

Town of Lovettsville

Town Council Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Robert Zoldos II called the Regular Meeting of the Lovettsville Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 18, 2014 at the Lovettsville Town Hall, 6 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Lovettsville, VA.

Council Members Present

- Mayor Robert Zoldos II
- Vice Mayor Michael Senate
- Council Member Kimberly Allar
- Council Member Tiffany Carder
- Council Member Rodney Gray
- Council Member Jennifer Jones
- Council Member James McIntyre

Staff Present

- Town Manager Laszlo Palko
- Consultant Samuel Finz
- Zoning Administrator Joshua Bateman
- Town Clerk Harriet West

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Zoldos led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

A. Light up Lovettsville Holiday Lighting Contest Awards and Reception

Councilwoman Allar thanked all of the participants, the judges, Town staff, and the We're In Committee. The Mayor and Council presented awards to the winners of the Light up Lovettsville Holiday Lighting Contest. Following the presentations, the Mayor recessed the meeting from 7:42 p.m. to 8:11 p.m. for a reception recognizing the winners.

Comments from the Public

Mayor Zoldos called for comments from the public. Vice Mayor Senate read the rules for public comment.

Clinton Chapman said this is the first chance he has had to come to Lovettsville since the public hearing on R-3. He wanted to clear up a few things that appeared in a newspaper article:

- He lives in Brandon, Florida. That is his home.
- He has an apartment in Round Hill.
- He works for a company out of Purcellville, NN&R Development, where he is the director of land acquisition.
- He is not an attorney. He is a licensed real estate agent in the State of Virginia.

Mr. Chapman said they are looking at different parcels of land in Lovettsville. He has been trying to get clarification from the Planning Commission about townhouses being permitted in Town because there is no direction given in the Zoning Ordinance. He noted there are 55 acres in the Town designated for R-3. Of those, about half already have townhouses or duplexes built on them. He said the only type of housing currently available in Lovettsville is a single family home, which may not be affordable for young families. He said the Town is missing an opportunity.

Mayor Zoldos asked that the Council suspend the other Community Presentations and Town Commission and Committee Reports unless there was something pressing.

A. WintertainmentFest

Commissioner Gray thanked Sugar & Spice Bakery and Dinner Belle Catering for providing the baked goods, Scott Dockum for the lights, the set up crew, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, the Lovettsville Elementary School Chorus for their performance, Oktoberfest King Dan Reilly for reading 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and everyone who attended.

B. Berserkle on the Squirkle

Mayor Zoldos gave an update on volunteer recruitment.

Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda

Action/Discussion Item C, Virginia Municipal League Insurance Programs Disability Coverage, was removed from the agenda to allow staff additional time to research other alternatives.

Minutes

There were none.

Report from the Treasurer

There was none.

Staff Reports

A. Report from the Project Manager

There was no report.

B. Report from the Zoning Administrator

There was no report.

C. Report from the Town Attorney

There was no report.

D. Report from the Town Manager

Town Manager Palko thanked everyone for their support during his orientation this week. He said he has been working closely with Mr. Finz during the transition period. He is beginning to examine the fiscal outlook in preparation for the budget cycle and he has been meeting with staff on the major issues. He attended the East Broad Way pre-bid meeting and he's excited to be part of the things that are going on in Town.

Action Items

A. Lovettsville Town Center Section 4 Bond Reduction Request

Zoning Administrator Bateman presented this item. The Council is being asked to consider a request to reduce the bond for public improvements for Section 4 of the Lovettsville Town Center.

Motion: I move to approve Resolution 2014-12-0002, as attached, to reduce the performance agreement and bond for Section 4 of the Lovettsville Town Center from \$3,567,276.08 to \$842,462.60. [Attachment 1]

By: Vice Mayor Senate

Second: Council Member McIntyre

Aye: Council Members Allar, Carder, Gray, Jones, McIntyre, and Senate

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

B. 2014 Tree City USA Recognition

Zoning Administrator Bateman presented this item. The Council is being asked to authorize staff to apply as a Tree City USA community for 2014 based on activities completed during the calendar year.

Motion: I move that the Town Council authorize staff to apply for recertification as a 2014 Tree City USA community for 2014 based on activities completed during the calendar year.

By: Council Member McIntyre
Second: Council Member Jones
Aye: Council Members Allar, Carder, Gray, Jones, McIntyre, and Senate
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Discussion Items

There were none.

Information Items

There were none.

Comments from the Mayor and Town Council

Councilwoman Jones said the fire department is collecting blankets and coats for children this weekend. She wished everyone a great Christmas.

Councilwoman Carder said she loves all of the holiday lights in the Town and the carolers. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Vice Mayor Senate reminded everyone there is a Parks Committee meeting on Friday at 1:00 p.m. He said the holiday judging was phenomenal and he wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilman Gray thanked everyone for coming to the tree lighting. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman McIntyre reminded everyone about the Boxing Day edition of Black and Blue on the Green. He said the lights in Town are just unbelievable and Wintertainment was lots of fun.

Mayor Zoldos reported on the following:

- Light up Lovettsville was a lot of fun and the Town looks great.
- Wintertainment Fest was well done.
- He welcomed Laszlo to his first Council meeting.
- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harriet West, Town Clerk

Date Approved: August 27, 2015

Attachment:

1. Resolution 2014-12-0002: Approve First Bond Reduction for Public Improvements in Lovettsville Town Center Section 4

Town of Lovettsville

Resolution 2014-12-0002: APPROVE FIRST BOND REDUCTION FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN LOVETTSVILLE TOWN CENTER SECTION 4

MOTION: Senate

SECOND: McIntyre

WHEREAS, Town Center Lovettsville L.C., has received approval of construction plans for Lovettsville Town Center Section 4 and commenced construction of site improvements in accordance with such approval; and

WHEREAS, the Lovettsville Town Council on August 8, 2013 approved the performance agreements dated May 9, 2013, provided by Town Center Lovettsville L.C., and performance bond number K8090634 dated May 9, 2014 with surety supplied by Winchester Fire Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-35 of the Subdivision Ordinance and §15.2-2245 of the Code of Virginia, Town Center Lovettsville L.C. has submitted a request for a first reduction in the amount of the bond for Section 4 based upon the extent of public improvements installed; and

WHEREAS, based upon inspection by the Town's engineering consultant, Christopher Consultants, the Town supports a reduction in the bond for Section 4 from the current bond amount of \$3,567,276.08 to the new bond amount of \$842,462.60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lovettsville Town Council hereby approves the recommendation of the Town's engineering consultant referenced above and authorizes the Mayor and Town Attorney to approve the reduction as appropriate when tendered in a form approved by the Town Attorney.

VOTE:

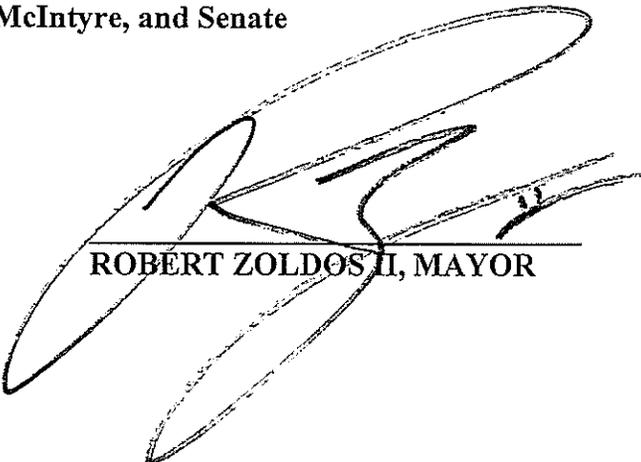
Ayes: Allar, Carder, Jones, Gray, McIntyre, and Senate

Nays: None

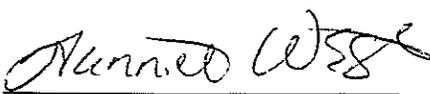
Abstentions: None

Absent for Vote: None

APPROVED: December 18, 2014


ROBERT ZOLDOS II, MAYOR

CERTIFIED:


HARRIET WEST
TOWN CLERK

The German Settlement