

TOWN OF CLINCHCO
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 6/16/2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman, Herbert Branham, Stearl Branham, Jelane Mock,

MEMBER'S ABSENT: Mayor Jarvis Deel, Cynthia Ellis, Trevor Counts

TOWN CLERK: Tina Deel

TOWN ATTORNEY: Greg Baker (Via Telephone)

Call to Order & Welcome by Vice Mayor:

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

Approval of Minutes;

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked council to take a look at their minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Herbert Branham made a motion to approve the minutes; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Consent Expenditures:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for council to look at the expenditure report and if there was any discussion; no discussion was made; Herbert Branham made a motion to approve the consent expenditure report; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Additions to the Agenda:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for any additions to the agenda; no additions were made.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Old Business:

Bronco:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated that the starter has been taken off the Bronco. We need to purchase one. The price has gone up to \$189.00 within a couple months. Jelane asked if that was all that was wrong with it; Tina Deel stated the truck shop had come down here to put a battery in to take it to the truck shop, but the starter was out of it. He told me if we got the starter, they would come down here

put it in then put the battery in it and take it on up to the truck shop. Herbert Branham stated why don't we do that because we are going to have to have it for when winter comes. Stearl Branham made a motion to purchase the starter for \$189.00 or lower and let the truck shop come and get it. Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor. Council agreed to have the amount taken out of the maintenance line on the budget.

Cops Hiring Program:

Vice Mayo Ruby Coleman stated that the Cumberland Plateau assisted in writing the grant for one full time officer. It is a very competitive grant. It was completed and submitted yesterday. Tina Deel stated we should hopefully know something by August or September. Other discussion was made of the application.

Vista:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated that we were lucky enough to come in contact with Mr. Paul O'quinn and he has assisted us in writing our application. Ruby asked Paul to give council an update on the application and the Vista process and give them an idea of where we are with this stuff. Paul O'quinn stated first that council should be commended for doing this position, I think it really shows that you are trying to move forward and you really could set an example in the county as well showing how you can reach out with the Vista program and increase your economic development, so great job for doing that. Vista is an arcanum meaning Volunteers in Service to America it is created out of the americorps program. These are people who actually volunteer for one-year stents in the community while it is volunteer there is some compensation which I don't think it amounts to minimum wage, but the money is not why people chose to do this they do this because they are truly committed to helping communities. We have completed that application and we have posted the job description in the local paper here; I have asked that it go out through a couple other networks to make awareness of the position so people can apply for that if they want to. Paul explained that what we have applied for the Vista will focus on economic development. Other discussion was made of the plan and focus for the Vista. Paul explained the next step will be to help set the Vista for success. The town commits to take on as the sponsor role, for instance a telephone, office space, computer. I would say consider what you can do to enhance that to make sure the position has the highest probability of success. Paul made suggestions of what council should consider to make it as mobile as possible. Jelane Mock asked how long will this person be working with us; Paul stated it is a three-year commitment, but not necessarily the same person. The Vista on has to commit to one year. We have structured the position so that year on can hand off to year two and so forth. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated we have allotted \$3,500.00. Paul stated a huge part of what the Vista does is they seek grants to fund themselves. The \$3,500.00 will cover six months. Ruby stated should we go ahead and set that amount aside for the anticipation if it is not. Paul stated he felt the wise thing to do is to allot and if the position finds the money, then to release the money back to the budget. Discussion was made of the amount coming out of this last tranche of ARPA money and then the second tranche that will be coming. Discussion was made of how long the Vista will be here and probable money to support the Vista. Discussion was made of the Vista finding a grant to cover the other six months of the year. Jelane Mock stated the last he recalled we were going to share a Vista for the \$3,500.00 not doing a six month and going with a full time. Paul stated by the way he understood it the town was comfortable moving forward with the commitment. Council made other discussion about the Vista writing a grant for their funding. Vice Mayor Ruby

Coleman asked council if they felt comfortable in running the ad for the Vista position in the Coal Field or what type of advertisement; Discussion was made of what type of advertisement should be made; Jelane Mock stated he thought the Bristol Herald would be the best. Tina will get a pricing before advertising.

Economic Development/Recreational Development:

Tiny Business Village: Tina stated that on June 27th a group with the AMLER coming to look at the property where the Village will be located and felt the town should have a survey done on the property. Council made discussion of surveying the property and Greg Baker stated since the town was under a certain population and that will change the procurement process and that the clerk could get a hold of a couple companies on her own talk to them verbally, send a picture to get a bid.

Car Wash: The Car wash can be dealt with the same way.

Mill Street Playground: Jelane Mock Presented to council some equipment for the basketball court; Council made discussion regarding the basketball equipment. Discussion was made of where to store everything when it comes. Jelane Mock made a motion to purchase the basketball equipment (bleaches that are moveable) red, white and blue \$4,040.00 and two basketball goals that are adjustable and solar court light \$8,730.40; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Trash Can:

Tina Deel stated the price on a new dumpster has gone up to \$2,700.00. Council made discussion of getting a price on just the metal to cover the bottom up to \$500.00 and get someone to weld the metal on the trash can. Other discussion was made of a different location to put the trash dumpster when fixed. Jelane Mock made a motion to price the metal and not to exceed \$500.00 and as long as it is within the price range to purchase the metal; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Adoption of Title 46.2:

Jelane Mock made a motion to adopt the Motor Vehicle Code Title 46.2; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken: Stearl Branham yes; Herbert Branham yes; Jelane Mock yes; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman yes.

Vacation Day:

Tina Deel asked council to consider adding Juneteenth as a paid holiday since it is a Federal Holiday; Council discussed adding the federal holiday as a paid holiday. Herbert Branham made a motion to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated the Clerk will be taking the week of the 4th as a vacation week and I would actually really like to take vacation. If I have to come in for something, I will. I would like to not come in for the whole week. If someone else wants to be here you can, but I am not going to be here.

Public Comments:

JR Robinson addressed council regarding the completion of the flood plain survey for the Kiwanis building and made other discussion regarding \$5,000.00 to get the Kiwanis building up and running. Council stated that he could do an APRPA application for the next tranche of money to be received within 30 days. Other discussion was made of the Clinchco Kiwanis and a quote for the work on the building from a contractor. Other discussion was made of other events that had went on with the Kiwanis.

Council Comments:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for council comments; no comments were made.

Recessed:

Jelane Mock made a motion to recess until next Thursday, June 23rd at 5:00 pm for the purpose of approving the budget; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.