

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 2020

The regular meeting of the Montross Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Joseph P. King, Terry A. Cosgrove, Carolyn K. Carlson, Bobby D. Greene, Robert L. Barker

Council Members Absent: Clinton A. Watson, Jr.

Town Manager: Patricia K. Lewis

Water Works Operator:

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor King called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL PRIOR MINUTES

Mayor King asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the January 28, 2020 regular meeting. Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting with the corrections mentioned. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor King asked if there were any additions or corrections to the financial reports for January 28, 2020. Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove, made a motion to approve the financial reports for January 28, 2020. The motion was unanimously carried.

REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Mrs. Lewis reported that she and Mr. Watson attended a Utility Management Workshop on February 19, 2020.

Mrs. Lewis reported that she spoke with Major Hoover with the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office. He assigned an officer to monitor speed and yielding for pedestrians over the weekend. Several tickets were written and several warnings were given. Major Hoover was not able to attend the meeting because of an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

George Bowman with the Virginia Department of Transportation was supposed to attend the meeting to give an update. He was not able to attend because of an emergency.

Mrs. Lewis reported that Charlie Riedlinger is updating the Preliminary Engineering Report for the water system because USDA has asked for more information.

Mrs. Lewis reported the Stanley Schoppe, Ricky Landon, and Dottie Lewis will be meeting with a representative from Mosca on February 27, 2020 to order new Christmas lights. She stated that she has received six donations and has verbal commitments from thirteen others. Flyers regarding how to donate are ready and will be distributed to local businesses. The flyer is also on the Town's website.

NEW BUSINESS

The Planning Commission provided the following recommendation relating to the Business Incentives Program that was discussed at the Joint Work Session that preceded this Town Council Meeting.

Let the record so read, it is the unanimous consent recommendation of the Montross Planning Commission to the Montross Town Council that the program to promote business development in the Town as devised during the joint work session of the Town Manager, Planning Commission, and Town Council this date, February 25, 2020, be implemented by the Town Manager with any needed administrative support. Required to-be developed documents/agreements for a Business Development Grant and Loan Program; and subsequently grant and/or loan applicants are subject to approval by the Town Council based upon the recommendation(s) of the Town Manager.

Mr. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Wittman, made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Mayor King asked for a roll call vote: Mrs. Carlson, aye; Mr. Cosgrove, aye; Mrs. Wittman, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mr. Greene, aye. The motion was unanimously carried.

Council had been provided with the information on the July 1, 2020 renewal with Local Choice for health insurance. There was discussion on the 4.8% increase. Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove, made a motion to stay with the Key Advantage Expanded and Comprehensive Dental plan. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the trash removal contract ends June 30, 2020. She spoke to Mrs. Doggett and Doggett Disposal Systems, Inc. Mrs. Doggett said they would be willing to extend the contract for two years at the current price and terms in the existing contract. The current contract states that if services rendered during the period of the contract prove satisfactory and meet with Council's approval, the contract period shall be automatically extended for a two year period, ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Cosgrove stated that he thought Doggett Disposal Systems was doing a good job. Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Barker, made a motion to extend the contract with Doggett Disposal Systems for a two year period. The motion was unanimously carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments from Council Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ricky Landon stated that the Town does not have enough four, six, and eight inch valves and bands for water breaks. He would like to see Council consider having adequate inventory for water breaks. Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mrs. Wittman, made a motion that the Town re-stock the water system repair shelf with four, six, and eight inch valves and accompanying bands needed for repairs. The motion unanimously carried.

Larry Hinson asked if there was a Fall Festival Theme yet. Mrs. Lewis stated the committee has not met yet to determine a theme, but they do have one in mind.

Larry Hinson asked if anything was going to be done about the little house between Virginia Commonwealth Bank and house that Al Yeatman owns. Mrs. Lewis said that Mr. Yeatman told her he was going to put the big house up for sale and that he has mentioned that he may tear down the little house.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Patricia K. Lewis
Town Manager

Joseph P. King
Mayor