

TOWN OF CLINCHCO
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Jelane Mock, Herbert Branham, Stearl Branham, Trevor Counts

MEMBER'S ABSENT: Mayor Jarvis Deel, Ruby Coleman, Cynthia Ellis

TOWN CLERK: Tina Deel

TOWN ATTORNEY: Greg Baker (Via Telephone)

Call to Order & Welcome by Vice Mayor:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock called the meeting to order, and asked for everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance; (everyone stood towards the flag). Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes;

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to approve the November minutes; Herbert Branham made a motion to approve the November minutes; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to approve January Minutes; Stearl Branham made a motion to approve the January Minutes; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Consent Expenditures:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for council to look at the expenditure report and if there was any discussion; Herbert Branham asked why the attorney amount was in the red; Jelane explained we budgeted \$4,800.00 and we have gone over that; Stearl Branham made a motion to approve the expenditure report; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Additions to the Agenda:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for any additions to the agenda; Jelane stated to add #3 business trash can and move executive session to #4

Approval of the Agenda:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the trash can being added as item 3; Stearl Branham made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Old Business:

Christmas Decoration/ 5 Main St., 7 Palmer St., 6 Mill St.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated that Tina has done a street light pole count and if we wanted to do every other light on Main Street and Mill Street that will be 6 poles. Council made discussion of the decorations. Council decided to get 2 candy canes, 2 zig zag trees, and 2 lights with halo all 6' each. Council discussed this year doing Main Street, and Mill Street and the next following years put some up Palmer St., Adam St, and Litton Circle. Herbert Branham made a motion to approve \$2,300.00 to purchase 6 of the 6' lights and the hardware; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Trailer on Carson Street:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked Tina to take the topic; Tina stated that the Dickenson County Sheriff's Office has our writ of possession on the trailer up Carson Street, and they are waiting to find out what council wants to do with the trailer; discussion was made of what to do with the trailer. Council decided to try to give the trailer away and for Tina to post it on Facebook and it is a first come first serve basis. Whom ever takes the trailer will have 60 day to remove the trailer from the property. Stearl Branham made a motion to give the trailer away and have Tina place it on Facebook and give the person 60 days to remove the trailer from the property and there is no title but the person would receive a bill of sale; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Car Wash:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated just as an update on the car wash; the concrete on the property was way to thick and we had to borrow a jackhammer, and generator from Shelby Willis. I think Stearl and Herbert Branham are wanting to add on to this topic; Herbert Branham stated he had talked to him and come down and talked to Tina a little bit about it. We got him to do it we did not know how thick it would be. The concrete was only about 6 to 8 inches when he first started and the further he went back the thicker it got. He is all the way back now and I would say it is anywhere from 24"-34" thick and he is having a hard time. He said he was already in the hole with it. Herbert Branham stated he felt he has done a good job and worked his butt off. Herbert Branham made a motion to give him (Zack Mondrage) another \$1,000.00; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Surpluss:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to table the topic; Stearl Branham made a motion to table the topic until some inventory could be done; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Safe-APRPA:

Discussion was made of tabling the topic until Tina can get pricing for a safe lock smith to come unlock the safe, and have it rekeyed. Stearl Branham made the motion; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

New Business:

Street Light on Banner St.:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated that Dennis Tipton has contacted us about the street light on the main end of Banner Street and it is not working. Tina called to put a work order in Appalachian Power company said that they cannot find on record where the town has ever paid for that light. We would need to add it to our street lights which will probably increase the bill around \$20.00 and then have a work order put for the light and I think that since it is one of the older lights there needs to be an arm just like the rest of them. Stearl Branham made the motion to add the light and request an arm be put on the pole just like the rest that are in town; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Playground:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated we are making progress slowly whenever they want to come work on it. They came yesterday, but they needed the jackhammer and it was being used at the car wash, so they said they will be back tomorrow as long as the jackhammer was here, and it is here. Other discussion was made of progress.

Trash Can:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated that his uncle Paul stopped by and said the county is going to talk to us about needing to move the trash can. Trash is over in the river and people loading it with mattresses and stuff. Paul suggested that we move it up Palmer St. as you start up to the ball field on the right. Herbert Branham made the motion to have it moved to that location; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Executive Session:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked Kevin if he had anything to say to council before they go into executive session; Kevin introduced himself to council and gave some of his history.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to go into executive session pursuant to the Virginia state code 2.2-3711 A1 personnel and A8 consultation with legal council. Stearl Branham made the motion; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to go back into open session pursuant to the Virginia state code 2.2-3712; Herbert Branham made the motion; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to certify that all matter disused were personnel and legal consultation; Stearl Branham made the motion. Roll Call Vote: Stearl Branham yes, Herbert Branham yes, Trevor Counts yes, and Jelane Mock yes.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated they would like to offer Kevin Brandts the Chief of Police position; 40 hours a week, 6 month probationary period, annual salary \$35,000.00, 2 weeks' vacation and 2 weeks sick time witch will accrue each payday. After the 6 months we will have a review session. We will pay

his insurance. Herbert Branham made the motion; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Public Comments:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for public comments; no comments were made.

Council Comments:

Council welcomed Kevin to Clinchco.

Adjournment:

Stearl Branham made a motion to adjourn; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.