

TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES
August 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:35 p.m. In attendance were President Gell, Commissioners Price and Vandervort. Commissioner Durange arrived at 6:40 p.m.

A moment was given for the Pledge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vandervort to table the accounts payable until later in the meeting. Motion passed 3-0. At 9:31 p.m., Commissioner Price removed the accounts payable from being tabled. Motion was made by Commissioner Vandervort to accept the accounts payables. Motion passed 4-0.

The minutes from the August 14, 2007 meeting were read. Motion was made to accept the minutes with one correction on page two from "Town All" to Town Hall. Motion passed 3-0.

Sargeant Dennis Campbell gave the monthly Sheriff's Report.

Town Administrator Henry Burden gave his report. In it, he reported that the fire hydrants have been painted in town, as well as fence posts in the cemetery. The grass cutter gave notice yesterday and hopefully we can find someone to work for 2 months. There are three utility accounts that have been reported all along to the County Treasurer, which are not on Town sewer, which means we are being overcharged by the county. The playground mulch is in and we are applying vinegar to kill the weeds in the mulch. We also sent a letter to the renter of Slip #30 for non-occupancy. Healthcare costs came in just at budget, so next year we will be shopping around. There was vandalism done repeatedly to the poles by the footlog bridge and the Town is repairing it quickly and taking more measures to prevent this. There are more payroll fines from 2004 with the IRS. The list of applicants has been narrowed to eleven candidates and needs to be pared down by the Commissioners to eight candidates.

A time was given for public comment. No comment was made.

Tidewater Utilities gave a presentation on wastewater treatment.

Town Hall Drainage – Mr. Burden explained a plan to deal with issues of drainage in the area around Town Hall.

Accounting Software - Motion was made by Commissioner Gell to table the issue until next week. Motion was carried 4-0.

Personnel Compensation - Each employee will receive a 3.3% cost of living raise, retroactively to July 1, 2007. In additionally, merit raises will be based on evaluations on the anniversary of the employee's hire date. The merit raise will be based on a score of 1 through 5.

Comparing Utility Billing Processes - Commissioner Price moved to go to a post card bill. Motion passed 3-1, with Commissioner Vandervort abstaining.

Lee's Marina - Mr. Burden shared that there appears to be missing lease payments over the past couple of years. He would like to send a letter to ask to provide documentation for past payments.

North East River Marina Lease - Amy DeSimone and her lawyer spoke to the Commissioners regarding the cost of their lease with J. P. Lee, Inc, who leases from the town. A motion was made by Commissioner Vandervort to speak with counsel about the lease agreement with Tom Brittingham. Motion passed 4-0.

Riverfest Road and Boat Ramp Closure - A motion was made to close the streets as noted in the attached for Riverfest by Commissioner Vandervort. Motion passed 4-0. Also a motion was made by Commissioner Vandervort that the boat ramp will be closed from 6 p.m. Friday night of Riverfest until Monday morning, Sept. 6, 2008, at 9 a.m. Motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Vandervort made a motion to schedule a town employee to work in anticipation of any needs that may arise at Riverfest and to pay him comp time or its equivalent. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Burden will handle it administratively.

With no further business , Commissioner Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara R. Kelly
Town Clerk