

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice-Mayor Washington, Council Lady West, Councilman Toney, Council Lady Cornell, Council Lady Barr, Councilman Brewer

Also Present: David Whitlow, Town Manager; Kristi Caturano, Town Attorney; Chief Johnson, Cathy Holtzlander, Director of Community Services; John Shaw, Director of Community Development; Greg Tkac, Director of Public Works; Donna Johnson, Town Clerk; 12 citizens

Mayor Yohey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the Invocation given by Vice-Mayor Washington.

Mayor Yohey welcomed and introduced the new Council Members beginning with Mrs. Nancy West. He said Mrs. West had been a resident of Dumfries since 1952. He then introduced Mr. Willie Toney. He said Mr. Toney had served on the Planning Commission for six years, recently as Chairman and also was Vice Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

He introduced Mrs. Dorothea Barr, and said she had been a resident of the Town for fifteen years, was a business woman in Real Estate, and lived in the Knolls of Dumfries.

Amendments to the Agenda

Mrs. West asked that "Hiring Freeze on New Positions" be added as item 12H to Action Items.

Mr. Brewer asked that the approval of the rules submitted by Mayor Yohey be moved to the work session.

Mayor Yohey made a motion that the rules be kept as is. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Barr.

Mr. Toney said he thought what the Mayor had written was well thought out but he felt Council needed time to go over the material and to think out everything.

Mrs. Barr said you cannot vote at a work session.

Ms. Caturano said there is nothing that says you cannot vote at a work session. Typically, Council votes their regular meeting but you can vote at work sessions if you choose to do so.

Mayor Yohey called for the question. Ayes: West, Barr, Yohey. Nays: Washington, Toney, Cornell, Brewer. Motion failed.

Mrs. Barr said she wished to add one item to the agenda and it would be Action Item, I, "Parking Committee".

Nomination/Election of Vice-Mayor

Mayor Yohey said he would like to nominate Willie Toney as the Vice-Mayor. Mr. Toney thanked the Mayor and said he was very flattered, but being on the Council was a new experience for him as well as a learning experience and he would like to make a motion to defer the nomination to Mr. Washington. Mr. Washington said he would accept the nomination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brewer. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

Presentation to Former Council Members

Mayor Yohey made a presentation to each of the former council members; Brenda Via, Rafael Lopez, and Stephanie Bradley. They were each presented with clocks to show appreciation for their service on the Town Council and to the Town.

Citizen's Comments

Stephanie Bradley, 2560 Sedgewick Place - said she would like to see a resolution done for former Mayor Sam Bauckman. She said she forgot to bring this up at the last meeting.

Milton Webb, 4140 Bassett Court - congratulated the newly elected Council Members and he thanked the former Council Members for their service. He said he wanted to tell the new members along with the rest of the council that is time to tighten the purse strings.

Pete Singh, Dumfries Businessman - thanked the former Council Members and welcomed the new ones to the Council.

David Hunter, Burgess and Niple Co. -said he would like to thank the departing Council Members and welcome the new members. He said he would be praying for Council and the staff.

Walter Stringfellow, Knolls of Dumfries - said he specifically came to hear what the new policy changes were going to be, along with others in the audience, and he resented the fact that the new policies recommended by the Mayor would not be brought up tonight. He said Council had sat there and let Mr. Brewer trick them again, by waiting until the next meeting. He also said from what he could see the new Council members are good people but he is afraid nothing is going to change and it would be the same crap that it has been going on for the last four years, because. Mr. Toney is going to sit there and try to bring Council to together but that is not going to happen because there are two different factors here. He said Mr. Toney is not going to be able to make nice people out of some of these people. And if he tried, he would not be able to make Council work together. He said this being the case, he would not be able to do a darn thing to help the Town and he was elected to make a change. He said he did not appreciate it or that he was going to have to wait another two years to get another Council in here to make changes.

Rafael Lopez, 3983 Orange Street - said he had not planned on speaking tonight but he did want to address item 12C under Action Items, relating to prohibiting direct access to a public right-of-way from a rear or side yard in the B-2 zoning district. He said it is his recommendation to Council that they look at this very carefully. He said they do not want to infringe upon the property owners.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Yohey went over his report and listed the meetings he had attended. He also said that in an effort to make meaningful changes to the way the Town Council operates, he had taken the initiative to begin developing procedures for the Council's consideration at the July, 2008 work session. He also stated that it is his objective to have both the regular meeting and work sessions to last no more than two hours.

The Mayor also reported that a series of Farmer's Markets sponsored by Dumfries United Methodist Church would be held on July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, and October 11th, 2008.

Mayor Yohey also reported that the Dumfries Business Association has been officially recognized by the State and had been incorporated. In addition, he reported that Prince William County voted to appropriate approximately a half a million dollars to put in culverts on Possum Point Road and the swearing in ceremony for the new Council members had been allotted \$750.00 and it came in under budget.

Mayor Yohey went over his proposed policy rules for the Town Council.

Mr. Washington wanted to know why the rules were given to the public. The Mayor said it was public information and they had a right to know.

Mr. Brewer asked when the new Council Members were given the proposed policy rules. He said the new Council Members have had them for three weeks and the rest of the Council had just received theirs.

Mayor Yohey responded that he had asked Council to meet with him monthly and no one bothered to do so.

Mr. Toney said he and the other two new members had met for a congratulatory dinner and he was presented with a copy by Mrs. West and he told her he did not think they should be discussing them. He said he did not have to lie to anyone.

Mrs. Barr said she did not see what the problem was.

Mrs. Cornell said she did come in to see the Mayor but he was not in when she came. She felt this should be discussed in closed session.

Mayor Yohey said he had a legal question and he had Ms. Caturano acknowledge that she was aware of the policy changes and she had made suggestions about making some changes and Mr. Yohey said he had made the changes. Ms. Caturano said for the most part, he had. Mr. Yohey said his point was the Town Attorney was aware of the proposed policy rules and they could not be discussed in closed session. Ms. Caturano stated that this was correct.

Ms. Cornell said she thought she had said work session not closed session.

Mr. Washington said he found it hard to understand that "they" were always the bad people. He said the Mayor had to reach out to all six people, and respect all of them. Everyone should have received the proposed policy rules at the same time. He said they are always the bad guys but the Mayor knew what he was doing and he had a reason for doing it. He said the Mayor set this example when he did not respect all of the Council.

Mrs. West thanked Mr. Toney for his previous comments. She said she was present at the June 3rd meeting. She said Mr. Brewer asked what rules changes had been proposed. She said Mr. Brewer had the opportunity to visit the Mayor and discuss this. She said she wanted to add that if any of the citizens had any questions regarding the proposed changes she would be happy to have them call her.

Mr. Washington said what the Mayor told Mr. Brewer at the June 3rd meeting when he asked about the policies was that he would give them to him when he come to the meeting at the first of July and if he liked them to vote on them, if he didn't like them he didn't have to accept them. He said that was what Mr. Brewer was told.

Mayor Yohey said that this next item would be the most dramatic change in direction. He said it has been said that the Town Mayor is not been providing equal leadership to all members of Council. He said because of the sensitivity of this issue he took the time to put this down on paper and he said he would like to read the following document into the minutes. (Please see attached)

Mr. Brewer wanted to know if this material was something that the Town Attorney should be looking over. The Mayor said what was done was done in open session, so he is going to read it into the record in open session.

When the Mayor was through reading his document he wanted to know where we stood. He felt the lease was illegal and not binding.

Ms. Caturano said most of the bolded items had been done, such as financial terms and provisions, sufficient funding was there, the only one objection that the Mayor had that she would only remotely agree with is the one that says a formal motion must be made at the regular monthly council meeting. She further stated that all depends how you interpret a regular monthly council meeting. She said, some would say that a work session is a regularly scheduled meeting. It happens every 4th Tuesday of each month.

Mayor Yohey said it does not say at a regular meeting it says at "the" regular meeting, and he knows that because he wrote the language. Secondly, the point Ms. Caturano made about the financial terms, even the provisions she wanted in there were not included. Ms. Caturano said the terms she wanted in there were not dealing with the monthly rent and that kind of thing. The only one that remotely had to do with money was the one about the percentage of the late fee being reduced. She said it more about protection of the Town, not what it was going to cost every month.

Mayor Yohey said the language says the money had to be available in the current fiscal year, and the money would not be available until 2009.

Mr. Whitlow said the term of the lease did not start until fiscal year 2009.

The Mayor said the terms when it is approved are what control this. It is when the money is available not when you want to make use of the contract. It is written so you cannot do exactly what the Town Manager is trying to allege. The Mayor said that is not the way the law is written and Smith and Davenport agreed to that language. Now it is a different interpretation all of a sudden. The Mayor said he was upset.

Mr. Whitlow asked the Mayor if the lease had been executed. The Town Manager said, "no and guess why, because we just entered the new fiscal year today. It is only today that you and I are authorized to execute things to commit FY09 dollars". Mr. Whitlow asked the Mayor if he had asked him any of these questions and he said, no the Mayor had not said anything to him throughout this entire process. Mayor Yohey said no, he had not said anything to him. The Mayor told Mr. Whitlow that he never told him anything either.

Mr. Whitlow said what he had gone through was exactly the process which is spelled out in the procurement ordinance in determining how to make a recommendation to the Council on leasing this space. Mr. Whitlow said he was insulted that the Mayor would question his ethics and his professionalism. The Mayor said he could be insulted all he wants. Mr. Whitlow said he does every thing to follow the Town's procedures, which the Council has adopted, and to make sure that it is covered under the Town's procurement procedures, the State's procurement procedure's, the Freedom of Information Act procedures and he does everything to keep the Town in full compliance. He said the term of the lease starts no earlier than July 1. There was no commitment of FY08 funds anywhere in that lease agreement.

Mrs. Barr said there was absolutely no way the lease could be deemed in compliance when there is a cost overrun provision in there. She said the minute the Town got in there Curtis Properties could put in new lights in the parking lot, pave the parking lot or what ever and charge the Town for it. She said there is no money in the budget for something like this if it was to happen and there is no cap in the lease. She also said this was a draft and you do not vote on a draft.

Mr. Whitlow told Ms. Barr if she read the lease she would see that it applied to all of their tenants. They cannot single out just The Town of Dumfries.

Ms. Barr said for a many reasons Council should not have voted on this.

Mrs. West said she had been trying to study the code and it would appear that Section 2-83(12) states just what the Mayor has said. It also states that a formal motion must be made at the regular monthly Council meeting. She said the regular meeting is the first Tuesday of each month. She said as a new Councilmember she is uncomfortable working with something she knows nothing about. She said it is up to this Council to make sure that this is done properly. She also stated that it would appear that what the former Council voted on was a draft and not a formal contract. She said you do not vote on drafts.

Ms. Caturano said Mrs. West was correct, the Council was given a draft, and she also said that everything Mayor Yohey put in there citing the code was accurate but that does not mean that Mr. Whitlow did not follow the code. She said he did follow the code. She said the one place she would agree with the Mayor is she would potentially agree with him that it had to be voted on at a regular meeting. She said that may be a problem. She also said as far as it being a draft, it was given to Council with the changes marked and Mr. Whitlow's instructions were only to present that to the Mayor for signature, provided that all the specific changes stated made were made. Council knew what the corrected contract would look like. She said it was not to be presented to the Mayor until all the changes were made.

Mayor Yohey said the bottom line was the code says the action on a contract has to be taken at a Regular meeting of Council and not a work session.

Mayor Yohey asked Ms. Caturano who would have to sign the contract and he was told both the Manager and the Mayor.

Mrs. West made a motion that Council take the Mayor's recommendation and take a look at the contract again at the July 22nd work session, and it would then be forwarded to the August meeting for a vote but it is to be a final copy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Toney.

Mayor Yohey suggested that we wait until the Space Needs Analysis Study was done and Council had been briefed. He said the Town paid \$30,000 for it. He said we are going out to rent space when we are waiting for the space needs analysis.

Mr. Whitlow said he had just received the draft of the Space Needs Analysis that afternoon and had not even had an opportunity to read it. The principal in charge of the study would be out of town for approximately two weeks so it would be at least three weeks before he and Mr. Whitlow could get together.

A discussion took place regarding the building of a new town hall and a police department.

Mr. Toney said he would withdraw his second if it involved waiting for the Space Needs Analysis. He said the issue was the process not being followed. He said it was not about the Space Needs Analysis.

Mrs. West said her motion was to accept the recommendation from Mayor Yohey to disregard the action taken at the June 24th meeting on the contract for the Police Department and at the July 22nd work session look at it again then move it forward to the August regular meeting for a vote. This is to be a completed contract and not a draft. The motion was again seconded by Mr. Toney

Mr. Washington said let's clarify that nothing wrong was done. Council did nothing wrong.

Mr. Toney said no one said Council did anything wrong, it was a matter of the process not being followed.

Mrs. West said the process had to be followed.

The Mayor called for the question. Ayes: Barr, Cornell, Toney, Washington, West, Yohey. Nay: Brewer. Motion carried.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Whitlow passed out FOIA information to the new Council members and asked that each member seriously look at the items and then study them. He said to please pay attention to this information.

Mr. Whitlow said he had passed out his report to the Council and he would touch upon a couple of items. He said he had attended a day long seminar at George Mason University presented by the Virginia Resources Authority on opportunities and innovations in local government borrowing.

Mrs. Barr asked the Town Manager if he could provide an organizational chart as to who reports to whom. Mr. Whitlow said he would get the information to her. She also had a variety of other questions for Mr. Whitlow pertaining to various topics, which he answered.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Ladd was absent and there was no report as it was the first day of the month and the information to do the report was not yet available.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Johnson reported that Officer John Clair has graduated from the Prince William Police Academy and would be FTO with Officer Humphries. Officer Clair graduated as the 2nd top shooter in his class. Chief Johnson said he was an outstanding young man.

Chief Johnson went over his calls for service and Mr. Toney asked him if he had seen an increase in contacts with juveniles. Chief Johnson said there had been no increased crime but tagging had increased. He said his officers were active in keeping the juveniles under control.

Chief Johnson told Mr. Toney they were on the same page. Mr. Toney said our disadvantage is being in a small town and not being able to provide more for the youth to do.

Mrs. West questioned why there would be 120 trips to check out the car wash and Chief Johnson explained to her that the car wash and Dumfries Shopping Center were paid special attention to at the request of the owners.

He also explained to Mrs. West that the incident report was actually the number of incidents that the officer actually did paperwork on.

Mrs. Barr also had several questions of Chief Johnson.

Mayor Yohey said he still had not received the report from Major Bernard that he had requested on June 10th. Chief Johnson said he would try to get the report for the Mayor as soon as possible.

Mr. Brewer congratulated Officer John Chapman on his latest arrest regarding child sexual predators online.

Director of Public Work's Report

Mr. Tkac said June had been a busy month. He said the crew spent a great deal of time cutting up fallen trees and trimming trees that were damaged due to the considerable storm events. The crew also inspected most all of the storm drainage inlets for obstructions and cleaned them accordingly.

Mr. Tkac also reported that he had attended numerous meetings through out the month. He said that he had attended a meeting with Ms. Helen Cuervo, Maria Sinner, and Art Klos from VDOT and Mr. Tom Blazer representing Prince William County, to coordinate with Kettler, Inc. on the 234 and Route 1 interchange. Mr. Tkac said he would be sending a letter to Kettler, Inc. regarding the outcome of the meeting.

Mr. Tkac also attended a meeting with Uwe Kirste from Prince William County and representatives from GDC Trucking regarding repairs GDC will make in the near future on Possum Point Road.

Mrs. Barr had several questions of Mr. Tkac which he answered.

Director of Community Development's Report

Mr. Shaw said he would be brief as he had submitted all the information in his report.

Mr. Shaw reported some of the meetings he had attended and he said the Building Department had reviewed building plans and issued 24 permits including building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, signs, site work, occupancy permits, temporary use permits, etc. The total fees collected for the month for permits was \$2,709.20.

He said inspections of various types were performed and they had investigated various property maintenance and building code violation notices.

Mr. Shaw also reported that the Codes Compliance Officer and Building Official issued 41 violation Notices in the month of June. Of these 41 violations, 14 or 34% have been closed.

Mrs. West asked if grass mowing was being outsourced on foreclosures, etc. Mr. Shaw said the maintenance crew had been doing it but from here on out it will be outsourced and the property owners will be billed.

Ms. Barr asked if Ms. Garrison's property had been inspected. Mr. Shaw said that is an E&S problem and it is an entirely different topic. Ms. Barr said she would like to know who would be looking at Mrs. Garrison's property.

Ms. Barr also said there were several structural violations on Tebbs Lane.

Mr. Shaw told her anytime she saw these things to please contact him and make him aware of the situation.

Director of Community Service's Report

Mrs. Holtzlander reported that she had hosted a meeting on Community Vandalism - Refocusing Our Youth on Thursday, June 12th. She said she was working with several area youth mentoring groups in hopes of forming a collaborative program to address youth issues. She said the group will meet again on July 17th at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Mrs. Holtzlander also said she had hosted the monthly seniors/retirees meeting on Friday, June 20th. She said Mr. Tkac was the guest speaker who provided a presentation of the debris wall issue and addressed other community concerns. She said the group would be taking a break for the summer months of July and August and would resume their regular meeting schedule on Friday, September 19th at 1pm at the Community Center.

She also thanked staff for reviewing the applications for the Community Grant Funding.

Ms. Holtzlander reported that the next edition of the Town Charter should reach the residents late next week. She said she had completed it and delivered it to the printers. She stated that she was beginning preliminary plans for this year's Fall Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 10am-3pm in Merchant Park.

Mrs. West thanked Cathy for the work she did on the swearing in ceremony. She said Cathy did a wonderful job and she appreciated it.

Mr. Toney concurred. He said he thanked everyone that was involved.

Ms. Barr said she concurred whole heartedly with both Mrs. West and Mr. Toney.

Town Attorney's Report

Ms. Caturano said the only thing she had to report on was the Campbell property. She said they were supposed to go to trial on this on July 18th but it was inadvertently left off the docket and is now rescheduled for July 23, 2008.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mr. Brewer made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

Information Items

None

Closed Session - Virginia Code 2.2-3707 under Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (1) - Personnel - Appointments to Planning Commission

Mr. Washington made a motion to enter closed session with a second by Mrs. West. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried and Council entered closed session at 10:05 pm.

Council reconvened in open session at 10:38pm. Vice-Mayor Washington read the Certification of Proceedings stating that the Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of state law, and only such public business matters as were identified by the motion to enter closed session, were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brewer. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

Mr. Brewer moved to increase the Planning Commission from 7 members to 9 members. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

Action Items

Approval to amend Section 70-13 of the Town of Dumfries Code relating to parking surfaces in the R-1 and R-2 residential zoning districts.

Mr. Shaw said that it is Mr. John Webb and the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt this ordinance.

Mr. Brewer made a motion to adopt the amendment with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brewer, Barr, Cornell, Toney, West, Washington, Yohey. Motion carried.

Approval of Text Amendment to Section 62-131 of the Town of Dumfries Code relating to Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas.

Mr. Whitlow requested that the Police Department issue a warning to the citizens instead of a citation for the first 30 days after adoption of the text amendment.

A motion to adopt the amendment was made by Mr. Brewer with a second by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Brewer, Yohey. Nay: Barr. Motion carried.

Approval to amend Section 70-282 of the Town of Dumfries Code relating to prohibiting direct access to a public right-of-way from a rear or side yard of a lot in the B-2 zoning district.

Mr. Shaw said the Planning Commission made no recommendation on this, as it was a tie vote. He also said these are undeveloped lots.

Mr. Whitlow said he wants properties to face Main Street and not turn their back to them. He also stated that it does not affect existing building or structures, only future ones.

Mr. Toney said he totally opposes this as we should not be putting these impediments on businesses.

Mrs. West said she is in favor of this as we have to have things like this in place to enhance Main Street. Mrs. West made a motion to adopt the amendment with a second by Mr. Brewer. Ayes: Washington, West, Cornell, Barr, Brewer. Nays: Yohey, Toney. Motion carried.

Mr. Tkac gave a brief summary of why he was recommending the implementation of a 3 way multi-way stop at two locations within the Town of Dumfries.

Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the implementation of the 3 way multi-way stop with a second by Mrs. Cornell. Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

Recommendation to appoint individuals to fill two vacant positions on the Planning Commission.

Approval of reappointment of three existing Planning Commission members.

These two Action Items were combined and Mrs. West made a motion to appoint the following individuals for a four year term on the Planning Commission. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Barr:

Michelle Beasley
Stephanie Bradley
Christopher Padberg
Reverend Douglas Geeting
Larry Williams
Louis Praino
William O'Kelly Russell

John Webb
Louis Waggy

Mr. Toney said he was upset that one individual was left off of the Planning Commission. He felt this person was very valuable and also that a disservice was done by the Town to this individual.

The Mayor called for the question to appoint the nine members to the Planning Commission. Ayes: Washington, West, Cornell, Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Nay: Toney. Motion carried.

Approval of proposed Policy Rules submitted by Mayor Yohey

This was discussed earlier in the meeting and moved to the July work session.

Hiring Freeze

Mrs. West made a motion to put a hiring freeze on the new positions for IT Manager and Planning/Zoning Official. She said the Town could save over \$100,000.00 in salaries and benefits if this was done. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Yohey.

Mr. Whitlow told her that IT position was filled effective July 1, 2008 which was today. He said the job offer was made and accepted.

Mr. Shaw said the other position for the Planning/Zoning Official had been advertised and posted.

Mr. Yohey asked about job descriptions. He said he did not know about anyone else but he did not recall ever seeing any job descriptions, so how could you hire someone for a job that had no job description.

Mr. Whitlow said both positions had job descriptions and they were approved as part of the budget process.

Mr. Yohey said he wanted to see in the minutes where Council approved the job descriptions. He said he had never seen any job descriptions.

Mr. Whitlow said he would put a job description in the Council Member's mailboxes tomorrow.

Both Mrs. West and Mr. Yohey said they would withdraw the IT position from their motion and the motion would be for a freeze on the Planning position until the July work session. Ayes: Barr, Cornell, West, Yohey. Nays: Brewer, Washington, Toney. Motion carried.

Parking Committee

Ms. Barr said she received an invitation from the Town to serve on the Parking Committee, but she said there are no guidelines. She said parking can be a strong issue and she wanted to know why the Town was not doing more about it.

Ms. Barr made a motion to expand the directive of the Parking Committee. She would like all parking complaints referred to the committee and she would like the committee to monitor issues and enforcement. The committee would then in turn make recommendations to Council and allow Council due diligence. The motion was seconded by Mayor Yohey.

Mr. Brewer said the Town did not need a Parking Committee to tell the Police what to do. He said the committee was formed simply to decide where to put up "no parking" signs.

Mr. Whitlow said he did agree that the Parking Committee does need to have some definition.

Mr. Washington asked if the Parking Committee was going to be able to issue parking tickets. He said he did not feel a Councilmember should be on the committee.

On the motion to expand the directive of the Parking Committee the vote was: Ayes: Barr, Toney, West, Yohey. Nays: Brewer, Cornell, Washington. Motion carried.

Mr. Toney made a motion that no Councilmember should serve on the Parking Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Washington, Toney, Cornell, Brewer. Nays: West, Barr, Yohey. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barr said she felt that there should be one Council person on each committee.

Mr. Brewer said that was not a good idea because it could influence a person's decision.

Mrs. Barr made a motion that no person on Council be allowed to serve on any commission, committee or board. Mr. Washington seconded the motion.

Mayor Yohey said that there were some people on this Council that would love that motion because then they would not have to do anything because there is no extra pay for it. Ayes: Washington, Barr, Brewer. Nays: West, Toney, Cornell, Yohey. Motion failed.

Discussion Items

None

Council Members Time

Mr. Washington said he really enjoyed the first Town Council meeting with the new Council Members. He said everyone was still smiling so that was a great thing.

Mrs. West said she agreed with Mr. Washington. She said it was an exciting meeting, and she realized it was late but a lot of that was due to the new Council members asking a lot of questions. She said it had been a learning experience, and she appreciated all the input from Staff.

Again, she wanted to thank Cathy for making the swearing in ceremony such a wonderful evening. She said she was just so excited to be on the Council. She said she would also like to wish Mr. Lee Lansing a Happy Birthday. His 93rd birthday was

on Thursday the 25th of June. She also said she had just learned that Marvin Wilkins had knee surgery today and she wished him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. West also said the Mayor mentioned earlier in the meeting that the County was going to be giving \$430,000 to the Town and she was at that meeting and Mrs. Caddigan had asked her to be sure to relay this to the Council and Mrs. West said she appreciated all that Mrs. Caddigan had done to see to it that this money was budgeted and appropriated for the culvert work on Possum Point Road.

Mr. Toney said it had indeed been an exciting evening, he was learning, and he was looking forward to the upcoming training. He said hopefully the next meeting he would do better. He said if he had made mistakes it was only because he was trying hard to serve those that elected him. He said he will continue to put his best foot forward. He said to the citizens, regardless of what their opinion was, he was not angry at anybody. He thanked everyone and said he was looking forward to continuing his association on Council.

Mrs. Cornell said she had no objections to Council members serving on committees, but she would like to know more about the Parking Committee. She said the Parking Committee needed to listen to what the citizens had to say.

Ms. Barr said she had enjoyed this day. She said Happy Birthday to Mr. Toney and to herself. She also wished to congratulate Nancy West on the two commendations she received June 24th; one from Mrs. Caddigan and also one from the Board of Supervisors for her great leadership during the 12 years she served on the County Board of Social Services.

Ms. Barr also said she is not quite clear who makes the resolution for Mr. Bauckman and how it is handled but she is all for it. She said she did not want the evening to go by without mentioning the years of service Sam Bauckman and his family have provided to the Town She said a policy definitely needed to be put into place on how to handle situations such as this one in the future. She said she was disappointed in how it was handled.

Mr. Brewer had no comment.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Washington with a second by Mrs. Cornell.
Ayes: Washington, West, Toney, Cornell. Barr, Brewer, Yohey. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Donna A. Johnson
Town Clerk

Fred E. Yohey, Jr.
Mayor

