is going to discuss that further with them. He asked the council's thoughts and they believed a light was needed in that intersection.

Motion was made by Councilman Mullins and second by Councilman Childress to install the light at the intersection. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lambert said that a hand out was given on a proposed Junked Car Ordinance and after the council has had time to review it can be discussed at the next council meeting. Councilman Kendrick asked about a vehicle that has antique tags on it, but is not operable and suggested that some language needs to be included in the ordinance to address the difference in a junk vehicle and antique vehicle. Mayor Lambert also wanted Chief Mullins to review the ordinance and report back to the council next month on his thoughts.

Mayor Lambert reminded the council that the Food City Groundbreaking is September 27 and hopes that all the council members can attend. Councilman Kendrick asked if the council can have any input about what will be in the center of the new Roundabout. Mayor Lambert said he was going to ask Wade Belcher for what guidelines that VDOT may have on what can be put there. Chief Mullins said VDOT is going to start putting the slurry down on the pavement on Main Street next week and will go down to Jerry's Branch on The Lake Road.

Mayor Lambert said the Pre Bid meeting on the Splash Pad was held today and there have been two contractors that have picked up a package, but only one attended the Pre Bid meeting. Mr. Whitehead will be here to get the remainder of the bleachers.

Mayor Lambert asked for a closed session for personnel to discuss the police department and for consultation with legal.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilman Mullins to go into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Session 2.2-3712 (A) for the purpose of discussing Section 3711A (1) Personnel Matters in reference to the Police Department and Section 2.2-37711A (8) Consultation with legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

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

RE: Certification for Closed Meeting

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick 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 a closed meeting and only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Town Council.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed Unanimously

Mayor Lambert asked for any motions from the closed meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilman Mullins to hire Jonathan Daniel Carico as a police officer at an hourly rate of eighteen dollars (\$18) effective September 6, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Kendrick and second by Councilman Childress to increase the hourly pay rate of James Robert Stanley to eighteen dollars (\$18). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Childress and second by Councilman Mullins to pay the bills, the overtime, and adjourn. Motion passes unanimously.

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Danny Lambert, Mayor

Attest:


Judy Steele, Clerk

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; September is recognized as **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**, a time when millions of people around the world join their voices to raise awareness of suicide prevention, treatment, and recovery; and

WHEREAS; this is a time that is dedicated to bringing visibility to the role everyone in the community can play in preventing suicide and to encourage all community members to know the signs, find the words, and reach out to someone they are concerned about; and

WHEREAS; the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide continues to work against suicide prevention efforts by discouraging Clintwood, Virginia's at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving assistance and further traumatize survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS; According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), 45,979 Americans died by suicide in 2020, making suicide the 12th leading cause of death in the USA; and

WHEREAS; According to the AFSP, in 2020 there were estimated 1.20 million suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS; According to the AFSP, in 2020, the suicide rates were higher among adults ages 25 to 34 years (18.35 per 100,000) and 75 to 84 years (18.43 per 100,000), with the rate highest among adults ages 85 years or older (20.86 per 100,000); and

WHEREAS; Clintwood, Virginia publicly places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS; we encourage all residents to take the time to understand the importance of mental health education and recognize that taking care of ourselves and others includes taking care of mental health,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Clintwood Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Town of Clintwood.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED THIS 13 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

Danny Lambert, Mayor (In the event of a tie):

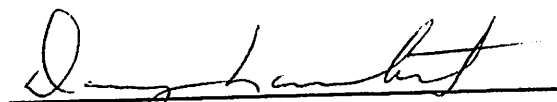
Ronald Kendrick- Vice Mayor:

Doris Rife:

Talbert Bolling:

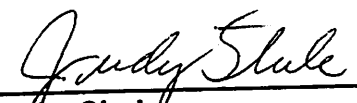
Jim Childress:

Shelly Mullins:



Danny Lambert, Mayor

Attest:



Judy Steale, Clerk