

TOWN OF CLINCHCO
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10/20/2022

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

MEMBER'S ABSENT: Mayor Jarvis Deel, Ruby Coleman, Trevor Counts

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 council to take a look at their minutes; and asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Stearl Branham made a motion to approve the 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; no discussion was made; Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated he wanted to bring it to councils' attention that the fire department did make a payment of \$15,000.00. Stearl Branham made a motion to approve the expenditure report; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members in favor.

Additions to the Agenda:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for any additions to the agenda; Jelane stated he would like to add under our new business #9) executive session; Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked if there were any other additions to the agenda; no other additions were added.

Approval of the Agenda:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of executive session; Stearl Branham made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of executive session; Cynthia Ellis seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Old Business:

Spearhead Treails:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated since spearhead trails didn't come to the meeting, I would like a motion to table them for next meeting; Cynthia Ellis made a motion to table them until next meeting; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Clinchco Kiwanis:

David Robinson with the Clinchco Kiwanis presented to council a break down of materials from Clintwood Lumber, including prices on plumbing, Labor, Painting, Basement issues, ceiling tiles, vinyl rugs, and electrical work. Mr. Robinson discussed with council how the Kiwanis needed to get the building up and going for meetings, dinners, and so forth. Mr. Robinson stated they have been working with Jimmy Huff, and he is a licensed contractor. Discussion was made of what the building inspector has said to the contractor. Tina explained that she had talked to Jimmy Huff and he explained there wasn't a building permit yet and Mr. Huff had issues of why they wanted him to start with no permit in place. Mr. Huff also relayed to me was the building inspector said before they could do anything construction wise to the building the inspector stated the basement had to be took care of first and if it wasn't and he came down there then the inspector would fine the contractor. Mr. Robinson stated he knew about that to and he went to talk to Shelbie Willis and she said to call the county administrator, and I did call him. Mr. Robinson stated that the building inspector also said on the building we had to have 800 ton of gravel and 50 ton of dirt to put under that building. Mr. Robinson stated the basement has a good drain in it, and we planned on remodeling the basement to. Other discussion was made of the flood year and how there was no road down through there. Tina stated that according to Chris Rakes the basement has to be filled in. Discussion was made of using a used electrical box and old wiring the Kiwanis got off the town and it wouldn't be allowed by the building inspector. Tina stated that Mr. Huff also stated that the Kiwanis had some money set aside to pay him, and is that correct; Mr. Robinson stated they didn't have that kind of money. Mr. Robinson then stated oh yeah that they did and Jimmy does great work. Other discussion was made of the basement with the town attorney. Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked the first thing that needs to happen is getting the Chris Rakes situation figured out, Jimmy seemed to be a little shook by it as well. Vice mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to table the topic until next month; Stearl Branham made a motion to table the topic until next month; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

High Water Signs:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated we did get the high water signs in, but they didn't come with the stands so we need to order some stands. Stearl Branham made a motion to purchase the stands and allow for possible freight cost and for the money to come out of the ARPA funds; discussion was made of possible freight cost. Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Car Wash:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked Tina to fill everyone in on the car wash. Tina stated since we haven't heard anything back on a begin date with Boyd's Construction. We did send them some

letters to let them know they need to get with us and set a date or a time frame. After they received the letters they did get mad and they did withdraw their bid. Tina stated she did talk to Penny with Hill Construction regarding the car wash, Penny did say they were pretty busy, but she would get with Brandon to see if he would go look at the car wash. Council decided to wait until we heard back from Hill Construction, and if we know of any other construction company to pass it on to Tina and she could reach out to them

Lamar Advertising Company:

Vice mayor Jelane Mock stated we did have the proposals on the advertising sign located where the old car wash site is. Jelane read the proposal out loud to council. Council made discussion of the proposal, and decided they were displeased with the amount. Herbert Branham made a motion to have the clerk notify Lamar that council is not interested in renewing the contract and to have the sign removed; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

AMLER:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked the Clerk to update council on the AMLER application that was to support the Tiny Business Village. Tina stated that the town's application was not recommended by the Governor, so we will not get the money for the Tiny Business Village project.

New Business:

Donation/DC Sheriff's Office:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated since the sheriff's office isn't here, I will ask for a motion to table this until next month. Stearl Branham made a motion to table the topic until next month; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Resolution:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated that the town attorney has prepared a resolution for the old Clinchco Elementary School site, 10 acres more or less. We are asking the school board to give the property back to the town. Jelane read the resolution out loud to council. Jelane Mock asked for a roll call vote for council to agree on the resolution: Stearl Branham yes, Herbert Branham yes, Vice Mayor Jelane Mock yes, Cynthia Ellis yes. The clerk will send a copy of the signed resolution to the Dickenson County School Board, and the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors Office.

Survey Proposal for the Car Wash:

Vice mayor Jelane Mock stated we did get a proposal for the surveying of the car wash site, but we can't get the survey until the car wash is torn down. This agreement is the cheapest one we have got through Terra Tech out of Grundy. They gave us a special service fee of \$2,500.00 to come do the survey. Discussion was made of how long the agreement was good for, and if we don't get the car wash tore down soon the price could change. Jelane asked for a motion to

enter into the agreement with Terra Tech. Stearl Branham made a motion to accept the agreement; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Halloween:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked council which day they wanted to celebrate Halloween. Discussion was made of the neighboring towns doing theirs on Oct 31st, which is Monday. Discussion was made of Clinchco celebrating Saturday, October 29th from 5 pm – 8 pm; Jelane Mock asked for a motion to celebrate Halloween on Saturday, and to allow the clerk \$150.00 for candy. Herbert Branham made a motion to celebrate Halloween on Saturday, October 29th from 5 – 8 pm; Cynthia Ellis seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Shifty Powers Dinner:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated we have already spent it with the consensus, but we need a vote on what we spent: \$346.48 for the dinner after the road dedication. Stearl Branham made a motion for the approval of the \$346.48 that was spent to purchase the food for the Shifty Powers Dinner; Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Zombie Thon:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to spend \$300.00 so we could be a sponsor for the Zombie Thon; Cynthia Ellis made the motion to spend \$300.00 for the town to sponsor the Zombie Thon and the money was to come out of the event line item; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

FEMA:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock stated he wanted to update council that we have been working on flooding mitigation with the county, and the primary focus at first was going to be on the Birchleaf area, but since we have learned that Clinchco will be the focus. We meet once a week sometimes more. We have been working with the Olsen group and they have been filing our paper work out. We have just had to do some leg work, gather information for them. They seem very confident that we will get this grant and it will be about \$700,000.00. The purpose of this is going to be all the houses that are in the 202 flood plain that are abandoned they aren't eligible for the 202, but with this program FEMA grant we will be able to buy those out. Other discussion was made of the FEMA project.

RFP for town's website and new logo:

Jelane Mocked stated that Nathan has left Forward View Consulting, and I would like to RFP this and including a design for a town logo. Herbert Branham made a motion to do a RFP for the

town website for someone to host and maintain it, and also for a new design for a town logo; Cynthia Ellis seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Executive Session:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to go into executive session under Virginia state code 2.2-3711, A1 for personnel matters, and A8 consultation of legal council. Cynthia Ellis made a motion to enter into executive session under Va state code 2.2-3711 for A1 personnel matters, and A8 consultation of legal council. Herbert Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members were in favor.

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

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for a motion to certify all that was discussed was what was identified and mentioned was discussed during closed session. Herbert Branham made a motion to certify all that was discussed was items identified and mentioned to go into closed session; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; Roll Call Vote: Herbert Branham yes, Stearl Branham yes, Vice Mayor Jelane Mock yes, and Cynthia Ellis yes.

Public Comments:

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

Council Comments:

Vice Mayor Jelane Mock asked for any council comments; Cynthia Ellis asked about the street lights that were out. Tina stated she had put an order in with AEP to get those fixed. Cynthia asked about the comcast bill PD/and town hall, Tina explained it is all just one bill. Cynthia also asked about the town hall PSA bill, Tina stated we have business rates.

Adjournment:

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