

TOWN OF CLINCHCO
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9/15/2021
Recessed Meeting

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 (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) also, let the record show a hand delivered notice of the meeting was delivered to Cynthia Ellis and Trevor Counts because neither Cynthia or Trevor was here; and a quorum is present. 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.

Additions to the Agenda:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked for any additions to the agenda; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked to add the Budget to the agenda as line item one.

Approval of the Agenda:

Jelane Mock made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding the ARPA Budget as line item one; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members present voted yes.

ARPA-Budget:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman opened up discussion over he proposed ARPA budget. Jelane Mock discussed the amount of loss revenue and would like to discuss the loss revenue with the attorney before a vote is made. Other discussion was made of the loss of revenue. Jelane Mock stated as far as the QuickBooks he was in favor of direct deposit for payroll and to save on checks to pay with online bill pay. Other discussion was made over the use of checks vs. using technology available to save on checks. Jelane Mock made a motion to table the ARPA Budget until next weeks meeting so discussion can be made with the attorney; Discussion was made of using direct deposit for payroll; Ruby Coleman asked for a motion that the town clerk to begin using direct deposit for payroll of employees and have a council member visually approve before submission can be made of payroll. Jelane Mock made a motion that we start paying payroll via direct deposit with approval from the acting Mayor or a council member before submission; Stearl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all present members were in favor.

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman asked if there was any other discussion that needed to be made of the previously approved numbers on the budget; no other discussion was made.

ARPA-Town Hall:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated since our budget has been tabled until next meeting than we can only have discussion. Jelane Mock agreed. Discussion was made of item the town hall would need. Basic PPE items such as Large Tent, Batteries A, AA, C, D, and 9 volts. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated she would like to have her own computer since the other one was set up under a different name. Face masks, Paper towels, Gloves, Bleach, Toilet Paper, Styrofoam cups, and plastic spoons and forks. Partitioning off the office area and ideas of how. Other discussion was made items needed for the town hall.

ARPA Request- Clinchco Volunteer Fire Department:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated that their request is for a hose washer. Jelane Mock asked if they done an actual request; Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated yes; Ruby passed the request down to let council view it. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman explained what the hose washer was used for and how it protects the fire department volunteers from dangerous cardigans. Other discussion was made of all requests.

ARPA Request-Bethel Baptist Community Church:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated they had a request from Bethel Baptist Community Church and it is to improve the community center building located up Mill Street. Discussion was made of the competition of the application. Jelane stated it would be nice to have a list of what was included as far as the break down. Jelane stated we could ask for a more detailed list. Ruby agreed.

Clinchco Heritage/Shifty Powers Days:

Discussion was made of Clinchco Heritage/Shift Powers Days and the Planning Committee was not planning on doing Clinchco Heritage Days. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated that we will need a vote that town council will sponsor Clinchco Days. Council made discussion of changing the name just a little bit. The town clerk let council know that so far Clintwood council has agreed to let us use the train they have, and it is hard to put plans in stone were everything was up in the air. Discussion was made of the train that Clintwood council said Clinchco could use. Ruby has been talking to food trucks, and bands. We have also been trying to find a pole for a greasy pole contest. Discussion was made of a couple other ideas for Clinchco Days. Discussion was made of the name of the event. Jelane stated we do have an event line set up as well and Ruby stated we also have zombie thon coming up and what a great time people had at that. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated if we can get a motion for town council to sponsor and accept the money from BOS. Discussion is made of the name of the event. Ruby suggested Shifty Powers /Clinchco Community Days; Council agreed. Herbert Branham made a motion that Clinchco Town Council will be the sponsor of Shifty Powers/Clinchco Community Days and accept the allocation from the BOS. Sterl Branham seconded the motion; a vote was taken and all members present were in favor.

Public Comments:

JR stated on behalf of the Clinchco Kiwanis Club that what they would like to do is if Clinchco will donate \$10,000 the Kiwanis will use that money to restore the building and get it up to par then we will donate the building to the Town of Clinchco and the town will own the building. With the exception that the Kiwanis will use the building for meetings. But at the same time the town will own the building. Herbert Branham stated that he had heard that building couldn't be sold. JR agreed that was correct it could not be sold. Herbert Branham stated but you can donate it. JR stated yes, we can donate it back to the town. In other words, the town will make a donation to the Kiwanis then all we do is get a lawyer to draw it up, I guess I will have to be the one sign off on it. We sign the building and land over to the town then the town can do whatever they want to do with it. Ruby stated with the exception of the meeting. JR agreed, yes that was right. If the Kiwanis was having a give a way and I needed a place to store stuff and a place for people to come; But that will give the town a community center. Ruby asked when would he have that in writing as a proposal; JR stated they had already agreed on it, I just need to know if we need to follow through, I just need council to agree. Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated we can't say yes tonight because we haven't approved our ARPA budget. No expenditures can be approved tonight. Jelane Mock stated he didn't know if that would qualify for ARPA funds anyway. Jelane stated it would have to come out of Savage or something else. Jelane stated he would like to consult with legal first. Other discussion was made of the Kiwanis building.

Council Comments:

Vice Mayor Ruby Coleman stated she would like to restate the previous votes made for the record.

It was voted for Greg to receive \$200.00 a month for legal service for ARPA guidance this pay began August 1st, 2021.

It was voted that the Town Clerk, Tina Deel will be paid \$2.25 from ARPA funds for essential worker pay. This pay began July 1st, 2021.

Ruby stated she hoped our event that will be held the fist weekend in October will be a good one and can't wait to get started on the Zombie Thon.

Adjournment:

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