

TOWN OF CLINCHCO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON MARCH 23, 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 toward 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 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 Jelane Mock asked for council to look at the expenditure report and if there was any discussion; Jelane Mock stated he did want to mention one thing on the report, I did tell Tina to go ahead and pay \$717.00 on the power bill, because that what it was last month. Where Appalachian Power had that whole confusion with the billing. Stearl Branham made the motion to approve the consent 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; no additions were added.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Old Business:**

**Safe-ARPA:**

Town Clerk Tina Deel stated she did get a quote on how much it would cost to have the safe opened and have a new combination. The cost will be over \$900.00. Stearl Branham made a motion to allow the Clerk, Tina Deel to spend up to \$400.00 for a new safe and use the ARPA

money for the purchase; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

**New Business:**

**Meeting Time Change:**

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked if anyone would be apposed to moving our meeting time to 5:00 pm; council agreed. Stearl Branham made the motion to leave the meeting date the same, but to change the meeting time to 5:00 pm; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

**Nuisance Ordinance:**

Council stated to just skip the topic right now until the town attorney calls in.

**Lot on Adams Street:**

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated that he had a potential business interested in renting the lot on Adams Street. She is wanting to put a salon on the property and a fair price on rent \$150.00 plus we will get BPOL off of it. Trevor Counts stated you can't put anything on the property because it is in the flood zone, and it is in the book you can't put anything on the property. Tina stated she will check on that. Jelane stated we would have to have a public hearing anyhow if we did that.

**Dedication sign for basketball court:**

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated that when we get the playground done we will do a ribbon cutting there and also dedicate the basketball court to Trazel Silvers a former Harlem Globe Trotter and grew up here in Clinchco. Tina did get an estimate on the sign. This is what it will look like "welcome to the jungle dedicated to Harlem Globe Trotter Trazel Silvers" the sign will be \$71.00. Other discussion was made of the playground area. Herbert Branham made a motion to purchase the dedication sign \$71.00 from Appalachian Graphicx ; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

**Property on Mill Street:**

Tina stated to council that someone is going to have a company come look at the trailer to have it moved. Also, I was asked about if the town would be willing to sell the piece of property up Mill Street on the left (the old Jasmine Deel property that the town traded for and they were inquiring if the town would be interested in selling the property. Other discussion was made regarding the property. Jelane mock stated to table that until next month.

**Donation Request:**

Stearl Branham stated that the easter egg hunt will be April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Loins Club is working on the Easter eggs now. Stearl stated their will be 2 new bikes for each age group. Jelane asked if they had a photographer coming; Stearl Branham stated that he didn't know if they did or not. Jelane stated that Autumn said if the town would buy a Easter back drop that she would take the pictures for free. Everyone agreed that would be a good idea. Tina asked if this money could come out of the ARPA money. Jelane asked if the Loins Club was a non-profit and if they had a

5013C in place. Stearl Branham stated yes, and Jelane agreed the money can come from the ARPA account.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked what amount was the Loins Club asking for; Stearl Branham stated last year it was \$500.00. Trevor Counts made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Haysi, Clinchco Loins Club for the Easter Egg hunt; Jelane asked how much was in the ARPA account right now; Tina stated \$35,000 still left in the account. Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Jelane Mock stated he wanted to make a secondary motion to purchase the back drop out of the ARPA money as well; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated we have one other donation request. A church was asking for the swing set that came off the Mill Street playground, and I don't think we can reuse it. If we can't use it Buffalo Creek Freewill Baptist is asking for us to donate it to them if we cannot use it. Stearl Branham made a motion to donate the swing to the church; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

#### **ARPA Requests:**

Chief Kevin Brandts stated to council that we were made aware there was some ARPA money for the PD in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used for police equipment. On Monday the communications supervisor from Dickenson County Sheriffs Office called and informed us that they are doing a radio upgrade in the car and portables, and we will have to get different equipment. They will be going from Kenwood to Motorola equipment. They did have a price for the equipment the mobile radio equipment for the car will be \$1,125.00. The portable radio will be \$915.00. A shoulder mic it is \$105.00. That does not include installation in the car for the radios. The other thing is I called a Motorola dealer and he said this is what it is going to be \$200.00 - \$500.00 for the installation depending on what it needs. He also stated that Motorola went through three price increases last year. So in doing calculations on the equipment, I did do an increase of 5% which would make it \$400.00 for installation of the radio. The total cost of the radios up to \$3,060.00. That will be leaving us some money almost \$7,000.00. I have found the radar speed signs. They are the signs that tell you what your speed is. Kevin explained in more detail how we can utilize the signs. Jelane stated we may not have an installation charge because I would say the truck shop would do it. Kevin stated it could put us a little over around 150.00. Stearl Branham made a motion that council would allow up to \$200.00 over cost; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated he did have another ARPA request from the Little League. The request is for what they have as a total that they think is what it will take to fix all the county fields. The request is for \$3,000.00, she said she wasn't expecting us to pay the full \$3,000.00. She has also sent a request to the county. That is for four pallets of infield conditioner, pallet of quick dry, 25 bags of field chalk, 20 bags of mound clay, and 10 bundles of the clay bricks. Other discussion was made of how much to donate the Little League to help fix the fields. Jelane Mock stated this will be covered under ARPA as well, it is a non-profit and it falls under recreation. Stearl Branham made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to the Little League to fix the softball fields and the donation is to come out of the ARPA money; Trevor Counts seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

**Public Comments:**

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for any public comments; no comments were made. Stearl Branham made a motion to close public comments; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

**Council Comments:**

Herbert Branham asked about the loan that the town gave to the Clinchco Fire Department and how much they still owed. Other discussion was made of the Fire Department making a payment.

Trevor Counts talked about maybe resigning from her seat. Other discussion was made of the resignation.

**Adjournment:**

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