

TOWN OF CLINCHCO
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING &
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10/21/2021

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

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

TOWN CLERK: Tina Deel

TOWN ATTORNEY: Greg Baker (Not Available)

Public Hearing/Cigarette Tax:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated at this time to open up the public hearing to enact, reenact, and amend the town's Cigarette Taxation Ordinance in accordance to section 58.13-3830 code of Virginia. At this time, we will take any public comments in regards to the cigarette taxation ordinance.

No comments were made.

Adjournment:

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

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

MEMBER'S ABSENT: Mayor Jarvis Deel, Trevor Counts

TOWN CLERK: Tina Deel

TOWN ATTORNEY: Greg Baker (Not Available)

Call to Order & Welcome by Vice Mayor:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated the meeting of town council will be called to order and done a roll call of all members (present and absent). At this time can we 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; Ruby stated let the record reflect that Cynthia Ellis is now present for the meeting. Jelane Mock 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; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for a motion to approve the consent expenditure report; Jelane Mock asked about the deposit for the Money Market Account. Tina explained that there hasn't been one made yet and didn't know if September was the last one or not. Jelane asked for the date of the last deposit. Tina went to get the date of the last deposit. Herbert Branham asked about a transfer from the money market account to the General account. Tina explained that it was the transfer that council voted for in June as the adjustment for the budget. Jelane Mock asked about the treasurer deposit if it was ticket money. Tina explained that it was tax money that was allotted to the town. Jelane Mock asked if we received any ticket money. Tina stated no, not this month. Herbert Branham made a motion to approve the consent expenditure report. Jelane Mock 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; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked to add friends of the river, and the town's Impala maintenance.

Approval of the Agenda:

Jelane Mock made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated since our attorney isn't present let's go ahead and remove the Closed Session and the Trailer that was on the agenda for discussion.

Old Business:

Update on Master Plan:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated as an update on the master plan; we did have a video final presentation and for those that are not aware the master plan is where they have come up with designs for down town. There was a link sent out and that is available online. If you do not have access to watch it at home you are welcome to come down to the town hall to watch it. The completed final paper draft is not here yet. Cynthia Ellis asked who knew about the presentation; Jelane Mock stated he wasn't aware either. Ruby stated it was posted on the towns Facebook page. Other discussion was made regarding the videoed presentation.

Trailer:

Stearl Branham made a motion to table the topic; Cynthia Ellis seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

ARPA Budget:

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

New Business:

Cigarette Tax Ordinance:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated at this time I would like to ask for a motion to enact, reenact, and amend the Town Cigarette Tax Ordinance in accordance with code 58.13-3830 code of Virginia; Jelane Mock made the motion to enact, reenact, and amend the Town Cigarette Tax Ordinance in accordance with code 58.13-3830 code of Virginia. Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken and Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman Vote Yes, Jelane Mock voted yes, Stearl Branham voted yes, Herbert Branham voted yes, Cynthia Ellis voted no, Mayor Jarvis Deel absent, Trevor Counts absent.

The Lane Group:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated that we did a procurement advertisement for engineering services. The only person that responded was the lane group. So, I request a motion to accept engendering body that we would have on our shelf. We are not stuck with them and can choose to go elsewhere, but if a project came up and didn't have time to do the procurement process, we could use them. Jelane Mock stated we did that motion a month ago. After looking back at the old minutes, it was already decided to let Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman sign the agreement with the Lane Group.

C.O.A.L.:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated we have a representative from C.O.A.L. here with us. Jessie McCauley stated he was here to basically introduce them we have started a youth organization called C.O.A.L. which stands for Cardinal Youth Alliance League. We are a non-profit organization and we have been working with the kids in order to do fun activities with them and also to help lead the kids. We have a few parents involved and helping lead the group. We just wanted to reach out and introduce ourselves. Hopefully we will be able to do a lot more activities here in town. This weekend we will start doing an escape room, if you see the tarps and canopies outside that is what that is for. We wanted to express our appreciation to Stearl and Herbert Branham for letting us use the piece of property above the old ballfield area. If anyone has any questions and want to talk about it just reach out. Hopefully we can get involved with each other and help each other make things grow in the town. Herbert Branham asked about the property above the ball field area. Jessie explained they will be using the little section of the road up there and we will be riding up and down. That will be all that we use that part of the road for.

Halloween:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated in the past we have followed Haysi as a date for trick or treating which makes sense. We need to decide how much money to use to buy candy for treats. Tina stated usually in the past council has spent \$100 for the candy. Jelane Mock made a

motion to use \$100 for candy for treating and for it to come out of the Event Line on the Budget; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Friends of the River:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated there has been discussion of removing the dam for years. Friends of the River is interested in seeing if that can take place. They are doing research and sending an engineer down to look at it. They will be able to finding their own funding. Jelane Mock asked when the process starts will they be meeting with council. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated yes, he plans on calling in to speak with council.

Impala Maintenance:

Vice mayor Ruby Coleman stated that the Impala needs tires, oil change and maybe spark plugs. It appears that the tires can be purchased for \$90.00 each. Herbert Branham asked where would the tires be coming from. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated up at Mike Praters shop. Herbert Branham agreed that was the best and what he was going to recommend. Other discussion was made regarding the oil change and spark plugs. Herbert Branham made a motion to purchase 4 new tires for the Impala and get an oil change; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Public Comments:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for public comments; Don Hill made a comment about transparence so everyone can be on the same page.

Jimmy Ellis made comments regarding friends of the river project and the engineering. Jimmy Ellis also made comments regarding the towns Dodge truck rear back glass and the best way to fix the problem.

Paul O'quin made comments regarding the dam and friends of the river

Other discussion was made by council and the public regarding the dam.

Jimmy Ellis made comments about transparence with council.

Other discussion was made of the clerk preparing a packet and getting it out to council.

Council Comments:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for council comments; Cynthia Ellis made comments on how she may give it up due to her being unhappy with how things are done, and how the office is creating more work on themselves due to the grants in process; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated do you not want the town to grow; Cynthia Ellis stated if it is taking up the clerk's time then maybe we need to drop them. If she can't get her regular work done then why fool with grants. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated she does get it all done, maybe not as quickly as you would like, but it all gets done.

Jelane Mock stated as a whole, as a council we need to work on our communication and transparence. There is a lot of stuff like the master plan we didn't know about it until last minute. I just think we all try to need to be involved. If you extend an offer and they decline then that is on them but they should have the opportunity.

Cynthia Ellis asked if Ruby felt good about no one knowing; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated I really don't feel anyway about it, because that week we had multiple meetings and multiple

things going on and I feel we accomplished a lot that week. Did we neglect to call everyone about the meeting; yes, but we had a successful week. If council would stop in here every now and then you would know what is going on. Other discussion was made of transparency. Ruby Coleman asked Cynthia how did you feel when you followed me home in a harassing manner, did that make you feel good to be a bully, follow and harass by following someone home. Come on to their personal property and cuss them. Cynthia stated lets just not go there. Ruby stated why it happened. Ruby stated to Cynthia if you want to talk about things and know things you have made it nearly impossible and extremely difficult to communicate with you. Ruby stated I am more than happy to work with you on communication and transparency but you do your part.

Adjournment:

Jelane Mock made a motion to adjourn; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated we are adjourned.